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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:

Some members of local communities opined that the maintenance of facilities under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) took too long, thus hindering the public from using public facilities for conducting recreation activities. Regarding the maintenance of LCSD facilities in general, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please list the numbers of maintenance projects of different types of LCSD facilities and the expenditure involved over the past 3 years, with a detailed breakdown by types of LCSD facilities and venues, and a table listing projects with maintenance periods lasting over 3 months;
2. Please list the expenditure involved in the maintenance of facilities at LCSD venues over the past 3 years, with a detailed breakdown by types of LCSD facilities and venues; and
3. The Government's criteria when considering whether to carry out repair or replacement work in order to tackle the problem of facility ageing.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Man-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

1. to 3. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has always been committed to providing quality and safe recreation and sports facilities for the public. In general, the LCSD will take into consideration the serviceable lifespan, actual and safety conditions of facilities and views from stakeholders when making repair arrangements and prioritising facility replacement in conjunction with the relevant works departments. While the duration of maintenance projects varies depending on complexity, it usually lasts not more than 3 months but will take longer for large-scale refurbishment and improvement projects. To minimise the impact on the public caused by the necessary repair or large-scale refurbishment and improvement works of the facilities, the LCSD had, where practicable, carried out such works when

the facilities were temporarily closed during the epidemic. The LCSD has no record of any maintenance projects lasting more than 3 months in the past 3 years.

The LCSD also coordinates the necessary regular maintenance of facilities by various works departments. During maintenance, these departments will conduct timely repair and replacement of facilities according to the actual conditions of such facilities. As the maintenance and repair of LCSD recreation and sports facilities are arranged by various works departments, and costs of works such as repair, maintenance, improvement and refurbishment, as well as equipment procurement, are included in the overall expenditures of those departments, the LCSD does not maintain a detailed breakdown of the expenditure involved in the repair or maintenance projects.

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