

LCQ7: Outstanding projects of the former Municipal Councils

Following is a question by the Hon Yeung Sum and a written reply by the Secretary for Home Affairs, Dr Patrick Ho, in the Legislative Council today (February 15):

Question:

Among the outstanding projects of the former Municipal Councils, 25 projects were identified for priority implementation by the former Chief Executive in his Policy Address in January 2005, and 24 projects were shelved or deleted after consultation with the District Councils concerned. Regarding the remaining projects, will the Government inform this Council of the names of the projects rejected, completed, under construction or still under planning and the responsible Government department concerned; the anticipated completion and construction dates for the projects in the last two categories and, among these projects, those that had been designated as "priority projects" by the former Municipal Councils?

Reply:

Madam President,

Among the 169 outstanding projects of the former Provisional Municipal Councils (ex-PMC), 139 projects involved leisure and cultural services facilities and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is the responsible department. The remaining 30 projects involved environmental hygiene facilities and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) is the responsible department.

Projects under LCSD's responsibility

Of the 139 projects involving leisure and cultural services facilities, 12 projects have been deleted (Annex 1), 19 projects have been completed (Annex 2), 15 projects are either under construction or still under planning (Annex 3). Of the 25 projects recommended for priority implementation in the 2005 Policy Address, 21 projects are among the 139 ex-PMC projects (Annex 4). Two other projects are tried out under the "Private Sector Finance" approach (Annex 5). The remaining 70 projects, together with four projects previously shelved but now requested by the District Councils to be included (not ex-PMC projects), are put under review (Annex 6). Regarding these 74 projects put under review, after the completion of consultation with the District Councils early this year, LCSD will report and present the next batch of projects proposed for implementation to the relevant subcommittee under the Legco Panel on Home Affairs in March.

Projects under FEHD's responsibility

Of the 30 projects involving environmental hygiene facilities, 12 projects have been deleted (Annex 7); six projects have been completed (Annex 8); two projects are under construction (Annex 9); and 10 projects are under review (Annex 10).

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