

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HAB143**

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent Liu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

1. What were the attendance figures of each public swimming pool in 2018, 2019 and 2020? What were the respective numbers of civil service lifeguards and seasonal lifeguards?
2. What were/are the staff establishment and remuneration of civil servants and the total expenditure used/to be used for operating public swimming pools in the past 3 years and the coming year respectively?
3. How many days have the public swimming pools been temporarily closed since the outbreak of the COVID-19? What compensatory measures have been provided to the public swimming pool monthly ticket holders, and what is the expenditure involved?
4. What are the details of the Department's plan for redeveloping and refurbishing public swimming pools and constructing new ones?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 98)

Reply:

1. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (the LCSD) manages a total of 44 public swimming pools. The total attendances at each public swimming pool in the past 3 years are set out at **Annex I**. The numbers of civil service lifeguards and seasonal lifeguards are set out at **Annex II**.
2. The staff establishment and remuneration of civil servants and the total expenditure used/to be used for public swimming pools from 2018-19 to 2021-22 are set out at **Annex III**.
3. The public swimming pools were temporarily closed for 208 days in 2020 under the COVID-19 pandemic. Affected public swimming pool monthly ticket holders may submit the refund application form by mail; or apply for refund of charges after the district leisure services offices, designated booking offices for the sale of the swimming

pool monthly tickets or public swimming pools have been re-opened, by submitting the swimming pool monthly ticket and completed application form for refund to the above venues. The LCSD has informed the public of the refund arrangement through its website and notices posted at the entrances of swimming pools and district leisure services offices. No additional expenditure is involved for such refund arrangement.

4. Funding approval from the Finance Committee has been obtained for the following 5 projects for redeveloping swimming pools or constructing new ones:

<b>Project</b>	<b>New Facilities/ Facilities to be Redeveloped</b>	<b>Commencement Date</b>	<b>Tentative Completion Date</b>
1. Sports Centre, Community Hall and Football Pitches in Area 1, Tai Po	An indoor heated pool and an indoor heated training pool	2017	2021
2. Provision of heated pool at the Morse Park Swimming Pool Complex, Wong Tai Sin	Redevelopment of an outdoor swimming pool into a heated pool	2018	2022
3. Swimming pool complex and open space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai	Construction of a swimming pool complex	2018	2022
4. Redevelopment of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool Complex	Redevelopment of swimming pool complex for the provision of an indoor heated pool, an outdoor training pool and an outdoor leisure pool.	2020	2024
5. Amenity Complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan (pre-construction activities)	An indoor heated training pool and an indoor heated teaching pool	2020	2023

**Annex I to Reply Serial No. HAB143****Total attendances at public swimming pools from 2018 to 2020**

	<b>Swimming Pool</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020<sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>Central and Western District</b>				
1	Kennedy Town Swimming Pool	593 378	625 953	159 870
2	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool	345 177	358 695	118 308
<b>Eastern District</b>				
3	Chai Wan Swimming Pool	179 684	177 893	48 210
4	Island East Swimming Pool	185 773	184 677	33 013
5	Siu Sai Wan Swimming Pool	342 677	356 779	83 608
<b>Southern District</b>				
6	Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool	153 009	150 235	43 254
<b>Wan Chai District</b>				
7	Morrison Hill Swimming Pool	563 291	548 863	128 240
8	Victoria Park Swimming Pool	621 028	589 634	198 898
9	Wan Chai Swimming Pool	141 310	153 277	48 013
<b>Kowloon City District</b>				
10	Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool	152 043	149 149	17 328
11	Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool	167 004	203 620	61 056
12	Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool	216 053	220 228	85 678
<b>Kwun Tong District</b>				
13	Jordan Valley Swimming Pool	137 504	138 989	24 733
14	Kwun Tong Swimming Pool	1 210 206	1 168 376	324 105
15	Lam Tin Swimming Pool	368 795	408 931	92 796
<b>Sham Shui Po District</b>				
16	Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool	683 179	749 019	214 113
17	Lei Cheng Uk Swimming Pool	202 428	182 182	52 781
18	Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool	331 448	297 132	126 158
<b>Wong Tai Sin District</b>				
19	Hammer Hill Road Swimming Pool	263 513	335 583	30 825
20	Morse Park Swimming Pool <sup>(2)</sup>	312 574	-	41 068

	Swimming Pool	2018	2019	2020 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Yau Tsim Mong District</b>				
21	Kowloon Park Swimming Pool	834 535	801 597	115 047
22	Tai Kok Tsui Swimming Pool	162 589	145 602	46 524
<b>Islands District</b>				
23	Mui Wo Swimming Pool	15 810	17 911	4 154
24	Tung Chung Swimming Pool	292 000	310 550	92 615
<b>Kwai Tsing District</b>				
25	Kwai Shing Swimming Pool	141 725	120 245	39 288
26	North Kwai Chung Jockey Club Swimming Pool	120 237	100 571	15 302
27	Tsing Yi Swimming Pool	261 531	244 733	68 265
28	Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool	135 265	165 289	39 268
<b>North District</b>				
29	Fanling Swimming Pool	386 880	407 712	122 413
30	Sheung Shui Swimming Pool	61 966	67 643	4 352
<b>Sai Kung District</b>				
31	Sai Kung Swimming Pool	87 428	86 897	24 689
32	Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool	427 878	430 317	97 839
<b>Sha Tin District</b>				
33	Hin Tin Swimming Pool	456 785	494 111	130 712
34	Ma On Shan Swimming Pool	268 830	284 480	54 638
35	Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool	338 935	335 662	100 613
<b>Tai Po District</b>				
36	Tai Po Swimming Pool	308 871	317 502	76 208
<b>Tsuen Wan District</b>				
37	Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool	611 270	624 790	136 786
38	Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool	65 429	65 882	14 500
<b>Tuen Mun District</b>				
39	The Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool	23 399	24 363	1 636
40	Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool	626 633	637 542	156 219
41	Tuen Mun Swimming Pool	281 643	285 873	88 774
<b>Yuen Long District</b>				
42	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	373 103	377 410	78 301
43	Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	261 106	266 436	49 299
44	Yuen Long Swimming Pool	424 449	443 732	120 594

Note

- (1) The decrease in attendances at the swimming pools in 2020 was due to the temporary closure of public swimming pools for several months under the COVID-19 pandemic, and the tightening of the capacities of the public swimming pools by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department after reopening due to social distancing measures.
- (2) Works were carried out at Morse Park Swimming Pool from 2019 for the provision of an indoor heated pool. The swimming pool was partially reopened on 20 June 2020.

**Numbers of Civil Service Lifeguards and Seasonal Lifeguards from 2018 to 2020**

Year (as at 1 August)	No. of Civil Service Lifeguards (including Senior Lifeguards and Lifeguards)	No. of Seasonal Lifeguards
2018	1 184	674
2019	1 249	480
2020	1 350	308

**Establishment of Civil Servants, Staff Salaries and Total Expenditure of Public Swimming Pools from 2018-19 to 2021-22**

Year	Establishment of Civil Servants of Public Swimming Pools	Staff Salaries <sup>(1)</sup> (\$ million)	Total Expenditure (\$ million)
2018-19	1 302	627.53	995.32
2019-20 <sup>(2)</sup>	1 372	676.75	1,193.80
2020-21 <sup>(2)</sup>	1 423	676.75 (Estimated Expenditure)	1,204.14 (Estimated Expenditure)
2021-22	1 464 (Estimate)	697.06 (Estimated Expenditure)	1,237.63 (Estimated Expenditure)

**Note**

- (1) Staff salaries include staff cost on civil service posts, expenditure on non-civil service contract staff and other contractor staff and allowances.
- (2) The LCSd created a total of 161 civil service lifeguard posts (including lifeguards at public swimming pools and beaches) in 2019-20 and 2020-21 in an effort to improve the stability of the life-saving workforce.

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