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Dear Sir/Madam,

Code on Access to Information Re: Application No. 61/2017

We received your application on 19 July 2017 seeking access to information relating to wearing burkinis at the swimming pools and beaches of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). Our reply is as follows –

LCSD endeavours to provide the public with a clean and hygienic Swimmers should put on decent and clean environment for swimming. swimsuits before entering swimming pools. As there are ever changing designs and materials of swimming costumes, we accept swimsuits that are purposely made for swimming.

To our understanding, a burkini is a type of swimsuit for women. Swimmers are allowed to wear such kind of swimsuit in public swimming pools provided that they are decent and clean. If swimmers prefer to wear a T-shirt while swimming, they are required to put on a clean white T-shirt because it would be easier for the pool staff to know if the T-shirt is clean or not. As for bathing beaches, there is no rule governing the dressing there.

Should you have any enquiry, please contact Mr Daniel CHOW, Executive Officer (General) 2, at 2601 8011.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Teresa SOH)

for Director of Leisure and Cultural Services