

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB214****(Question Serial No. 1267)**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:

It is mentioned in the Targets under this Programme that “average usage rate of natural and artificial turf pitches” replaces the previous targets “average usage rate of natural turf pitches” and “average usage rate of artificial turf pitches” as from 2017. 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. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) The numbers of international football matches held at local football pitches in the past 3 years broken down by natural and artificial turf pitches;
- (2) The numbers of major local football matches held at local football pitches in the past 3 years broken down by natural and artificial turf pitches;
- (3) The numbers of international and major local football matches planned to be held at local football pitches in 2017-18 broken down by natural and artificial turf pitches.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 19)Reply:

- (1)&(2) The number of international and major local football matches held at natural and artificial turf pitches in the past 3 years is set out below -

Year	2014		2015		2016	
	International Matches	Major Local Matches [#]	International Matches	Major Local Matches [#]	International Matches	Major Local Matches [#]
Natural turf pitch	22	114	19	112	18	135
Artificial turf pitch	0	71	0	92	18	41

- (3) The number of international and major local football matches to be held at natural and artificial turf pitches in 2017-18 is set out below -

Type of facilities	International Matches	Major Local Matches[#]
Natural turf pitch	15	121
Artificial turf pitch	0	43

Notes:

[#] Major local matches refer to matches of the Hong Kong Premier League, Sapling Cup, FA Cup, Senior Shield and First Division.

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