

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB210****(Question Serial No. 1030)**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:

Please provide in the table below information on the planning standards and provision of open spaces and major community facilities in the planning areas of the 18 districts.

Facility	Number of facilities required based on population standard	Provision of facilities		Surplus/ Shortage (Including planned provision)
		Current provision	Including planned provision	
1. District Open Space				
2. Local Open Space				
3. Sports Centre				
4. Sports Complex / Sports Ground				
5. Standard Swimming Pool				
6. Library				
7. Magistracy				
8. 8 Courtroom				

Asked by: Hon LAW Kwun-chung, Nathan (Member Question No. 8)Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is involved in the planning and provision of sports, cultural and leisure facilities (i.e. items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6). It has no information on items 7 and 8. In planning new and improved sports and cultural facilities, the Government makes reference to not only the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG) but also other relevant considerations including the current provision of sports and cultural facilities at the territory-wide and district levels, the policy objective of sports and culture development, utilisation rates of existing facilities, demographic changes, the advice of District Councils, site availability and technical feasibility.

Details on HKPSG and the provision of sports, cultural and leisure facilities under the purview of LCSD are set out below –

Facility	Standards recommended by HKPSG	Number of facilities required based on population standard (Note 1)	Provision of facilities		Surplus/Shortage (including planned provision)
			Current provision	Including planned provision	
District Open Space	10 hectares per 100 000 persons	735.4	794.9	1 238.7	Surplus
Local Open Space (including open spaces managed by Housing Authority)	10 hectares per 100 000 persons	735.4	1 019.1	1178.2	Surplus
Sports Centre	1 per 50 000 – 65 000 persons	113.1	97	114 (Note 2)	Surplus
Sports Ground	1 per 200 000 – 250 000 persons	29.4	25	27 (Note 3)	Shortage
Standard Swimming Pool (with pools of 50m and/or 25m long)	1 per 287 000 persons	25.6	41	44	Surplus
Library	1 district library per 200 000 persons (Note 4)	37 district libraries (Note 4)	37 (Note 5)	38 (Note 6)	Surplus

Notes:

1. Based on the projected population in 2016.
2. In addition to the 8 new sports centres currently under construction, 2 new sports centre projects will be implemented and feasibility studies on 7 new sports centre projects will also be conducted in the coming 5 years as announced in the 2017 Policy Address. LCSD will continue to explore the feasibility of providing more sports centres.
3. As announced in the 2017 Policy Address, the Government plans to implement 2 sports ground projects and conduct feasibility studies on the improvement of 2 sports grounds. LCSD will continue to explore the feasibility of providing more sports grounds.
4. According to HKPSG, 1 district library should be provided for each district and a district library should be provided for every 200 000 persons. Where appropriate, the Government will consider providing a major library in lieu of two district libraries for a district with a population of 400 000 persons.
5. The 37 public libraries comprise 6 major libraries and 31 district libraries, excluding the Hong Kong Central Library (1), 32 small libraries and 12 mobile libraries. As at December 2016, the public library system comprises 82 libraries (including 70 static libraries and 12 mobile libraries).

6. Including a new district library in the North West Kowloon Reclamation Area Site 6. Its works are expected to be completed in early 2020.

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