

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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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 Culture, Sports and Tourism

Question:

It was mentioned in paragraph 172 of the Budget Speech that the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau was examining the conversion of some underutilised floors of the Kwun Chung Municipal Services Building into an urban sports centre, so as to provide a suitable venue for activities such as sport climbing and skateboarding. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Will the Government consider exploring the development of this "centre" and the vicinity of the municipal services building as a base for urban sports in support of the industrialisation of such sports? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
2. What are the estimated expenditure for and manpower requirement of the conversion?
3. Will the Government consider inviting the youth or relevant users to participate in the design of the urban sports centre? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

1. & 2. It is announced in the 2023-24 Budget that the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau is examining the conversion of some underutilised floors of the Kwun Chung Municipal Services Building into an urban sports centre, so as to provide a suitable venue for activities such as sport climbing and skateboarding. To facilitate early completion of the project, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department along with related departments will expedite the planning process, and the technical feasibility study of the conversion project is expected to be completed within this year. We will provide the details on estimated expenditure, staff establishment and implementation schedule when we consult the relevant Legislative Council panels and seek the funding approval of the Finance Committee.

3. The Government will cooperate with the sports sector, schools and related stakeholders in promoting urban sports. We will contact and consult relevant parties (such as district sports associations, non-governmental organisations and sports associations) during the process of designing the urban sports centre.

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