

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department is responsible for the management of 2 public artificial beaches, namely Golden Beach in Tuen Mun and Tai Po Lung Mei Beach. In this connection, would the Government provide information on the following:

1. Previously, there was serious sand loss at Golden Beach in Tuen Mun. What was the situation of sand loss of that beach in the past 3 years?
2. What was the situation of sand loss of Tai Po Lung Mei Beach since its opening in 2021?
3. Did the Department replenish or replace the sand layers of the 2 artificial beaches in the past 3 years? If yes, what was the cost required for each year?
4. Did the Department conduct a survey on the sand loss of public artificial beaches in the past 3 years? If yes, are there any improvement methods and measures? Will the sand be replenished regularly at the 2 beaches?

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Reply:

1. Water currents, tides, waves, geographical environment and special weather conditions (such as typhoon or persistent heavy rain) will cause sand loss or displacement at the beach. The sand washed away will normally be brought back to the beach gradually by tides. There is minor sand loss or displacement at Golden Beach in Tuen Mun under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), yet the Department does not maintain information on the quantity of sand loss.
2. The LCSD has all along been paying attention to the sand movement at Tai Po Lung Mei Beach and has not found any sand loss.
3. & 4. According to observation, there is minor sand loss or displacement at Golden Beach in Tuen Mun. The LCSD has conducted minor works at Golden Beach in winter

and pushed the alluvial sand deposited nearby back to Golden Beach based on the actual situation, and the costs involved in doing so in the past 3 financial years (i.e. 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24) were around \$380,000, \$440,000 and \$380,000 respectively. Sand loss has not been found at Tai Po Lung Mei Beach since its opening in 2021. Therefore, no replenishment or replacement of sand is needed.

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