

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

(a) Please list in the table below the usage rate of each natural turf pitch in Hong Kong.

Venue	Usage Rate

(b) What are the expenditure and staff establishment for the maintenance of natural turf pitches in the past year?

(c) Does the Government have any plan to build new natural turf pitches in 2016-17? If so, what are the details and the expenditures involved? If not, what are the reasons?

(d) Will any conversion or renovation works be carried out at the above natural turf pitches in 2016-17? If so, what are the details and the expenditures involved?

(e) Please list in the table below the usage rate of each artificial turf pitch in Hong Kong.

Venue	Second Generation Artificial Turf/ Third Generation Artificial Turf	Usage Rate

(f) What are the expenditure and staff establishment for the maintenance of artificial turf pitches in the past year?

(g) Does the Government have any plan to build new artificial turf pitches in 2016-17? If so, what are the details and the expenditures involved? If not, what are the reasons?

(h) Will any conversion or renovation works be carried out at the above artificial turf pitches in 2016-17? If so, what are the details and the expenditures involved?

- (i) Will the Government consider using the fourth generation artificial turf when building new artificial turf pitches or converting existing pitches into artificial turf pitches? If so, what are the details and the estimated expenditures? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 87)

Reply:

- (a) The usage rates of all natural turf pitches managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2015 was 100%.
- (b)&(f) As most of the natural and artificial turf pitches form part of the facilities provided in the public leisure venues such as parks and sports grounds, the LCSD does not have separate figures on the expenditure of individual pitches.
- (c) The LCSD is planning one new sports ground with natural turf pitch in Tuen Mun district in consultation with the District Council. Detailed implementation plan will be worked out in due course.
- (d) Aberdeen Sports Ground (Pitch No. 4) will be converted from natural turf to third generation artificial turf (3G) pitch in 2016-17. The estimated cost for the conversion work is about \$16 million.
- (e) The usage rates of artificial turf pitches managed by the LCSD in 2015 are set out at the Annex.
- (g) A 7-a-side 3G football pitch planned under an open space project at Hing Wah Street West in Sham Shui Po is under construction and will be completed by the third quarter of 2017. The approved project estimate is about \$122 million.
- (h) In 2016-17, on top of the conversion at Aberdeen Sports Ground, the LCSD plans to convert four older generation pitches to 3G pitches. They are Kwong Fuk Football Ground, Pak Fuk Tim Sum Playground, Quarry Bay Park and Po Tsui Park. The total estimated cost for these conversion projects is about \$69 million.
- (i) When building new artificial turf pitches or converting existing pitches into artificial turf pitches, the LCSD makes reference to the prevailing approved list of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) for soccer training or competitions. At present, products and designs generally referred to as “fourth generation” artificial turf are not on the prevailing approved list. The Department may consider putting on trial use of new turf system that meets with FIFA standard in selected venues.

## Usage of Artificial Turf Pitches in 2015

District	Venue	Second / Third Generation Artificial Turf	Usage Rate
<b>Hong Kong</b>			
Central & Western	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	Third	79%
Eastern	Quarry Bay Park	Second / Third	82%
Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground	Second / Third	66%
Southern	Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground	Third	77%
<b>Kowloon</b>			
Yau Tsim Mong	Boundary Street Recreation Ground	Second	74%
	Cherry Street Park	Third	88%
Sham Shui Po	Shek Kip Mei Park	Third	78%
Kowloon City	Kowloon Tsai Park	Third	72%
Wong Tai Sin	Lok Fu Recreation Ground	Second	74%
	Morse Park	Third	69%
	Po Kong Village Road Park	Third	72%
Kwun Tong	Kowloon Bay Park	Third	73%
	Kwun Tong Recreation Ground	Third	84%
	Shun Lee Tsuen Park	Third	77%
<b>New Territories</b>			
Islands	Man Tung Road Park	Third	80%
Kwai Tsing	Tsing Yi Northeast Park	Third	70%
Sha Tin	Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	Third	73%
	Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	Second	61%
Tai Po	Kwong Fuk Football Ground	Second	61%
	Kwong Fuk Park	Third	69%
Sai Kung	Po Tsui Park	Second	56%
North	Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground	Second	65%
Tuen Mun	Wu Shan Recreation Playground	Third	61%
Yuen Long	Tin Yip Road Park	Third	72%
<b>Total</b>			<b>72%</b>

No artificial turf pitch is provided in Tsuen Wan District.