

**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:

1. What is the total expenditure on the improvement of the Leisure Link computerised booking system last year?
2. Please provide the following figures about indoor sports grounds, by the 18 districts, in the past 3 years:
  - a. total booking rate;
  - b. booking rate during non-peak hours;
  - c. booking rate during peak hours;
  - d. percentage of no-show;
3. Please provide the following figures about outdoor sports grounds, by the 18 districts, in the past 3 years:
  - a. total booking rate;
  - b. booking rate during non-peak hours;
  - c. booking rate during peak hours;
  - d. percentage of no-show;
4. Please provide the following figures about organisations eligible for priority booking:
  - a. total booking rate;
  - b. booking rate during non-peak hours;
  - c. booking rate during peak hours;
5. How many touting cases has the Government handled?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 214)

Reply:

1. The total expenditure on the improvement of the Leisure Link computerised booking system in 2018-19 is about \$1.3 million.
2. The usage rates of sports centres (arena) managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 3 years by district are set out at **Annex I**. The total numbers of “no show” sessions for arenas in sports centres in 2016, 2017 and 2018 are 39 700, 43 800 and 45 000 respectively.
3. The usage rates of sports grounds managed by LCSD in the past 3 years by district are set out at **Annex II**. Sports grounds are mainly booked by schools and organisations for holding athletic meets or major sports events. The utilisation rate is close to 100% and “no show” sessions are rare.
4. To balance the needs of different users for sports facilities, no more than one-third of the total peak-hour sessions available in the month may be allowed for block bookings by organisations (excluding the Home Affairs Bureau and LCSD), with not more than half the number of the facilities at each venue may be block booked at any one time. Sessions not taken up by block bookings will be made available for booking by individual users. During non-peak hours, not more than two-thirds of the number of courts may be block booked. LCSD does not have individual figures on the percentage of bookings by organisations.
5. LCSD implemented various new measures in 2018 to combat toutting 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 has no confirmed toutting cases in the past year. LCSD is closely monitoring the situation and actively exploring more anti-toutting measures.

**Usage of Sports Centres (Arena) from 2016 to 2018**

<b>District</b>	<b>2016</b>			<b>2017</b>			<b>2018</b>		
	<b>Peak Hours<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Non-Peak Hours<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Peak Hours<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Non-Peak Hours<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Peak Hours<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Non-Peak Hours<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>Hong Kong</b>									
Central and Western	94%	77%	86%	94%	78%	87%	96%	81%	89%
Eastern	96%	78%	88%	97%	78%	88%	97%	80%	89%
Southern	90%	58%	76%	92%	63%	79%	90%	62%	77%
Wan Chai	92%	79%	86%	92%	78%	86%	95%	81%	89%
<b>Kowloon</b>									
Kowloon City	97%	78%	88%	97%	80%	89%	97%	81%	90%
Kwun Tong	95%	70%	84%	95%	71%	84%	96%	73%	85%
Sham Shui Po	95%	80%	88%	95%	80%	89%	96%	84%	91%
Wong Tai Sin	96%	74%	86%	96%	75%	87%	97%	77%	88%
Yau Tsim Mong	96%	87%	92%	96%	86%	92%	97%	88%	93%
<b>New Territories</b>									
Islands	74%	54%	65%	72%	53%	63%	72%	51%	62%
Kwai Tsing	95%	69%	83%	94%	68%	82%	94%	67%	82%
North	92%	69%	82%	90%	67%	80%	93%	69%	82%
Sai Kung	95%	66%	82%	95%	67%	82%	95%	68%	83%
Sha Tin	97%	85%	92%	97%	81%	90%	98%	84%	91%
Tai Po	95%	72%	85%	95%	73%	85%	96%	73%	85%
Tsuen Wan	96%	78%	88%	96%	80%	89%	97%	82%	90%
Tuen Mun	95%	66%	82%	96%	69%	83%	95%	69%	84%
Yuen Long	96%	71%	85%	96%	70%	84%	96%	71%	85%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>86%</b>

**Notes**

1. Peak hours are from 6 pm to 11 pm on Monday to Friday, whole day on Saturday, Sunday and public holiday.
2. Non-peak hours are from 7 am to 6 pm on Monday to Friday.

**Usage of Sports Grounds<sup>3</sup> from 2016 to 2018**

District	2016			2017			2018		
	Peak Hours <sup>1</sup>	Non-Peak Hours <sup>2</sup>	Average	Peak Hours <sup>1</sup>	Non-Peak Hours <sup>2</sup>	Average	Peak Hours <sup>1</sup>	Non-Peak Hours <sup>2</sup>	Average
<b>Hong Kong<sup>3</sup></b>									
Eastern	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Southern	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Wan Chai	99%	94%	97%	100%	98%	99%	100%	99%	99%
<b>Kowloon<sup>3</sup></b>									
Kowloon City	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Kwun Tong	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Sham Shui Po	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Wong Tai Sin	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>New Territories</b>									
Islands	95%	94%	94%	95%	94%	95%	98%	98%	98%
Kwai Tsing	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	96%	98%
North	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Sai Kung	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Sha Tin	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Tai Po	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Tsuen Wan	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Tuen Mun	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Yuen Long	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>

**Notes**

1. Peak hours are from 6 pm to 11 pm on Monday to Friday, whole day on Saturday, Sunday and public holiday.
2. Non-peak hours are from 7 am to 6 pm on Monday to Friday.
3. No sports ground is provided in Central and Western District and Yau Tsim Mong District.