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Question:

1. Please tabulate the details of the testing on toxic material conducted in each of artificial turf pitches under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past 5 years, the number of such testing and the expenditure involved.
2. Please tabulate the details of the testing on toxic material expected to be conducted in each of the artificial turf pitches under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2017-18, the number of such testing and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

The artificial turf systems (including their rubber infill materials) used in the third generation (3G) artificial turf pitches managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are in compliance with the requirements of Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). Similar products are commonly used throughout the world. Both the Hong Kong Football Association and Hong Kong Rugby Union support the use and additional provision of 3G artificial turf pitches.

LCSD has formed a new committee, comprising representatives of relevant departments and "national sports associations" as well as experts, to review the current standards, requirements and practices for the design, construction, installation, operation and maintenance of artificial turf pitches in venues managed by LCSD. The findings and recommendations of the committee will be taken into account in the planning and maintenance of artificial turf pitches in the future.