

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB129****(Question Serial No. 2287)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

- (a) Please list in the table below the usage rate of each natural turf pitch in Hong Kong.

Venue	Usage Rate

- (b) What are the expenditure and manpower required for the maintenance of natural turf pitches in the past year?
- (c) Does the Government have any plan to build new natural turf pitches in 2020-21? If so, what are the details and the expenditures involved? If not, what are the reasons?
- (d) Will any conversion or renovation works be carried out at the above natural turf pitches in 2020-21? If so, what are the details and the expenditures involved?
- (e) Please list in the table below the usage rate of each artificial turf pitch in Hong Kong.

Venue	Second Generation Artificial Turf/ Third Generation Artificial Turf	Usage Rate

- (f) What are the expenditure and manpower required for the maintenance of artificial turf pitches in the past year?
- (g) Does the Government have any plan to build new artificial turf pitches in 2020-21? If so, what are the details and the expenditures involved? If not, what are the reasons?
- (h) Will any conversion or renovation works be carried out at the above artificial turf pitches in 2020-21? If so, what are the details and the expenditures involved?

- (i) Will the Government consider using the fourth generation artificial turf or piloting the use of new turf systems that meet the standard of Fédération Internationale de Football Association when building new artificial turf pitches or converting existing pitches into artificial turf pitches in future? If so, what are the details and the estimated expenditures? If not, what are the reasons?
- (j) Among the natural turf pitches and artificial turf pitches managed by the Government, how many of them meet the standard for staging international matches? Please provide the names of the pitches.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 94)

Reply:

- (a) & (e) The usage rates of natural and artificial turf pitches managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2019 are set out at **Annex I**.
- (b) & (f) As most of the natural and artificial turf pitches form part of the facilities provided in the public leisure venues such as parks and sports grounds, the LCSD does not have separate figures on the expenditure of individual pitches.
- (c) & (g) In 2020-21, the Government does not have any new projects that involve the provision of new natural or artificial turf pitch.
- (d) & (h) We obtained the funding approval of the Finance Committee for the pre-construction activities of redevelopment of Yuen Long Stadium in 2018. The pre-construction activities started in 2019 for completion in 2021. As the natural turf pitch forms part of the project estimate, the LCSD does not have separate figures on the expenditure for the pitch. As for other refurbishment works of natural and artificial turf pitches, the LCSD does not have the details on expenditures involved as the refurbishment works are undertaken by a works department. A list of natural and artificial turf pitches with refurbishment works in 2020 and 2021 are set out at **Annex II**.
- (i) When building new artificial turf pitches or converting existing pitches into artificial turf pitches, the LCSD makes reference to the prevailing approved list of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) for football training or competitions. At present, the products and designs generally referred to as “fourth generation” artificial turf are not on the prevailing approved list of FIFA. The Department is however considering putting on trial use of a new turf system that meets with FIFA standard in selected venues.
- (j) Among the football pitches managed by the Government, there are 22 natural turf pitches and 14 artificial turf pitches meeting the standard dimensions for staging international matches. The list of pitches is set out at **Annex III**.

Usage rates of natural and artificial turf pitches in 2019

District	Venue ⁽¹⁾	NTP/2G/ 3G ⁽²⁾	Overall Usage
Hong Kong Island			
Central and Western	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	3G	71%
Eastern	Quarry Bay Park	3G	80%
	Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground	NTP	100%
Southern	Aberdeen Sports Ground	NTP/3G	76%
	Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground	3G	62%
Wan Chai	Causeway Bay Sports Ground	NTP	100%
	Happy Valley Recreation Ground	NTP/2G/3G	65%
	So Kon Po Recreation Ground	NTP	100%
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	Ho Man Tin East Service Reservoir Playground	NTP	76%
	Kowloon Tsai Park	NTP/3G	78%
	Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground	NTP	98%
	Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground	NTP	97%
Kwun Tong	Kowloon Bay Park	3G	70%
	Kowloon Bay Sports Ground	NTP	95%
	Kwun Tong Recreation Ground	3G	89%
	Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground	NTP	97%
	Shun Lee Tsuen Park	3G	71%
	Wai Lok Street Temporary Soccer Pitch	NTP	76%
Sham Shui Po	Hing Wah Street West Playground	3G	83%
	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	95%
	Lok Fu Recreation Ground	2G	70%
	Morse Park	3G	72%
	Po Kong Village Road Park	3G	70%
Yau Tsim Mong	Boundary Street Recreation Ground	2G	62%
	Cherry Street Park	3G	77%

District	Venue ⁽¹⁾	NTP/2G/ 3G ⁽²⁾	Overall Usage
New Territories			
Islands	Man Tung Road Park	3G	78%
Kwai Tsing	Kwai Chung Sports Ground	NTP	77%
	Tsing Yi Northeast Park	3G	62%
	Tsing Yi Sports Ground	NTP	100%
	Wo Yi Hop Road Sports Ground	NTP	92%
North	Fanling Recreation Ground (Stage I)	NTP	90%
	Kwu Tung Grass Soccer Pitch	NTP	66%
	North District Sports Ground	NTP	100%
	Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground	3G	68%
Sai Kung	Po Tsui Park	3G	73%
	Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	NTP	53%
	Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground	NTP	100%
Sha Tin	Hin Tin Playground	NTP	83%
	Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	3G	63%
	Ma On Shan Sports Ground	NTP	94%
	Sha Tin Sports Ground	NTP	89%
	Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	3G	72%
Tai Po	Kwong Fuk Football Ground	3G	72%
	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	95%
Tuen Mun	Siu Lun Sports Ground	NTP	84%
	Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	NTP	92%
	Wu Shan Recreation Playground	3G	65%
Yuen Long	Tin Shui Wai Sports Ground	NTP	100%
	Tin Yip Road Park	3G	73%
	Yuen Long Stadium	NTP	100%
		Total	73%

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

Refurbishment works of natural and artificial turf pitches in 2020 and 2021

Venue		Year of Commencement
Natural Turf Pitches		
1.	Happy Valley Recreation Ground (NTP No. 7)	2020
2.	Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground (NTP No. 1)	2020
3.	Kwai Chung Sports Ground	2020
4.	Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	2020
5.	Hin Tin Playground ⁽¹⁾	2021
6.	Yuen Long Stadium	2021
Artificial Turf Pitches		
1.	Kwong Fuk Park	2020
2.	Shek Kip Mei Park	2020
3.	Morse Park No. 3 (ATP No. 1)	2020
4.	Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground	2020
5.	Kowloon Tsai Park (ATP No. 2)	2020
6.	Happy Valley Recreation Ground (ATP No. 6)	2021
7.	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	2021
8.	Po Kong Village Road Park (ATP No. 1)	2021
9.	Po Kong Village Road Park (ATP No. 2)	2021

Note

- (1) The natural turf soccer pitch at Hin Tin Playground will be converted into a third generation artificial turf pitch.

Pitches that Meet the Standard Dimension for Staging International Matches

(I) Natural Turf Pitches

1. Aberdeen Sports Ground
2. Fanling Recreation Ground
3. Ho Man Tin East Service Reservoir Playground (Pitch No. 1)
4. Ho Man Tin East Service Reservoir Playground (Pitch No. 2)
5. Hong Kong Stadium
6. Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground
7. Kwai Chung Sports Ground
8. Ma On Shan Sports Ground
9. Mong Kok Stadium
10. Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground
11. Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground
12. Sha Tin Sports Ground
13. Sham Shui Po Sports Ground
14. Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground
15. Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground
16. Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground (Pitch No. 2)
17. Tin Shui Wai Sports Ground
18. Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground (Main Field)
19. Tsing Yi Sports Ground
20. Tsuen Wan Riviera Park
21. Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground
22. Yuen Long Stadium

(II) Artificial Turf Pitches

1. Boundary Street Recreation Ground
2. Kowloon Bay Park
3. Kowloon Tsai Park (Pitch No. 1)
4. Kwong Fuk Park
5. Lok Fu Recreation Ground
6. Ma On Shan Recreation Ground
7. Po Kong Village Road Park (Pitch No. 1)
8. Po Kong Village Road Park (Pitch No. 2)
9. Po Tsui Park
10. Shek Kip Mei Park
11. Tin Yip Road Park
12. Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground
13. Tsing Yi Northeast Park
14. Wu Shan Recreation Playground