

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB478

(Question Serial No. 4850)

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:

Did the Government conduct timely review of the usage rates of the leisure facilities, including standard sports grounds, heated swimming pools, cycling parks and indoor sports centres, in all the 18 districts in the past five years? If so, what were the details and the expenditures involved? Did the Government conduct public consultations in all the 18 districts in the past five years on the provision of additional recreation and sports facilities? If so, what were the details and the expenditures involved? Does the Government have any plans to review the usage rates of the leisure facilities, including standard sports grounds, heated swimming pools, cycling parks and indoor sports centres, in all the 18 districts in 2016-17? If so, what are the details and the estimated expenditures involved? Does the Government have any plans to conduct public consultations in all the 18 districts in 2016-17 on the provision of additional recreation and sports facilities? If so, what are the details and the estimated expenditures involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) keeps the usage rates of various sports facilities under regular review. The usage rates of sports grounds, arena of sports centres and heated public swimming pools in the past 5 years (from 2011 to 2015) are set out at the **Annex**. As cycling grounds can be used without booking, the LCSD does not have usage statistics for the facilities. It is expected that the usage rates of the facilities in 2016 will be maintained at similar levels as in 2015.

In planning new recreation and sports facilities, the LCSD consults relevant District Councils and other stakeholders on the scope of works and the design of the proposed venues. The review on usage rates and the consultation exercises are carried out as part of the ongoing work of the LCSD through deployment of existing resources and manpower.

The Sports Commission has also set up the Working Group on Sports Facilities in 2015 to further study the demand and development of sports facilities.

Annex to Reply Serial No. HAB478

**Usage of Sports Centres, Sports Grounds and
Attendance of Heated Public Swimming Pools from 2011 to 2015**

Type of facilities	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015	
	No. of Venues	Usage/ Admission	No. of Venues	Usage/ Admission	No. of Venues	Usage/ Admission	No. of Venues	Usage/ Admission	No. of Venues	Usage/ Admission
Sports Centres (Arena) @	89	78%	92	79%	92	81%	93	80%	94	82%
Sports Grounds	25	99%	25	99%	25	99%	25	99%	25	99%
Heated Public Swimming Pools (number of admission)	20	5 904 738	22	6 873 556	24	9 052 809	24	9 622 353	24	10 198 946

@ Ho Man Tin Sports Centre and Luen Wo Hui Sports Centre do not have an arena.

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