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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Question:

As mentioned in paragraph 152 of the Budget Speech, \$318 million will be reserved for implementing a five-year plan for upgrading 70 football pitches under the management of the LCSD, including substantially increasing the number of 5-a-side football pitches meeting international standards, exploring the possibility of expanding the existing football pitches into standard 11-a-side turf pitches and expediting the replacement of artificial turf on football pitches. Would the Government advise what football pitches are planned to be built or refurbished in the coming 5 years? What are the estimated expenditures for the various projects?

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

Regarding the implementation of a five-year plan for upgrading football pitches, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is actively exploring, with the relevant works departments, the technical feasibility of carrying out improvement works, having regard to various factors including the actual conditions of football pitches, usage rates of existing football pitches, views from national sports associations and local community, etc. in drawing up the details of the improvement works, including the priority, estimated expenditure involved, etc. More than 70 venues under the management of the LCSD are expected to be involved.

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