

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5336)**

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses  
Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports  
Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)  
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

At the meeting of the Finance Committee on 12 January 2018, the Government indicated that EPDM was used on a trial basis as infills for the artificial turf football pitch at Po Tsui Park in Tseung Kwan O, and was intended to be used as infills for the 7-a-side artificial turf football pitch at Hing Wah Street West Open Space in Sham Shui Po. In addition, in its reply to this committee's written question last year (Reply Serial No. HAB473), the Government stated that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) had formed a committee to review the current standards, requirements and practices for the design, construction, installation, operation and maintenance of artificial turf pitches in venues managed by the LCSD. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. When did the Government begin using EPDM on a trial basis as infills at Po Tsui Park in Tseung Kwan O and what was the additional expenditure involved?
2. What implications does using EPDM as infills for the 7-a-side artificial turf football pitch at Hing Wah Street West Open Space in Sham Shui Po have on project cost and recurrent expenditure on future maintenance?
3. The list of committee members, number of meetings convened since its formation, members' attendance rates, expected completion time of the review and the expenditure required for the operation of the committee.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 100)

Reply:

1. & 2. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is using/will use Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer (EPDM) as infill materials on a trial basis for selected venues including Po Tsui Park in Tseung Kwan O and the open space project at Hing Wah Street West in Sham Shui Po. Generally speaking, the non-recurrent cost of using EPDM infill materials will be higher than that for Styrene Butadiene Rubber (SBR) infill materials. The actual increase of cost

depends on the price level of EPDM infill materials quoted and accepted at the tender stage of individual projects.

Regarding the Po Tsui Park project, the refurbishment works of artificial turf pitch was completed and open for public use in August 2017. The additional non-recurrent cost for the use of EPDM infill was estimated at \$1.75 million, which was absorbed within the approved project estimate. As regards the artificial turf pitch at Hing Wah Street West in Sham Shui Po, the notional additional non-recurrent cost for the use of EPDM infill was estimated at \$1.5 million, which was absorbed within the approved project estimate.

3. The membership of the Committee on Artificial Turf Pitches (Committee) is at **Annex**. Four meetings had been held with full attendance. The overall review is targeted to be completed in the first half of 2018. The operation of the Committee does not involve additional cost.

**Committee on Artificial Turf Pitches**

**Membership**

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