

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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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 (LCSD), by district, in the past 3 years; and
- (2) Given the lack of sports facilities, members of the public find it difficult to book the facilities of the LCSD, thus giving rise to touting activities. What measures does the Government have to eliminate touting activities? If so, please list the touting cases identified in the past 3 years and details of the follow-up action.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

- (1) The usage rates of major sports facilities managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 3 years by district are set out at Annexes I to V.
- (2) Over the years, LCSD has introduced administrative measures and system enhancements to improve the booking and allocation of sports facilities through the Leisure Link System. Measures implemented include the shortening of the advance booking period for individual hirers; re-registration of Leisure Link Patrons using their Hong Kong identity cards to prevent hirers from using multiple identity proofs to make booking; cancellation of the "standby" arrangement for turf soccer pitches; tightening the peak period booking quota for individual users; tightening the penalty system for organisations; and introducing a penalty system for hirers. Apart from the above measures, the identity documents of the hirers have been verified strictly by the venue staff. LCSD has no confirmed touting cases in the past 3 years.

In his 2017 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that LCSD will develop a new intelligent booking system for Hong Kong's public sports and recreation services to allow more efficient, convenient and user-friendly booking of the sports and recreational facilities and enrolment services provided by LCSD, thereby encouraging members of the public to exercise regularly and lead a healthy lifestyle. The new system will also enable a more efficient allocation of sports facilities in great demand, in particular for turf football pitches and multi-purpose arena in sports centres in peak hours.

Usage of sports centres (Arena) from 2014 to 2016

District	Average Usage Rate (%)		
	2014	2015	2016
Hong Kong			
Central and Western	82%	84%	86%
Eastern	87%	88%	88%
Southern	72%	73%	76%
Wan Chai	87%	86%	86%
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	81%	84%	88%
Kwun Tong	79%	81%	84%
Sham Shui Po	83%	85%	88%
Wong Tai Sin	81%	82%	86%
Yau Tsim Mong	87%	88%	92%
New Territories			
Islands	60%	61%	65%
Kwai Tsing	80%	80%	83%
North	77%	79%	82%
Sai Kung	80%	79%	82%
Sha Tin	89%	90%	92%
Tai Po	83%	84%	85%
Tsuen Wan	77%	85%	88%
Tuen Mun	78%	80%	82%
Yuen Long	79%	81%	85%
TOTAL	80%	82%	85%

Usage of sports grounds from 2014 to 2016

District	Average Usage Rate (%)		
	2014	2015	2016
Hong Kong			
Eastern	100%	100%	100%
Southern	100%	100%	100%
Wan Chai	99%	93%	97%
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	100%	97%	100%
Kwun Tong	100%	100%	100%
Sham Shui Po	100%	100%	100%
Wong Tai Sin	100%	100%	100%
New Territories			
Islands	92%	96%	94%
Kwai Tsing	100%	100%	100%
North	100%	100%	100%
Sai Kung	100%	100%	100%
Sha Tin	98%	98%	99%
Tai Po	100%	100%	100%
Tsuen Wan	100%	100%	100%
Tuen Mun	100%	100%	100%
Yuen Long	96%	100%	100%
TOTAL	99%	99%	99%

Note

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

Usage of turf pitches from 2014 to 2016

District	Average Usage Rate (%)		
	2014	2015	2016
Hong Kong			
Central and Western	76%	79%	77%
Eastern	83%	83%	85%
Southern	76%	79%	71%
Wan Chai	74%	70%	74%
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	82%	81%	84%
Kwun Tong	81%	78%	78%
Sham Shui Po	89%	86%	85%
Wong Tai Sin	75%	72%	72%
Yau Tsim Mong	86%	81%	77%
New Territories			
Islands	79%	80%	76%
Kwai Tsing	84%	76%	70%
North	73%	70%	78%
Sai Kung	67%	61%	56%
Sha Tin	74%	76%	72%
Tai Po	70%	68%	70%
Tsuen Wan	100%	99%	99%
Tuen Mun	70%	68%	68%
Yuen Long	82%	77%	79%
TOTAL	77%	75%	75%

Note

As natural and artificial turf pitches are used inter-changeably to support the same types of sports and functions, their average usage rates are presented as one item for easier interpretation.

Usage of tennis courts from 2014 to 2016

District	Average Usage Rate (%)		
	2014	2015	2016
Hong Kong			
Eastern	80%	79%	77%
Southern	77%	71%	73%
Wan Chai	81%	77%	80%
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	59%	58%	60%
Kwun Tong	53%	53%	56%
Sham Shui Po	61%	60%	64%
Wong Tai Sin	55%	55%	57%
Yau Tsim Mong	69%	71%	72%
New Territories			
Islands	16%	17%	17%
Kwai Tsing	43%	44%	47%
North	40%	41%	44%
Sai Kung	71%	71%	72%
Sha Tin	57%	56%	57%
Tai Po	56%	56%	57%
Tsuen Wan	49%	50%	55%
Tuen Mun	36%	40%	42%
Yuen Long	49%	53%	55%
TOTAL	60%	60%	62%

Notes

1. Due to revision of boundary between Eastern District and Wan Chai District, Victoria Park Tennis Court has been transferred from Eastern District to Wan Chai District with effect from 2016.
2. No Tennis Court is provided in Central and Western District.

Attendance at Public Swimming Pools from 2014 to 2016

District	Attendance		
	2014	2015	2016
Hong Kong			
Central and Western	642 792	691 097	629 375
Eastern ^{Note}	1 289 083	1 261 664	707 352
Southern	159 937	154 102	160 841
Wan Chai ^{Note}	633 398	703 355	1 349 399
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	532 155	534 148	500 023
Kwun Tong	1 531 139	1 568 898	1 649 464
Sham Shui Po	1 152 390	1 168 381	1 207 882
Wong Tai Sin	593 170	616 353	606 616
Yau Tsim Mong	1 096 883	1 146 840	1 111 667
New Territories			
Islands	327 702	331 173	321 542
Kwai Tsing	538 525	541 071	558 376
North	351 676	414 143	420 412
Sai Kung	514 619	537 538	559 685
Sha Tin	1 030 570	1 070 588	1 071 042
Tai Po	308 844	308 289	317 830
Tsuen Wan	494 650	665 575	689 607
Tuen Mun	812 088	844 434	880 899
Yuen Long	917 497	962 625	1 014 244
TOTAL	12 927 118	13 520 274	13 756 256

Note

Due to revision of boundary between Eastern District and Wan Chai District, Victoria Park Swimming Pool has been transferred from Eastern District to Wan Chai District with effect from 2016.