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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:

Regarding the sports centres managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, please inform this Committee of:

- a) the proportions of usage of the sports centres in each district for major sports events, variety shows, pop concerts and conferences over the past 3 years;
- b) whether the Government has drawn up any criteria and procedures for approving the usage of the sports centres; and
- c) whether the Government has reviewed the terms and policies regarding the hire of the sports centres in the districts.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

The arena of indoor sports centres managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is mainly used by individuals and organisations for sports activities including badminton, basketball, volleyball, handball, netball, indoor tennis, table tennis and sports climbing. The proportion of usage of the arena for sports activities accounted for 99.6%, 99.3% and 99.1% in 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively.

LCSD has well-established criteria and procedures on the booking and allocation of leisure facilities under its management. Such procedures have been promulgated and uploaded onto the relevant website to enhance transparency and openness. LCSD will continue to keep the criteria and procedures under constant review to optimise utilisation and prevent abuse.

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