

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The Government will transform more than 170 public play spaces over the next 5 years from year 2020-21 onwards, and will install some novel outdoor fitness equipment when renovating existing parks or constructing new ones. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- details of the public play spaces to be transformed (including locations selected, current progress, estimated total expenditure involved, manpower, etc.);
- details of the novel outdoor fitness equipment (including types of fitness equipment, expected target beneficiaries and their number, estimated total expenditure involved, manpower, etc.);
- whether performance indicators have been developed so as to see if the amount of funding meets the intended objectives. If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- While the public play spaces and outdoor fitness equipment are well-received, many people find out the facilities are not available only when they arrive at the venue as resources are limited. Will the Government also consider providing real-time information to the public online? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

1. It was announced in the 2019 Policy Address that the Government would launch a five-year plan to transform more than 170 public play spaces (PPS) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) across the territory. The estimated total expenditure of the entire programme is \$686 million and involves the creation of 15 posts. The LCSD has been launching transformation projects for the first 2 years as planned and planning for projects for the subsequent 3 years. It is hoped that

transformation works for more than 170 PPS will have been launched by 2026. The list of venues for transformation in the first two years (2020-21 and 2021-22) is set out at **Annex**. The LCSD will offer the PPS with different degrees of challenges and fun, and introduce more natural elements to provide innovative, challenging and interesting PPS.

2. The LCSD will introduce more novel outdoor fitness equipment in new parks and existing venues on a trial basis to meet the needs of people of different ages and abilities. The major types of fitness equipment include those for calisthenics, cross training and aerobic exercise fitness stations. The LCSD will, in accordance with the actual environment and district demographics of individual venues, select suitable novel fitness equipment for replacement of the old ones; and consider providing additional fitness equipment in more outdoor venues, depending on the effectiveness and public response. As the LCSD will implement the programme on a trial basis with existing resources and the funding for construction of new parks, there is no need to seek additional funding or create new posts.
3. The LCSD will evaluate the effectiveness of the programme by collecting statistics on the number of facility users, as well as feedback and opinions of the stakeholders.
4. Most facilities in the parks under the LCSD are free for public use on a first-come, first-served basis. In general, members of the public will queue for using the park facilities in a self-disciplined and orderly manner. If a particular facility is occupied, there are still other facilities for use. The LCSD will continue to monitor and review the usage of the PPS and outdoor fitness equipment, and will provide more popular facilities or enhance ancillary facilities to satisfy public needs, subject to availability of resources and actual situation.

List of Venues of Transformation Projects in 2020-21 and 2021-22

District	Venues of Transformation Projects	
	2020-21	2021-22
Hong Kong Island		
Central and Western District	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	(i) Third Street Playground (ii) Kwong Hon Terrace Garden
Southern District	Aberdeen Promenade	Shek Pai Wan Road Playground
Wan Chai District	Tung Lo Wan Garden	Kwai Fong Street Playground
Eastern District	King's Road Playground	(i) Quarry Bay Park (ii) Yee Tai Street Sitting-out Area
Kowloon		
Sham Shui Po District	Sham Shui Po Park	Shun Ning Road Recreation Ground
Kwun Tong District	Jordan Valley Park	Ngau Tau Kok Road Sports Centre
Yau Tsim Mong District	Tong Mei Road Children's Playground	(i) Saigon Street Playground (ii) Haiphong Road Children's Playground
Wong Tai Sin District	Shung Ling Street Playground	(i) Morse Park (Park No.4) (ii) Ngau Chi Wan Park (Children's Play Area on Upper Platform)
Kowloon City District	Tai Wan Shan Park	Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1
New Territories		
Islands District	Cheung Chau Park	Yung Shue Wan Playground
Kwai Tsing District	Tsing Yi Promenade	(i) Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park (ii) Mei King Playground
Tsuen Wan District	Pak Lam Road Garden	Jockey Club Tak Wah Park
Sai Kung District	Po Tsui Park	(i) Sai Kung Waterfront Park (ii) Mau Tai Road Garden
Sha Tin District	Che Kung Miu Road Playground	(i) Sha Tin Park (ii) Ma On Shan Promenade (Children's Playgrounds No.3 and No.4)
Tai Po District	Yuen Shin Park	Chung Nga Road Children's Playground
North District	Hung Leng Children's Playground	Wo Hing Playground
Yuen Long District	Fung Cheung Road Garden	(i) Tin Shui Wai Park (ii) Yuen Long Park
Tuen Mun District	#	Tsing Shan Children's Playground

#The transformation works of the children play space in Tuen Mun Park were completed in 2018.