

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 that the Department will enhance utilisation of existing sports facilities. Please inform this Committee of:

- (1) the specific plans to enhance utilisation of sports facilities; and
- (2) the breakdown of the specific expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon IP Kwok-him (Member Question No. 17)

Reply:

- (1) To encourage greater use of its sports facilities especially during non-peak hours, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to allow free use of selected sports facilities by schools, subvented non-government organisations, "national sports associations" and district sports associations during non-peak hours. Moreover, people with disabilities, citizens aged 60 or above and full-time students can enjoy concessionary rates in the use of selected sports facilities during peak and non-peak hours. The Public Swimming Pool Monthly Ticket Scheme is also available to make regular swimming in public swimming pools more affordable. In addition, the LCSD will continue to upgrade the standard of its sports facilities and organise large-scale promotional activities such as the Sport for All Day, as well as fun days, training courses and competitions to promote the use of facilities.
- (2) The LCSD carries out the above measures as part of its ongoing work through deployment of existing resources. The Department does not have a breakdown of the specific expenditure involved in implementing these measures.