

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism

Question:

Regarding children's play equipment under Indicators in the Programme, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. the current progress of the transformation of public play spaces (PPSs) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD); how the Government integrates different themes into the PPSs and provides different degrees of challenges and fun when constructing and transforming PPSs; whether the District Councils concerned have been consulted on the transformation of the PPSs; and the average time required for completing a transformation project;
2. the number of inclusive playgrounds among the over 600 children's playgrounds under the LCSD, and whether there are plans to increase the number of inclusive playgrounds/transform more existing playgrounds into inclusive playgrounds in the future;
3. whether the LCSD inspects the wear and tear of facilities in children's playgrounds regularly; the number of children's play facilities that required repair or replacement in the past 3 years, the average repair time required, and the expenditure involved.

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Reply:

1. As at February 2024, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) launched 116 public play space (PPS) transformation projects and is preparing for the rest to be launched later. Please refer to the **Annex** for a list of venues concerned. Of these PPSs, 7 have completed transformation and are open for public use, including Shung Ling Street Playground in Wong Tai Sin District, King's Road Playground in Eastern District, Fung Cheung Road Garden in Yuen Long District, Hung Leng Children's Playground in North District, Sham Shui Po Park in Sham Shui Po District, Tsing Yi Promenade (Stage I) in Kwai Tsing District and Aberdeen Promenade (Stage I) in Southern District.

To encourage and facilitate public participation during the process of PPS transformation, the LCSD uses different means such as workshops or questionnaires to consult local communities including students and their parents, related stakeholders and representatives of organisations for their feedback, so as to make play equipment more innovative, inclusive, challenging and fun. After collating and analysing the feedback collected, the design team will adopt the feasible and suitable opinions with which they will come up with a preliminary design concept of the PPS, and duly consult the District Council. As the transformation projects vary in scope as well as complexity, the time required for each project is different. Generally speaking, it takes around 3 to 5 years for PPS transformation projects to proceed from the stages of preliminary planning such as commissioning professional consultancy to conduct community participation activities, determining the preliminary design, preparing for tendering of the works and conducting tender assessment, conducting detailed design with the awarded contractor, and on-site construction, to the completion of the project.

2. At present, the LCSD provides some 600 recreation venues with outdoor children's playgrounds, of which about 70% offer diversified inclusive play equipment. When constructing and transforming children's playgrounds, the LCSD strives to provide inclusive play equipment to allow children of different ages and abilities to enjoy playing and learn different skills for balanced development.
3. To ensure that outdoor recreation facilities are safe and functioning properly, the LCSD deploys staff to inspect all of its outdoor play, recreation and sports facilities at least fortnightly. Since children's play equipment is part of a park or playground, its inspection and repair are conducted together with those of other park or recreation facilities. As such, breakdown figures on children's play equipment requiring repair or replacement are not available.

At present, the procedures and time for repair of outdoor play equipment depend on factors such as the scope of repair, the extent of damage of the facilities and whether the facilities are still within the warranty period. Generally speaking, minor repair projects of facilities can be completed in about 2 to 3 weeks; if large-scale refurbishment is involved, e.g. replacement of a whole set of climbing frames, the repair time will be longer as the parts need to be delivered from overseas. The overall expenditure on repair covers such works as repair, maintenance, improvement and refurbishment; equipment procurement; staff remuneration of the LCSD and various works departments; and recurrent expenditure. Therefore, a detailed breakdown of the expenditure on the repair or maintenance works of children's play equipment is not available.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Shung Ling Street Playground [completed] (ii) Morse Park (Park No. 4) (iii) Ngau Chi Wan Park (Children's Play Area on Upper Platform) (iv) Tsz Wan Shan Estate Central Playground (v) Fung Tak Park (vi) Tsz Wan Shan Road Playground (vii) Muk Lun Street Playground
Kowloon City District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Che Kung Miu Road Playground (ii) Sha Tin Park (iii) Ma On Shan Promenade (Children's Playgrounds No. 3 and No. 4) (iv) Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground (v) Ngau Pei Sha Street Playground (vi) Yuen Chau Kok Park (vii) A Kung Kok Playground (viii) Lok Yuen Path Children's Playground
Tai Po District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Tsing Shan Children's Playground (ii) Butterfly Beach Park (iii) Yeung Siu Hang Garden (iv) King Fung Children's Playground

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