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Question:

What are the details of the usage rates, user categories (including public booking and block booking) and their proportions of usage, and the types of activities involved concerning the sports facilities in indoor sports centres managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past year?

Some organisations told me that they had encountered difficulties in booking venues while the LCSD has indicated that it will continue to promote the utilisation of sports facilities. Has the Government reviewed the criteria for approving venue booking applications and the utilisation of venues? What are the improvement measures?

Asked by: Hon WONG Ting-kwong (Member Question No. 47)

Reply:

The average usage rate of the arena in sports centres managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2015 was 82%. The activities conducted in the arena include badminton (65%), basketball (22%), volleyball (11%) and other sports activities such as handball and table tennis (2%). Individual users and organisation hirers accounted for 69% and 31% respectively.

The LCSD keeps constant review of the booking and allocation arrangements of its sports facilities. Over the years, the LCSD has introduced administrative measures to improve the booking and allocation of sports facilities. Major improvement measures introduced include revising the booking quotas for organisations and individual users, revising the penalty system for organisations and implementation of penalty system for individual hirers to prevent abuse and optimise utilisation.

To cope with the growing demand from users as well as future service needs, the LCSD is conducting a feasibility study on the redevelopment of the Leisure Link System (LLS) to review the current LLS in a holistic manner and to identify room for improvement with a view to enhancing efficiency, customer-friendliness and transparency in the booking of

leisure facilities as well as the enrolment of recreation and sports programmes. Booking arrangement of sport facilities by organisations has been included in the feasibility study with a view to further enhancing the booking system and better use of resources.

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