CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

On continuing to make the public play spaces (PPSs) more innovative and fun by transforming more than 170 PPSs across the territory over the 5 years from 2020-21 onwards:

- 1. How many PPSs have completed transformation in the past 4 years? What are the details of the enhancement projects and their distribution by district? Has there been any evaluation of the feedback of the general public after the transformation?
- 2. For the remaining PPSs, will all the transformation projects be completed in 2025? If not, will the measure be extended? What are the details of the enhancement projects and the distribution of such PPSs?
- 3. After this five-year plan expires, will there be an evaluation of its effectiveness, and will the general public be consulted of their views on the newly enhanced facilities?

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Reply:

1. The Government announced in the 2019 Policy Address the launch of a five-year plan to transform more than 170 public play spaces (PPSs) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) across Hong Kong, in the hope of offering PPSs with different degrees of challenges and fun, introducing more natural elements to the PPSs, and making them more innovative, challenging and interesting.

As at February 2024, the following 7 PPSs have completed transformation and are open for public use:

District	Name of Venue	Opening Date
Wong Tai Sin	Shung Ling Street Playground	December 2022
Eastern	King's Road Playground	January 2023
Yuen Long	Fung Cheung Road Garden	February 2023

District	Name of Venue	Opening Date
North	Hung Leng Children's Playground	February 2023
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po Park	November 2023
Kwai Tsing	Tsing Yi Promenade (Stage I)	January 2024
Southern	Aberdeen Promenade (Stage I)	February 2024

The transformed PPSs are very popular among members of the public, especially the first large-scale project at Sham Shui Po Park, where the currently tallest and longest slide among those at LCSD playgrounds is located. The facility concerned has been well received by users and widely covered by the media since its opening.

- 2. The 116 launched PPS transformation projects cover children's play equipment under the LCSD across the 18 districts of Hong Kong. Please refer to the **Annex** for a list of the relevant venues. The Department anticipates that over 170 projects can be launched as planned by 2025.
- 3. In addition to trial play days and site visit, the LCSD also collected public opinions and views about the completed PPSs through online questionnaire survey (https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/pps/news.html) for future reference when planning PPSs.

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List of venues with commenced PPS projects

District	Venue		
Hong Kong Island			
Central and Western District	 (i) Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park (ii) Third Street Playground (iii) Kwong Hon Terrace Garden (iv) Caine Road Garden (v) Hollywood Road Park (vi) Central and Western District Promenade – Western Wholesale Food Market Section 		
Southern District	 (i) Aberdeen Promenade [Stage I completed] (ii) Shek Pai Wan Road Playground (iii) Ap Lei Chau Park (iv) Apleichau Bridge (North) Children's Playground (v) Hong Fu Playground (vi) Stanley Beach Road Children's Playground 		
Eastern District	 (i) King's Road Playground [completed] (ii) Quarry Bay Park (iii) Yee Tai Street Sitting-out Area (iv) Heng Fa Chuen Playground (v) Healthy Village Playground (vi) Tong Shui Road Garden 		
Wan Chai District	 (i) Tung Lo Wan Garden (ii) Kwai Fong Street Playground (iii) Morrison Hill Road Playground (iv) Tak Yan Street Children's Playground (v) Wun Sha Street Children's Playground (vi) Southorn Playground 		
Kowloon			
Sham Shui Po District	 (i) Sham Shui Po Park [completed] (ii) Shun Ning Road Recreation Ground (iii) Maple Street Playground (iv) Cheung Sha Wan Playground (v) Shek Kip Mei Central Playground 		
Kwun Tong District	 (i) Jordan Valley Park (ii) Ngau Tau Kok Road Sports Centre (iii) Sam Ka Tsuen Recreation Ground (iv) Lam Tin Park (v) Lok Wah Playground (vi) Jordan Valley Playground 		

District	Venue
Yau Tsim Mong District	 (i) Tong Mei Road Children's Playground (ii) Saigon Street Playground (iii) Haiphong Road Children's Playground (iv) Lok Kwan Street Park (v) Ferry Street Playground (vi) Sai Yee Street Garden (vii) Hong Tat Path Garden
Wong Tai Sin District	 (i) Shung Ling Street Playground [completed] (ii) Morse Park (Park No. 4) (iii) Ngau Chi Wan Park
Kowloon City District	 (i) Tai Wan Shan Park (ii) Fat Kwong Street Garden No. 1 (iii) To Kwa Wan Recreation Ground (iv) Moray Road Children's Playground (v) Carmel Village Street Garden (vi) Ko Shan Road Park (vii) Pui Ching Road Playground
New Territories	
Islands District	 (i) Cheung Chau Park (ii) Yung Shue Wan Playground (iii) Peng Chau Playground (iv) Tai O Recreation Ground, Lantau Island (v) Tung Chung North Park (vi) Leung Uk Children's Playground, Tai O
Kwai Tsing District	 (i) Tsing Yi Promenade [Stage I completed] (ii) Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park (iii) Mei King Playground (iv) Shek Pai Street Park (v) Hing Shing Road Playground (vi) Tai Wong Ha Playground (vii) Cheung Wan Street Rest Garden (viii) Lai King Hill Road Playground

District	Venue
Tsuen Wan District	 (i) Pak Lam Road Garden (ii) Jockey Club Tak Wah Park (iii) Tsuen Wan Park (Phase II) (iv) Tsuen Wan Tin Hau Temple Garden (v) Kwok Shui Road Park (vi) Tsuen Fu Street Garden
Sai Kung District	 (i) Po Tsui Park (ii) Sai Kung Waterfront Park (iii) Mau Tai Road Garden (iv) Man Yee Playground (v) Pui Shing Garden (vi) Sha Kok Mei Playground and Garden (vii) Yau Yue Wan Children's Playground
Sha Tin District	 (i) Che Kung Miu Road Playground (ii) Sha Tin Park (iii) Ma On Shan Promenade
Tai Po District	 (i) Yuen Shin Park (ii) Chung Nga Road Children's Playground (iii) Yuen Chau Tsai Park (iv) Tai Po Waterfront Park – Senses Children's Playground (v) Tong Min Tsuen Playground (vi) Tai Po Waterfront Park – Technology Children's Playground
North District	 (i) Hung Leng Children's Playground [completed] (ii) Wo Hing Playground (iii) Po Wing Road Playground (iv) Luen Wo Hui Playground (v) Shek Wu Hui Jockey Club Playground (vi) Lung Yeuk Tau San Wai Children's Playground (vii) Wai Ming Street Garden

District	Venue	
Yuen Long District	 (i) Fung Cheung Road Garden [completed] (ii) Tin Shui Wai Park (iii) Yuen Long Park (iv) Tin Ho Road Playground (v) Yuen Long Jockey Club Town Square (vi) Shek Po Tsuen Playground (vii) Kam Tin Shi Children's Playground (viii) Town Park South Playground (Yuen Long Town Park) 	
Tuen Mun District	 (i) Tsing Shan Children's Playground (ii) Butterfly Beach Park (iii) Yeung Siu Hang Garden (iv) King Fung Children's Playground 	