

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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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 (LCSD), by district, in the past 3 years;
- (2) Given the lack of sports facilities, members of the public find it difficult to book the facilities of the LCSD, thus giving rise to touting activities. Please state the Government's measures for eliminating touting activities; and
- (3) The statistics of substantiated touting cases in breach of the conditions of use of venues, the number of such cases resulting in suspension of the right to book recreation and sports facilities, and the average number of days of suspension in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 25)

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 V**.
- (2) & (3) Over the years, LCSD has introduced administrative measures and system enhancements to improve the booking and allocation of sports facilities through the Leisure Link System. Measures implemented include the shortening of the advance booking period for individual hirers; re-registration of Leisure Link Patrons using their Hong Kong identity cards to prevent hirers from using multiple identity proofs to make booking; cancellation of the "standby" arrangement for turf soccer pitches; tightening the peak period booking quota for individual users; tightening the penalty system for organisations; and introducing

a penalty system for hirers. Apart from the above measures, the identity documents of the hirers have been verified strictly by the venues staff.

On 6 February 2018, 2 new measures were launched to further combat touting activities. Cancelled sessions by hirers are no longer available for booking immediately through the Leisure Link System but on the following day after the cancellation to prevent any person from cancelling the booked sessions and immediately transferring the same for touting activities. Furthermore, the Leisure Link telephone booking service will be ceased with effect from 1 April 2018 to prevent touting activities that involve abuse of the existing arrangement under which a hirer could confirm a booking by payment within 3 days. More measures are being explored and planned to be launched to combat touting activities. LCSD has no confirmed touting cases in the past 3 years.

## Usage of sports centres (arena) from 2015 to 2017

District	Average Usage Rate (%)		
	2015	2016	2017
<b>Hong Kong</b>			
Central and Western	84%	86%	87%
Eastern	88%	88%	88%
Southern	73%	76%	79%
Wan Chai	86%	86%	86%
<b>Kowloon</b>			
Kowloon City	84%	88%	89%
Kwun Tong	81%	84%	84%
Sham Shui Po	85%	88%	89%
Wong Tai Sin	82%	86%	87%
Yau Tsim Mong	88%	92%	92%
<b>New Territories</b>			
Islands	61%	65%	63%
Kwai Tsing	80%	83%	82%
North	79%	82%	80%
Sai Kung	79%	82%	82%
Sha Tin	90%	92%	90%
Tai Po	84%	85%	85%
Tsuen Wan	85%	88%	89%
Tuen Mun	80%	82%	83%
Yuen Long	81%	85%	84%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>85%</b>

## Usage of sports grounds from 2015 to 2017

District	Average Usage Rate (%)		
	2015	2016	2017
<b>Hong Kong</b>			
Eastern	100%	100%	100%
Southern	100%	100%	100%
Wan Chai	93%	97%	99%
<b>Kowloon</b>			
Kowloon City	97%	100%	100%
Kwun Tong	100%	100%	100%
Sham Shui Po	100%	100%	100%
Wong Tai Sin	100%	100%	100%
<b>New Territories</b>			
Islands	96%	94%	95%
Kwai Tsing	100%	100%	100%
North	100%	100%	100%
Sai Kung	100%	100%	100%
Sha Tin	98%	99%	100%
Tai Po	100%	100%	100%
Tsuen Wan	100%	100%	100%
Tuen Mun	100%	100%	100%
Yuen Long	100%	100%	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>

Note

No sports ground is provided in Central and Western District and Yau Tsim Mong District.

## Usage of turf pitches from 2015 to 2017

District	Average Usage Rate (%)		
	2015	2016	2017
<b>Hong Kong</b>			
Central and Western	79%	77%	74%
Eastern	83%	85%	81%
Southern	79%	71%	69%
Wan Chai	70%	74%	69%
<b>Kowloon</b>			
Kowloon City	81%	84%	86%
Kwun Tong	78%	78%	77%
Sham Shui Po	86%	85%	84%
Wong Tai Sin	72%	72%	72%
Yau Tsim Mong	81%	77%	73%
<b>New Territories</b>			
Islands	80%	76%	71%
Kwai Tsing	76%	70%	71%
North	70%	78%	75%
Sai Kung	61%	56%	70%
Sha Tin	76%	72%	69%
Tai Po	68%	70%	68%
Tsuen Wan	99%	99%	98%
Tuen Mun	68%	68%	65%
Yuen Long	77%	79%	79%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>74%</b>

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 2015 to 2017

District	Average Usage Rate (%)		
	2015	2016	2017
<b>Hong Kong</b>			
Eastern*	79%	77%	77%
Southern	71%	73%	77%
Wan Chai*	77%	80%	81%
<b>Kowloon</b>			
Kowloon City	58%	60%	61%
Kwun Tong	53%	56%	55%
Sham Shui Po	60%	64%	66%
Wong Tai Sin	55%	57%	57%
Yau Tsim Mong	71%	72%	72%
<b>New Territories</b>			
Islands	17%	17%	18%
Kwai Tsing	44%	47%	51%
North	41%	44%	47%
Sai Kung	71%	72%	71%
Sha Tin	56%	57%	57%
Tai Po	56%	57%	60%
Tsuen Wan	50%	55%	54%
Tuen Mun	40%	42%	43%
Yuen Long	53%	55%	55%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>63%</b>

\* 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.

Note

No tennis court is provided in Central and Western District.

## Attendance at public swimming pools from 2015 to 2017

District	Attendance		
	2015	2016	2017
<b>Hong Kong</b>			
Central and Western	691 097	629 375	919 708
Eastern*	1 261 664	707 352	722 315
Southern	154 102	160 841	166 259
Wan Chai*	703 355	1 349 399	1 348 938
<b>Kowloon</b>			
Kowloon City	534 148	500 023	525 904
Kwun Tong	1 568 898	1 649 464	1 694 917
Sham Shui Po	1 168 381	1 207 882	1 236 231
Wong Tai Sin	616 353	606 616	604 363
Yau Tsim Mong	1 146 840	1 111 667	1 104 361
<b>New Territories</b>			
Islands	331 173	321 542	303 016
Kwai Tsing	541 071	558 376	616 861
North	414 143	420 412	460 909
Sai Kung	537 538	559 685	550 343
Sha Tin	1 070 588	1 071 042	1 082 307
Tai Po	308 289	317 830	319 802
Tsuen Wan	665 575	689 607	706 134
Tuen Mun	844 434	880 899	925 772
Yuen Long	962 625	1 014 244	1 020 583
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13 520 274</b>	<b>13 756 256</b>	<b>14 308 723</b>

\* Due to revision of boundary between Eastern District and Wan Chai District, Victoria Park Swimming Pool has been transferred from Eastern District to Wan Chai District with effect from 2016.

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