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(Attn: Ms Joanne Mak)

Dear Ms Mak,

Panel on Home Affairs
Supplementary information on the sports, recreation and related facility projects
(amenity complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan - pre-construction activities;
redevelopment of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool Complex; and development of
open space at Hoi Fai Road, Tai Kok Tsui)
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At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs held on 20 January 2020, Members requested supplementary information on the sports, recreation and related facility projects (amenity complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan - pre-construction activities; redevelopment of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool Complex; and development of open space at Hoi Fai Road, Tai Kok Tsui). Having consulted the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), the relevant information is set out below for Members' reference.

(a) the reason(s) for not providing a public market in the proposed amenity complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan

In considering whether a new public market should be built, the Government will take into account relevant factors including demographic mix, community needs, the availability of public and private market facilities nearby and the number of fresh provision retail outlets in the vicinity. We would also take into account the actual situation of individual districts and the views of stakeholders during

the process.

At present, there are six wet markets managed by various operators, around 20 supermarkets, over 80 fresh provision shops and some 300 licensed food premises in the Ma On Shan district to provide fresh provisions, daily necessities, cooked food, etc. for the local residents. We understand that there will be one more wet market coming into operation within this year, offering more choices for the residents.

Currently, the Government has no plan to build a public market in Ma On Shan.

(b) the number of shortfall of civil service lifeguards and non-civil service contract (NCSC) seasonal lifeguards in the past year

LCSD currently provides lifeguard services at 44 public swimming pools, 38 gazetted public beaches and 5 water sports centres. In addition to civil service lifeguards, NCSC seasonal lifeguards are also employed on a seasonal basis to augment the manpower of lifeguards during the swimming season. As at 1 August 2019, there are 1 843 full-time lifeguards comprising 170 senior lifeguards and 1 673 lifeguards in LCSD. Of those 1 673 lifeguards, 484 are NCSC full-time seasonal lifeguards. Around 190 part-time hourly-rated seasonal lifeguards were also recruited to augment the lifeguard manpower during the swimming season. The establishment, strength and vacancies of civil service lifeguards (including senior lifeguards and lifeguards) and the number of NCSC seasonal lifeguards employed and the number of shortfall of NCSC seasonal lifeguards are at Annex I.

(c) the number of days of full closure or partial closure of public swimming pools due to inadequate lifeguards in the past year

For the safety of swimmers, LCSD will take into consideration the usage of swimming pools, swimmers' habits and manpower of lifeguards on duty to partially open swimming pool facilities for use by members of the public, when there are inadequate lifeguards on duty. Generally speaking, major pool facilities, such as main pools and secondary pools will remain open for public use as far as practicable. The numbers of days of full or partial closure of public swimming pools due to inadequate lifeguards on duty over the past year are at Annex II.

Yours sincerely,



(Ms Elania Luk)

for Secretary for Home Affairs

(1) Manpower situation of civil service lifeguards* in 2019

Year	Establishment	Strength	Number of vacancy @
2019 (As at 1 August)	1 331	1 279	52

Notes:

* Civil service lifeguards include the grades of Senior Artisan (Beach/Swimming Pool), Senior Artisan (Lifeguard at Water Sports Centre), Artisan (Beach/Swimming Pool) and Artisan (Lifeguard at Water Sports Centre).

@ Some of the vacancies were non-fillable vacancies as the officers concerned were transferred to other grade/rank on trial terms. In accordance with the practices in the civil service, vacancies arising from transfer of officers could not be substantively filled during the trial period and staff redeployment arrangement will be required, such as filling the vacancies on a temporary basis by NCSC seasonal lifeguards. The remaining fillable vacancies had been filled within a short period of time.

(2) Manpower situation of non-civil service contract (NCSC) seasonal lifeguards in 2019

Year	No. of NCSC full-time seasonal lifeguards employed	No. of shortfall of NCSC full-time seasonal lifeguards	No. of NCSC part-time hourly-rated seasonal lifeguards employed*
2019 (As at 1 August)	484	374	187

Note:

* As LCSD has not specified the basic manpower requirement for NCSC part-time hourly-rated seasonal lifeguards, figures on the shortfall of such staff are not applicable.

**Number of days of full or partial closure of public swimming pools
due to inadequate lifeguards on duty in 2019**

Some swimming pool facilities will be temporarily fully or partially closed due to inadequate lifeguards on duty. The pool facilities will be re-opened to the public immediately when the manpower of lifeguards returns to normal. For the purpose of calculation, full closure or partial closure of facilities of less than one day is counted as one day.

Swimming pool [#]		2019	
		Full closure	Partial closure*
Central and Western			
1	Kennedy Town Swimming Pool	-	100
2	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool	2	9
Eastern District			
3	Chai Wan Swimming Pool	-	163
4	Island East Swimming Pool	-	20
5	Siu Sai Wan Swimming Pool	-	8
Southern District			
6	Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool	-	184
Wan Chai			
7	Morrison Hill Swimming Pool	2	56
8	Victoria Park Swimming Pool	-	7
Kowloon City			
9	Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool	-	114
10	Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool	-	49
11	Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool	-	180
Kwun Tong			
12	Jordan Valley Swimming Pool	-	26
13	Kwun Tong Swimming Pool	-	2
14	Lam Tin Swimming Pool	-	3
Sham Shui Po			

Swimming pool [#]		2019	
		Full closure	Partial closure*
15	Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool	-	148
16	Lei Cheng Uk Swimming Pool	-	214
17	Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool	-	199
Wong Tai Sin[^]			
18	Hammer Hill Road Swimming Pool	-	35
Yau Tsim Mong			
19	Kowloon Park Swimming Pool	-	148
20	Tai Kok Tsui Swimming Pool	-	1
Islands			
21	Tung Chung Swimming Pool	-	2
Kwai Tsing			
22	Kwai Shing Swimming Pool	-	214
23	North Kwai Chung Jockey Club Swimming Pool	1	188
24	Tsing Yi Swimming Pool	-	214
North District			
25	Fanling Swimming Pool	-	2
26	Sheung Shui Swimming Pool	-	1
Sai Kung			
27	Sai Kung Swimming Pool	-	204
28	Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool	-	195
Sha Tin			
29	Hin Tin Swimming Pool	-	184
30	Ma On Shan Swimming Pool	-	12
31	Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool	-	145
Tai Po			
32	Tai Po Swimming Pool	-	17
Tsuen Wan			
33	Shing Mun Valley Swimming	-	92

Swimming pool [#]		2019	
		Full closure	Partial closure*
	Pool		
34	Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool	-	103
Tuen Mun			
35	The Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool	-	68
36	Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool	-	103
37	Tuen Mun Swimming Pool	-	133
Yuen Long			
38	Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	-	30
39	Yuen Long Swimming Pool	-	99

Notes:

- * The figures refer to the number of days on which some minor pool facilities, such as leisure pool, diving pool or jacuzzi, were suspended for use due to inadequate lifeguards on duty, while major pool facilities, such as main pool and secondary pool would remain open for public use as far as practicable.
- # Wan Chai Swimming Pool, Mui Wo Swimming Pool, Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool and Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool have not been closed due to inadequate lifeguards on duty over the past year.
- ^ Morse Park Swimming Pool was temporarily closed for a capital works project for provision of a heated pool.