

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB110****(Question Serial No. 1247)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

- a) Please provide the overall expenditure for the maintenance and repair of public leisure venues in the past 10 years.
- b) Please list in the table below the establishment, ranks of staff and amount of expenditure involved in the maintenance and repair of public leisure venues in the past 10 years.

Rank	Establishment	Expenditure

- c) Please list in the table below the usage rate of i) natural turf pitches, ii) artificial turf pitches, and iii) 5-a-side and 7-a-side hard-surfaced soccer pitches.

Venue	Usage Rate

- d) Please provide the expenditure for the promotion of futsal in the past 5 years.
- e) Please list in the table below the latest year when the artificial turf of each artificial turf pitch was replaced.

Venue	Year of Replacement

- f) The Government indicated last year that the Committee on Artificial Turf Pitches would complete its overall review in the first half of 2018. What is the work progress of the Committee? Please provide the dates of meetings and the attendance rate of each member since the establishment of the Committee.
- g) How many cases involving touting activities related to leisure facilities and venues were handled in the past year and what were the follow-up actions? What

improvement measures will be taken regarding the loopholes of the booking system launched last year?

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

- a) & b) As maintenance and repair works of public pleasure grounds managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are undertaken by respective technical departments such as the Architectural Services Department and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, LCSD does not have the details on the manpower and expenditures involved in the past 10 years.
- c) As the 5-a-side and 7-a-side hard surfaced soccer pitches can be used without booking, LCSD does not have usage statistics for these facilities. The usage rates of natural and artificial turf pitches managed by LCSD in 2018 are set out at **Annex I**.
- d) In the past 5 years, the subvention provided by LCSD to the Hong Kong Football Association Limited under the Sports Subvention Scheme to promote futsal activities under the Sports Subvention Scheme are as follows –

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
\$905,476	\$2,604,584	\$3,035,975	\$2,935,806	\$3,763,662

- e) LCSD, in conjunction with relevant works departments, conduct regular maintenance of the turf pitches under its purview. As regards replacement of the entire pitch, the latest year when the artificial turf of each artificial turf pitch was replaced is set out at **Annex II**.
- f) The membership of the Committee on Artificial Turf Pitches is at **Annex III**. Four meetings had been held with full attendance. The overall review has been completed. The report is under preparation which is targeted to be completed in the first half of 2019.
- g) 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. LCSD also implemented various new measures in 2018 to combat touting activities, such as posting the information of cancelled sessions on LCSD website before releasing the available sessions for re-booking on the next day; cessation of the telephone booking system; cessation of booking on behalf of another person using a copy of other’s identity document at Leisure Link booking counters and implementing the “Turf Soccer Pitches Balloting Pilot Scheme”. Apart from the

above measures, the identity documents of the hirers have been verified strictly by the venue staff. LCSD received a total of 53 complaints in the past year but no complaint was found substantiated after investigation. LCSD is closely monitoring the situation and actively exploring more anti-touting measures.

Usage rates of natural and artificial turf pitches in 2018

District	Venue⁽¹⁾	NTP / 2G / 3G⁽²⁾	Overall Usage
Hong Kong			
Central and Western	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	3G	78%
Eastern	Quarry Bay Park	3G	80%
	Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground	NTP	100%
Southern	Aberdeen Sports Ground	NTP/3G	72%
	Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground	3G	63%
Wan Chai	Causeway Bay Sports Ground	NTP	100%
	Happy Valley Recreation Ground	NTP / 2G / 3G	64%
	So Kon Po Recreation Ground	NTP	100%
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	Ho Man Tin East Service Reservoir Playground	NTP	87%
	Kowloon Tsai Park	NTP / 3G	80%
	Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground	NTP	93%
	Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground	NTP	95%
Kwun Tong	Kowloon Bay Park	3G	69%
	Kowloon Bay Sports Ground	NTP	95%
	Kwun Tong Recreation Ground	3G	91%
	Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground	NTP	98%
	Shun Lee Tsuen Park	3G	71%
	Wai Lok Street Temporary Soccer Pitch	NTP	77%
Sham Shui Po	Hing Wah Street West Playground	3G	77%
	Sham Shui Po Sports Ground	NTP	100%
	Shek Kip Mei Park	3G	76%
	Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground	NTP	100%
Wong Tai Sin	Hammer Hill Road Sports Ground	NTP	86%
	Lok Fu Recreation Ground	2G	71%
	Morse Park	3G	69%
	Po Kong Village Road Park	3G	73%
Yau Tsim Mong	Boundary Street Recreation Ground	2G	64%
	Cherry Street Park	3G	79%

District	Venue ⁽¹⁾	NTP / 2G / 3G ⁽²⁾	Overall Usage
New Territories			
Islands	Man Tung Road Park	3G	74%
Kwai Tsing	Kwai Chung Sports Ground	NTP	97%
	Tsing Yi Northeast Park	3G	61%
	Tsing Yi Sports Ground	NTP	100%
	Wo Yi Hop Road Sports Ground	NTP	94%
North	Fanling Recreation Ground (Stage I)	NTP	95%
	Kwu Tung Grass Soccer Pitch	NTP	78%
	North District Sports Ground	NTP	90%
	Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground	3G	67%
Sai Kung	Po Tsui Park	3G	65%
	Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	NTP	57%
	Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground	NTP	100%
Sha Tin	Hin Tin Playground	NTP	86%
	Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	3G	58%
	Ma On Shan Sports Ground	NTP	92%
	Sha Tin Sports Ground	NTP	95%
	Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	3G	73%
Tai Po	Kwong Fuk Football Ground	3G	70%
	Kwong Fuk Park	3G	63%
	Tai Po Sports Ground	NTP	100%
Tsuen Wan	Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground	NTP	93%
	Tsuen Wan Riviera Park	NTP	94%
Tuen Mun	Siu Lun Sports Ground	NTP	79%
	Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	NTP	90%
	Wu Shan Recreation Playground	3G	58%
Yuen Long	Tin Shui Wai Sports Ground	NTP	100%
	Tin Yip Road Park	3G	70%
	Yuen Long Stadium	NTP	100%
		Total	72%

Notes

(1) Usage rates of Hong Kong Stadium and Mong Kok Stadium are excluded.

(2) NTP : Natural turf pitch

2G : Second generation artificial turf pitch

3G : Third generation artificial turf pitch

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Last replacement of artificial turf pitches

Pitch	Year of Last Replacement / Opening
1. Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	2004*
2. Cherry Street Park	2005*
3. Kowloon Bay Park (7-a-side)	2005*
4. Kwong Fuk Park	2005*
5. Man Tung Road Park	2005*
6. Boundary Street Recreation Ground	2007
7. Kowloon Tsai Park Pitch No. 2	2007#
8. Morse Park Artificial Pitch No. 1	2007#
9. Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground Pitch No. 3	2007#
10. Po Kong Village Road Park Pitch No. 1	2010
11. Po Kong Village Road Park Pitch No. 2	2010
12. Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	2010
13. Tsing Yi Northeast Park	2010*
14. Shek Kip Mei Park	2011#
15. Morse Park Artificial Pitch No. 3	2012
16. Morse Park Pitch No. 2	2012
17. Wu Shan Recreation Playground	2012
18. Happy Valley Recreation Ground Pitch No. 6	2013
19. Quarry Bay Park Pitch No. 2	2013
20. Shun Lee Tsuen Park Artificial Pitch	2013
21. Kowloon Bay Park (11-a-side)	2014
22. Lok Fu Recreation Ground	2014
23. Tin Yip Road Park	2014
24. Happy Valley Recreation Ground Pitch No. 3	2015
25. Happy Valley Recreation Ground Pitch No. 4	2015

Pitch	Year of Last Replacement / Opening
26. Kowloon Tsai Park Pitch No. 1	2015
27. Kwun Tong Recreation Ground	2015
28. Morse Park Mini-soccer Pitch	2015
29. Happy Valley Recreation Ground Pitch No. 2	2016
30. Kwong Fuk Football Ground	2016
31. Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground	2016
32. Quarry Bay Park Pitch No. 1	2016
33. Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	2016
34. Aberdeen Sports Ground Artificial Turf Pitch No. 4	2017
35. Happy Valley Recreation Ground Pitch No. 1	2017
36. Happy Valley Recreation Ground Pitch No. 10	2017
37. Happy Valley Recreation Ground Pitch No. 8	2017
38. Happy Valley Recreation Ground Pitch No. 9	2017
39. Po Tsui Park	2017
40. Hing Wah Street West Playground	2018

Notes

* Replacement of artificial turf will be held in 2019.

Replacement of artificial turf will be held in 2020.

Committee on Artificial Turf Pitches

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