

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****HAB189****(Question Serial No. 1241)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

1. Please provide the monthly average usage rates of Wan Chai Sports Ground in the past year.
2. It is proposed in the Policy Address that Wan Chai Sports Ground be demolished for the development of convention and exhibition venues. Will the provision of a back-up sports ground be secured first so that track and field athletes will not lose a training ground? If so, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan (Member Question No. 22)Reply:

1. The monthly usage rates of the Wan Chai Sports Ground (WCSG) in the past year are listed below:

2016	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Overall
Usage Rate (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	100	100	100	87	65	47	66	venue closed <sup>(2)</sup>	100	100	100	100	89

Notes:

- (1) The usage includes athletics meets, competitions, training and other non-designated use activities.
  - (2) The venue was temporarily closed for turf and facilities maintenance from 11 July 2016 to 15 September 2016.
2. The Hong Kong Trade Development Council will conduct a feasibility study on the proposal to use WCSG for comprehensive development. The Government is aware of the sports sector's concerns about the reprovisioning of athletic facilities and will

continue to listen to the views of different sectors and the District Councils. The Government will take into account findings of the feasibility study and views collected in considering the way forward.

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