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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Question:

The LCSD stated in 2017-18 that a new committee, comprising representatives of relevant departments and national sports associations as well as experts, had been formed 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. The findings and recommendations of the committee would be taken into account in the planning and maintenance of artificial turf pitches in the future.

1. What is the work progress of the committee? Please provide the list of committee members, attendance records and the dates of meetings;
2. What are the findings of the review on the current standards for artificial turf pitches in venues managed by the LCSD?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 251)

Reply:

1. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has formed the Committee on Artificial Turf Pitches (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 membership of the Committee is at Annex. Four meetings were held on 15 March, 24 May, 15 August and 25 October 2017, with full attendance. The overall review is targeted to be completed in the first half of 2018.
2. The artificial turf systems (including their rubber infill materials) used in the third generation (3G) artificial turf pitches (ATP) managed by LCSD are in compliance with the requirements of Fédération Internationale de Football Association. 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. For enhancing the provision of quality 3G ATPs, the

Committee reviewed and discussed the prevailing arrangements and good practices on the materials, procurement, maintenance and refurbishment for 3G ATPs 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.

Committee on Artificial Turf Pitches

Membership

Chairman

Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services)

Members

Professor CHAN Yan-keung, Thomas

Professor LAM Hon-wah, Michael

Representative of the Hong Kong Football Association

Representative of the Hong Kong Rugby Union

Representative of the Architectural Services Department

Representative of the Department of Health

Representative of the Government Laboratory

Representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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