

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB539

(Question Serial No. 3939)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)

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, by district, in the past 3 years;
- 2) the ways to encourage the public to hire sports facilities or venues with an average usage rate below 60% (e.g. tennis courts and squash courts) in order to optimise utilisation; and
- 3) the plans and programmes to promote community sports, the estimated expenditure for 2017-18, and the details of the plans.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 110)

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 IV**.
- 2) To encourage greater use of sports facilities, LCSD will continue to allow concessionary use of the facilities by schools, subvented non-government organisations, citizens aged 60 or above and full-time students during non-peak hours. Organisations for people with disabilities can also enjoy concessionary rates at all times. In addition, LCSD will continue to upgrade the standard of its sports facilities and organise large-scale promotional events such as Sport For All Day, as well as fun days, training courses and competitions to promote the use of facilities.
- 3) To promote sports in the community, LCSD plans to organise about 38 000 programmes for some 2 600 000 participants in 2017-18 at an estimated cost of \$180 million. These programmes include district-based activities such as sports

training courses, recreational activities, and competitions, as well as events such as the Corporate Games, Masters Games, Hong Kong Games and Sport For All Day. To encourage wider and more regular participation in sport, LCSD will continue to provide programmes to meet the needs of specific target groups, including parent-child training programmes in social dance, badminton and Ultimate; programmes targeting at young people such as BMX cycling, track cycling, sailing, canoeing and long distance run; and less physically demanding activities such as dance, body-mind stretch, and fitness walking for the physically less active population.

Annex I to Reply Serial No. HAB539

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%

Note

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.

No tennis court is provided in Central and Western District.