

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CSTB205

(Question Serial No. 1761)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

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 is mentioned in the Programme that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) develops and manages recreation and sports facilities and organises a wide range of leisure activities in order to promote recreation and sports at all levels throughout the community, which include providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- a) Please list the respective administrative and staff costs of the LCSD for public swimming pools, golf driving ranges, sports centres, sports grounds and tennis courts in the past 3 years;
- b) Please list the respective repair and maintenance costs of the LCSD for public swimming pools, golf driving ranges, sports centres, sports grounds and tennis courts in the past 3 years;
- c) Please provide the required number of lifeguards and the actual number employed for public swimming pools under the LCSD in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ling-lai, Lillian (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

- a) The administrative and staff costs of public swimming pools, golf driving ranges, sports centres, sports grounds and tennis courts of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 3 years are set out at **Annex I**.
- b) The LCSD 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 have a detailed breakdown of the repair and maintenance costs for the facilities referred to in the question.

- c) The required number of lifeguards and the actual number employed for public swimming pools of the LCSD in the past 3 years are set out at **Annex II**.

Annex I to Reply Serial No. CSTB205

Administrative and staff costs of public swimming pools, golf driving ranges, sports centres, sports grounds and tennis courts from 2020-21 to 2022-23

Facility	Administrative and staff costs (\$ million)		
	2020-21	2021-22 (estimate)	2022-23 (estimate)
Public swimming pools	660.06	660.06	683.39
Golf driving ranges	1.45	1.45	1.49
Sports centres (excluding golf driving ranges)	214.82	216.90	228.59
Sports grounds (including soccer pitches but not golf driving ranges)	160.44	161.11	165.14
Tennis courts	84.61	84.61	86.73

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**Required number of lifeguards and actual number employed
for public swimming pools from 2020 to 2022 (as at 1 August of each year)**

	2020	2021	2022
Required number of lifeguards (public swimming pools only)	1 445	1 445	1 467 ⁽¹⁾
Actual number of lifeguards employed			
Lifeguards on long-term employment ⁽²⁾	1 409	1 433	1 428
Seasonal lifeguards (public swimming pools only)	243	236	212

Notes:

- (1) Tung Cheong Street Swimming Pool in Tai Po has been open to the public from 2022.
- (2) Lifeguards on long-term employment include civil service lifeguards (Senior Artisan (Beach/Swimming Pool) and Artisan (Beach/Swimming Pool)) and ex-council contract lifeguards.

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