CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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<u>Programme</u>: (1) Recreation and Sports

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<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism

Question:

In connection with the Government's continued implementation of the Ten-year Development Blueprint for Sports and Recreation Facilities (the Blueprint) to provide diversified recreation and sports facilities in a sustainable manner, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- 1. For the 16 works projects recommended for implementation in Phase 1 of the Blueprint, please set out the progress of each project, including (i) the commencement date; (ii) the estimated works expenditure; and (iii) the types of sports or recreation facilities to be provided;
- 2. It is mentioned in Phase 1 of the Blueprint that technical feasibility studies would be conducted for 15 works projects. What are the progress of the studies and the details of the projects?
- 3. The 2024 Policy Address has proposed the construction of a swimming complex suitable for hosting international competitions and a sports arena with fencing training and competition facilities. What are the relevant preparatory work, the proposed sites, the estimated works expenditure and the commencement dates?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

1. To promote sports development, the Government proposed a Ten-year Development Blueprint for Sports and Recreation Facilities (the Blueprint) in the 2022 Policy Address. The list of projects recommended for implementation is set out at <u>Annex</u>. 2 of those projects, namely Quarry Park in Anderson Road Quarry and the Joint-user Complex at Site G2, Anderson Road Quarry (with a sports centre to be built inside), commenced construction in 2023 and are expected to be completed in 2026 and 2027 respectively. 2 other projects led by the Civil Engineering and Development Department, namely Waterfront Promenade in Tung Chung East and Cycle Park cum Skatepark in Area 147, Tung Chung, have been granted funding from the Legislative Council, with construction

works to be commenced in the second quarter of 2025 and completion expected in 2028. The remaining projects are at various planning stages, and relevant details (including the commencement dates, estimated expenditure and types of facilities) are yet to be confirmed.

- 2. Under the Blueprint, the Government plans to conduct technical feasibility studies for about 15 works projects. The Government will, under the fiscal consolidation programme, review the order of priority of the works projects under planning, as well as identify ways to use public resources more effectively and enhance the cost-effectiveness of the projects. Progress of implementation of individual projects that are currently at the preliminary planning or conceptual stage will be adjusted in light of the aforesaid considerations.
- 3. It is announced in the 2024 Policy Address that the Government plans to construct a swimming complex suitable for hosting international competitions and a sports arena with fencing training and competition facilities. The proposed swimming complex will be built according to the World Aquatics' specifications, and the Government is exploring feasible sites for the project. As for the venue for fencing, the Government is actively looking into providing facilities for fencing training and competitions in the new sports arena under planning. The proposed sites, estimated works expenditure and commencement dates are yet to be confirmed. Meanwhile, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department is actively following up on the acquisition of additional fencing ancillary facilities and equipment at To Kwa Wan Sports Centre, so as to earmark more space for fencing activities and achieve a more flexible use of the sports centre.

Annex

Ten-year Development Blueprint for Sports and Recreation Facilities List of Projects Recommended for Implementation in Phase 1

Project	District	Project title
1	Islands	Joint-user Complex in Area 107, Tung Chung
2	Islands	Waterfront Promenade in Tung Chung East
3	Islands	Cycle Park cum Skatepark in Area 147, Tung Chung
4	Eastern	Sports Centre and Open Space at Aldrich Bay
5	Kowloon City	Sung Wong Toi Park
6	Southern	Redevelopment and Enhancement of Sports and Recreation Facilities in Wong Chuk Hang
7	Sai Kung	Joint-user Complex at Site G2, Anderson Road Quarry
8	Sai Kung	Quarry Park in Anderson Road Quarry
9	Sai Kung	Sports Centre and Town Plaza at Sai Kung
10	Sai Kung	Water Sports Centre in Area 77, Tseung Kwan O
11	Sham Shui Po	Sports Centre, Outdoor Sports and Recreation Facilities, Social Welfare Facilities and Underground Public Vehicle Park at Po Lun Street, Lai Chi Kok (formerly Sports Centre at Lai Chi Kok)
12	Sha Tin	Whitehead Sports Park
13	Tai Po	Sports Centre, Social Welfare Facilities and Public Vehicle Park in Area 6, Tai Po
14	Wan Chai	Redevelopment of Hong Kong Stadium
15	Yuen Long	Leisure and Cultural Complex in Tin Yip Road, Tin Shui Wai – Phase 2 (formerly Sports Centre in Area 109, Tin Shui Wai)
16	Yuen Long	Sports Centre in Area 12, Yuen Long