

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue the transformation of over 170 public play spaces (PPSs) across the territory to make them more innovative and fun. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) a list of the venues where the transformation of PPSs was completed, the completion dates, the expenditure involved and the attendances;
- 2) a list of the venues where the transformation of PPSs is yet to be completed, the estimated completion dates and the expenditure involved;
- 3) further to the above, whether the LCSD has evaluated the risk of delayed completion of the outstanding projects mentioned above; if so, the measures adopted to strengthen the monitoring of contractors to ensure timely completion of the projects;
- 4) for the PPSs of which transformation was completed, has the LCSD invited community stakeholders to provide their feedback so as to enhance the design of other new public play facilities?

Asked by: Hon LAM Lam, Nixie (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

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
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 estimated expenditure on the entire plan is \$686 million, covering the costs of preliminary investigation of underground public utilities, engagement of professional companies for different projects, staff remuneration of the LCSD and the Architectural Services Department, and recurrent expenditure. Hence, the LCSD is unable to provide a breakdown of the expenditure on the PPS transformation projects. In addition, since members of the public are free to enter and leave most of the LCSD parks and playgrounds throughout the day, the LCSD does not have a record of such attendances.

- 2) The LCSD has launched 116 PPS transformation projects and is preparing for the rest to be launched later. Launched transformation projects are currently in different planning phases, and a list of projects planned for construction works in 2024-25 is tabulated at **Annex**.
- 3) The LCSD and the works department will closely monitor progress of the projects through different channels, such as regular meetings and site inspections, to ensure timely completion of the projects. In case a project shows signs of delay, the LCSD will immediately enquire the contractor about the reasons for such delay and assist the contractor in solving the problems of the project as soon as possible. Meanwhile, the contractor will also be instructed to take proactive follow-up actions to reduce the risk of delays.
- 4) In the course of transformation of PPSs, the LCSD encourages and promotes community participation and gauges the views of stakeholders in a proactive manner. After the completion of the transformation project of Sham Shui Po Park, between August and October 2023, the LCSD invited organisations in Sham Shui Po to participate in Trial Play Days, on which Playright Children's Play Association was invited as the activity ambassador to provide guidance and assistance to participants on the spot, and asked for their opinions about the management arrangements of the facilities. The LCSD also organised site tours, inviting stakeholders such as Sham Shui Po District Council Members and members of a community project comprising 7 units of Integrated Children and Youth Services and the project's "Playground Planners" to join. Views were collected extensively in order to enhance the operation and management of the park. Moreover, the LCSD also collects 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.

**Projects Planned for On-site Construction Works in 2024-25**

<b>Planned Venue</b>	<b>Project Commencement Time</b>	<b>Anticipated Completion Time</b>
Tin Shui Wai Park	Fourth quarter of 2022 (Commenced)	Third quarter of 2024
Quarry Bay Park	Second quarter of 2023 (Commenced)	Fourth quarter of 2024
Che Kung Miu Road Playground	Third quarter of 2023 (Commenced)	First quarter of 2024
Jordan Valley Playground	Third quarter of 2023 (Commenced)	Fourth quarter of 2024
Tong Mei Road Children's Playground	First quarter of 2024 (Commenced)	Third quarter of 2024
Po Tsui Park	Second quarter of 2024	Fourth quarter of 2024
Tsing Yi Promenade (Stage II)	Second quarter of 2024	Fourth quarter of 2024
Aberdeen Promenade (Stage II)	Second quarter of 2024	First quarter of 2025
Morse Park (Park No. 4)	Second quarter of 2024	Third quarter of 2025
Saigon Street Playground, Yau Ma Tei	Second quarter of 2024	Third quarter of 2025
Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park	Second quarter of 2024	Fourth quarter of 2025
Sha Tin Park (South Garden Children's Playground)	Second quarter of 2024	Fourth quarter of 2025
Tsuen Wan Park (Phase II)	Second quarter of 2024	Second quarter of 2026
Kwai Fong Street Playground	Third quarter of 2024	Fourth quarter of 2024
Cheung Chau Park	Third quarter of 2024	Second quarter of 2025
Tai Wan Shan Park	Fourth quarter of 2024	Second quarter of 2025
To Kwa Wan Recreation Ground	Fourth quarter of 2024	Second quarter of 2026
Tung Lo Wan Garden	First quarter of 2025	Third quarter of 2025
Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	First quarter of 2025	Third quarter of 2025
Yuen Shin Park	First quarter of 2025	Fourth quarter of 2025
Pak Lam Road Garden	First quarter of 2025	Fourth quarter of 2025
Ap Lei Chau Park	First quarter of 2025	First quarter of 2027
Po Wing Road Playground	First quarter of 2025	First quarter of 2027