

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB540

(Question Serial No. 4662)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the usage rates of the recreation and sports facilities provided by the Government, please provide the following information:

- (1) the usage rates of the sports facilities or venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, by district, in the past three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16);
- (2) the ways to encourage the public to hire sports facilities or venues with an average usage rate below 60% (e.g. tennis courts and squash courts) in order to optimise utilisation; and
- (3) the plans and programmes to promote community sports, the estimated expenditure for 2016-17, and the details of the plans.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

- (1) The usage rates of major sports facilities managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past three years by district are set out at **Annexes I to V**.
- (2) The average usage rates of squash courts were increased from 58% in 2013 to 62% in both 2014 and 2015. As for tennis courts, the average usage rates were 60% in both 2014 and 2015 which was primarily because of their lower usage rates during non-peak hours and the relatively large supply of tennis courts in the public and private sectors. To encourage greater use of tennis courts especially during non-peak hours, the 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.

- (3) To promote sports in the community, the LCSD plans to organise about 38 000 programmes for some 2 220 000 participants in 2016-17 at an estimated cost of \$160 million. These programmes include district-based activities such as sports training courses, recreational activities, and competitions, as well as events such as the Corporate Games, Masters Games and Sport For All Day. To encourage wider and more regular participation in sport, the LCSD will continue to provide programmes to meet the needs of specific target groups, including parent-child training programmes in social dance, badminton and Ultimate; programmes targeting at young people such as BMX cycling, track cycling, sailing, canoeing and long distance run; and less physically demanding activities such as dance, body-mind stretch, and fitness walking for the physically less active population.

Usage of Sports Centres (Arena) from 2013 to 2015

District	Average Usage Rate (%)		
	2013	2014	2015
Hong Kong			
Central and Western	82%	82%	84%
Eastern	86%	87%	88%
Southern	73%	72%	73%
Wan Chai	87%	87%	86%
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	81%	81%	84%
Kwun Tong	79%	79%	81%
Sham Shui Po	81%	83%	85%
Wong Tai Sin	79%	81%	82%
Yau Tsim Mong	86%	87%	88%
New Territories			
Islands	60%	60%	61%
Kwai Tsing	81%	80%	80%
North	82%	77%	79%
Sai Kung	82%	80%	79%
Sha Tin	89%	89%	90%
Tai Po	82%	83%	84%
Tsuen Wan	85%	77%	85%
Tuen Mun	80%	78%	80%
Yuen Long	79%	79%	81%
TOTAL	81%	80%	82%

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Usage of Sports Grounds from 2013 to 2015

District	Average Usage Rate (%)		
	2013	2014	2015
Hong Kong			
Eastern	100%	100%	100%
Southern	100%	100%	100%
Wan Chai	96%	99%	93%
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	100%	100%	97%
Kwun Tong	100%	100%	100%
Sham Shui Po	100%	100%	100%
Wong Tai Sin	100%	100%	100%
New Territories			
Islands	92%	92%	96%
Kwai Tsing	100%	100%	100%
North	100%	100%	100%
Sai Kung	100%	100%	100%
Sha Tin	97%	98%	98%
Tai Po	100%	100%	100%
Tsuen Wan	100%	100%	100%
Tuen Mun	100%	100%	100%
Yuen Long	100%	96%	100%
TOTAL	99%	99%	99%

No sports ground is provided in Central and Western District and Yau Tsim Mong District.

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Usage of Artificial and Natural Turf Soccer Pitches from 2013 to 2015

District	Average Usage Rate (%)		
	2013	2014	2015
Hong Kong			
Central and Western	75%	77%	79%
Eastern	84%	82%	82%
Southern	75%	76%	77%
Wan Chai #	70%	72%	66%
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	74%	73%	72%
Kwun Tong *	76%	76%	76%
Sham Shui Po	82%	82%	78%
Wong Tai Sin @	72%	73%	71%
Yau Tsim Mong	86%	86%	81%
New Territories			
Islands	79%	79%	80%
Kwai Tsing	74%	79%	70%
North	71%	68%	65%
Sai Kung	62%	62%	56%
Sha Tin	70%	69%	69%
Tai Po	67%	69%	66%
Tuen Mun	74%	64%	61%
Yuen Long	-	60%	72%
TOTAL	74%	74%	72%

The usage rates of natural turf soccer pitches were 100% in the past three years. Furthermore, no artificial turf pitch is provided in Tsuen Wan District.

Two artificial turf soccer pitches at Happy Valley Recreation Ground in Wan Chai were converted from natural turf soccer pitch into artificial turf soccer pitch in August 2015.

* The artificial turf soccer pitch at Kwun Tong Recreation Ground in Kwun Tong District was opened in June 2015.

@ One artificial turf soccer pitch at Morse Park in Wong Tai Sin District was converted from natural turf soccer pitch into artificial turf soccer pitch in October 2015.

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Usage of Tennis Courts from 2013 to 2015

District	Average Usage Rate (%)		
	2013	2014	2015
Hong Kong			
Eastern	80%	80%	79%
Southern	80%	77%	71%
Wan Chai	80%	81%	77%
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	64%	59%	58%
Kwun Tong	54%	53%	53%
Sham Shui Po	60%	61%	60%
Wong Tai Sin	56%	55%	55%
Yau Tsim Mong	70%	69%	71%
New Territories			
Islands	18%	16%	17%
Kwai Tsing	44%	43%	44%
North	44%	40%	41%
Sai Kung	70%	71%	71%
Sha Tin	56%	57%	56%
Tai Po	59%	56%	56%
Tsuen Wan	48%	49%	50%
Tuen Mun	38%	36%	40%
Yuen Long	52%	49%	53%
TOTAL	61%	60%	60%

No tennis court is provided in Central and Western District.

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Usage of Squash Courts from 2013 to 2015

District	Average Usage Rate (%)		
	2013	2014	2015
Hong Kong			
Central and Western	50%	53%	55%
Eastern	65%	67%	69%
Southern	43%	50%	51%
Wan Chai	46%	53%	43%
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	41%	57%	59%
Kwun Tong	47%	56%	56%
Sham Shui Po	56%	61%	62%
Wong Tai Sin	59%	63%	62%
Yau Tsim Mong	63%	73%	74%
New Territories			
Islands	32%	34%	36%
Kwai Tsing	61%	63%	66%
North	75%	68%	71%
Sai Kung	60%	58%	55%
Sha Tin	74%	76%	76%
Tai Po	60%	60%	61%
Tsuen Wan	81%	82%	82%
Tuen Mun	60%	60%	62%
Yuen Long	54%	59%	62%
TOTAL	58%	62%	62%

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