

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Question:

Although the average usage rate of tennis courts has increased in recent years, it is still the lowest among all sports venues. Will the Department enhance the promotion of tennis or provide hire charge concessions to boost utilisation?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 63)

Reply:

To encourage greater use of tennis courts especially during non-peak hours, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to allow concessionary use of tennis court by schools, subvented non-government organisations, citizens aged 60 or above and full-time students during non-peak hours. Organisations for people with disabilities can also enjoy concessionary rates at all times. In addition, the LCSD will continue to upgrade the standard of its sports facilities and organise large-scale promotional activities such as Sport For All Day, as well as fun days, training courses and competitions to promote the use of facilities.

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