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Ms Doris LO Clerk to Public Works Subcommittee Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms LO,

Signature Project Scheme (Wan Chai District) – Construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre

The Hon AU Nok-hin wrote to the Under Secretary for Home Affairs and District Officer (Wan Chai) on 7 June 2018 to enquire about the "Construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre" (the MTAC Project). The Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy also wrote to the Chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee on the same day enquiring about the MTAC Project. Our reply is set out in ensuing paragraphs.

- A. Breakdown of the estimated operating expenditure of the MTAC Project and the actual expenditure of other existing community facilities in Wan Chai District (as requested by the Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy)
- 2. The estimated additional annual government recurrent expenditure arising from the works component of the MTAC project is about \$4.9 million, the breakdown by purpose (instead of type of facility) is as follows –

Item	Estimated additional annual government recurrent expenditure	
Maintenance expenses	\$2,620,000	
Electricity and miscellaneous expenses	\$1,020,000	
Security and cleansing	\$610,000	
Staff cost	\$390,000	
Community garden and maintenance of plants	\$260,000	
Total	\$4,900,000	

3. The Home Affairs Department (HAD) does not keep record on the annual operating expenses of individual community halls (CHs)/community centres (CCs) or associated facilities under its management. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department also does not keep record on the annual operating expenses of the community garden in Wan Chai Park.

B. Information on CHs and CCs in the Central and Western District and Wan Chai District (as requested by the Hon AU Nok-hin)

4. The information on CHs and CCs in the Central and Western District and Wan Chai District under HAD's management is as follows:

	Year of completion	Construction area (square metre)	Estimated construction cost
Sai Ying Pun Community Complex (Note: HAD's facilities inside the complex available for hiring by organisations include a hall, dressing rooms and a conference room)	2001	17 200 ¹	\$386.6 million ¹
Kennedy Town Community Complex (Note: HAD's facilities inside the complex available for hiring by organisations include function rooms and a conference room)	2006	19 200 ¹	\$245.3 million ¹
Leighton Hill Community Hall	2002	1 215	\$35.3 million
Wan Chai Activities Centre (Note: 4 multi-function rooms are available for hiring by organisations)	2011	355 ²	\$11.14 million ²

5. As for Western District Community Centre³ and the former Western Magistracy Building³, relevant information is not available as they were constructed a long time ago.

C. Information on the volleyball courts at Moreton Terrace Temporary Playground and Victoria Park (as requested by the Hon AU Nok-hin)

6. Volleyball courts at Moreton Terrace Temporary Playground and handball-cum-volleyball court at Victoria Park are free for use. Members of the public can walk in and use the facilities when there is no advance booking. The booking rates of the two venues in 2017-18 are as follows-

The figures are the construction area/estimated construction cost of the entire complex and based on the estimates and proposal in the funding application submitted to the Legislative Council. We do not have the breakdown for the CH part.

The figure is the usable floor area of Wan Chai Activities Centre/the estimated construction cost for converting the lower ground level of Wan Chai Market into Wan Chai Activities Centre.

A conference room is available for hiring by organsiations in Western District Community Centre, while a conference room and a multi-function room are available for hiring by organisations in the former Western Magistracy Building.

	Booking rate (%)			
	Peak hours ⁴	Non-peak hours ⁴	Average booking rate	
Volleyball courts at Moreton Terrace Temporary Playground	48%	2%	27%	
Handball-cum-volleyball court at Victoria Park				
- Volleyball courts	13%	2%	8%	
- Handball court	37%	4%	21%	

7. To facilitate the implementation of the MTAC Project and taking into account public demand for volleyball courts, Wan Chai District Council and the Government decided to convert the handball court at Victoria Park into multipurpose court for both handball and volleyball. The handball-cum-volleyball court at Victoria Park have come into operation since late September 2015 and open for use by handball and volleyball lovers at different sessions.

Yours sincerely,

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