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By email and fax (2869 6794)

Dear Ms. CHUNG,

Request for discussion on the future development of country parks

Thank you for relaying the views of Hon. CHAN Han-pan on his request for discussion on the improvement of camping facilities in and future development of country parks at the Panel on Development. Our reply is as follows:

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) sets up designated campsites in country parks to facilitate members of the public to experience the countryside wilderness and support the long-distance hikers for stopover purposes. Currently, there are 41 designated campsites (the list of campsites is at Annex) in country parks with the provision of basic facilities including camping spaces, table and benches, barbecue pits, toilets and litter containers etc. These campsites are provided for the use of the public free of charge on a first-come-first-served basis. AFCD is responsible for the daily management and maintenance of these campsites including the collection of refuse and recyclable materials, cleansing of public toilets, facilities maintenance, patrol and law enforcement, etc. AFCD also undertakes to improve the

facilities and services in accordance with the usage and popularity of the campsites to meet the needs of country park visitors. For examples, two new campsites were designated at Sai Wan and Tai Mong Tsai within Sai Kung Country Parks in 2014 and 2015 respectively, and improvement work such as ground leveling at Wan Tsai Campsite of Sai Kung West Country Park was conducted in December 2016.

With a view to broadening and diversifying visitor experience in country parks, and meeting the growing demand for countryside recreation, AFCD commissioned a consultancy study to explore and identify opportunities for enhancing the recreational and educational potential of country parks and special areas early this year. Opportunities would also be taken to strengthen the functions of country parks and special areas for outdoor education in nature conservation and environmental sustainability. The study will explore the recreational potential of country parks and special areas in three broad aspects, namely overnight facilities, adventurous activities and leisure, and strengthen the educational functions of country parks and special areas as appropriate. Proposals on enhancing recreational and educational potential from the study shall not compromise the objectives to conserve country parks and special areas.

The study will make reference to international experience to review the existing functions and performance in recreational and educational uses of country parks and special areas. The study will collect views from stakeholders at different stages, and shortlisted proposals would be available for public consultation in early 2018. As the study is still at its initial stage, there is no sufficient information and findings for discussion at the relevant panel meeting of Legislative Council. We will closely monitor the progress of the study and at a suitable time report the major findings and recommendations of the study to the Panel on Environmental Affairs.



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Designated campsites in country parks and special areas

	Country Park / Special Area	Campsites
1.	Pat Sin Leng Country Park	Lau Shui Heung Campsite Hok Tau Campsite Chung Pui Campsite Kong Ha Au Campsite
2.	Plover Cove Country Park	Sam A Chung Campsite
3.	Plover Cove (Extension) Country Park	Tung Ping Chau Campsite
4.	Sai Kung West Country Park (Wan Tsai Extension)	Wan Tsai South Campsite Wan Tsai West Campsite
5.	Sai Kung West Country Park	Cheung Sheung Campsite Hau Tong Kai Campsite Tai Tan Campsite Yee Ting Campsite Tai Mong Tsai Campsite
6.	Sai Kung East Country Park	Wong Shek Campsite Pak Tam Au Campsite Sai Wan Campsite Long Ke Wan Campsite Pak Lap Campsite Yuen Ng Fan (Nam Fung Wan) Campsite Po Kwu Wan Campsite Ham Tin Wan Campsite
7.	Ma On Shan Country Park	Shui Long Wo Campsite Ngong Ping Campsite
8.	Tung Lung Fort Special Area	Tung Lung Chau Campsite
9.	Shing Mun Country Park	Lead Mine Pass Campsite
10.	Tai Mo Shan Country Park	Rotary Park Campsite
11.	Tai Lam Country Park	Twisk Campsite Ho Pui Campsite Tin Fu Tsai Campsite
12.	Lantau South Country Park	Nam Shan Campsite Pak Fu Tin Campsite Shap Long Campsite Lo Kei Wan Campsite

		Shek Lam Chau Campsite Tai Long Wan Campsite Kau Ling Chung Campsite Man Cheung Po Campsite Tsin Yue Wan Campsite Ngong Ping Campsite Shek Pik Campsite
13.	Lantau North Country Park	Nga Ying Kok Campsite