

LCQ7: Leisure and cultural services priority projects

Following is a question by the Hon Abraham Shek and a written reply by the Secretary for Home Affairs, Dr Patrick Ho, in the Legislative Council today (January 31):

Question:

So far, the Government has been able to further advance the delivery of eight out of the 25 leisure and cultural services ("LCS") priority projects. With a view to further exploring ways to speed up the delivery of LCS projects, the Government has established a steering committee to oversee the implementation of these projects and to resolve problems impeding progress. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) how the steering committee resolves problems in meeting the administrative requirements relating to land utilisation and plot ratio before these projects are launched, so as to speed up the implementation of the projects; and
- (b) whether it will further review the time frame for the delivery of the remaining 17 LCS priority projects mentioned above?

Reply:

Madam President,

- (a) The Steering Committee co-chaired by the Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs and Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (Works) met in December 2006 to review the implementation of leisure and cultural services (LCS) projects. It examined the existing administrative arrangements and procedures, and discussed how the implementation of LCS projects could be sped up. Regarding the issues related to site utilisation and plot ratio, views from the other bureaux and departments concerned would have to be sought before a possible way forward could be mapped out.
- (b) As the LCS priority projects progress along, we will continue to actively explore whether there is room for advancing their delivery timetable.

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