

**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. Did the Government conduct timely reviews of the usage rates of the leisure facilities, including standard sports grounds, heated swimming pools, cycling parks and indoor sports centres, in the 18 districts across the territory during the past 5 years? If so, what are the details and the expenditures involved? Did the Government conduct public consultations in the 18 districts during the past 5 years on the provision of additional recreation and sports facilities? If so, what are the details and the expenditures involved? Does the Government have any plans to review the usage rates of the leisure facilities, including standard sports grounds, heated swimming pools, cycling parks and indoor sports centres, in the 18 districts in 2020-21? If so, what are the details and the estimated expenditures involved? Does the Government have any plans to conduct public consultations in the 18 districts in 2020-21 on the provision of additional recreation and sports facilities? If so, what are the details and the estimated expenditures involved?
2. Please list the waiting time for the leisure facilities, including standard sports grounds, heated swimming pools, cycling parks, public libraries and indoor sports centres, in the 18 districts in the past 5 years. If such information is available, what are the details and the expenditures involved? For leisure facilities which involve a waiting time of over 1 month, will the Government provide more such facilities at suitable locations throughout the 18 districts in 2020-21? If so, what are the details and the expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 317)

Reply:

1. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) keeps the usage rates of various sports facilities under regular review. The usage rates of sports grounds, arena of sports centres and heated public swimming pools in the past 5 years (from 2015 to 2019) are set out at the Annex. As the cycling grounds can be used without booking, the LCSD does not have usage statistics for the facilities. It is expected that the usage rates of the facilities in 2020 will be maintained at similar levels as in 2019.

In planning new or improved leisure facilities, the LCSD consults the relevant District Councils (DCs) and other relevant stakeholders on the scope of works and the design of the proposed venues. The review of usage rates and the consultation exercises are carried out as part of the ongoing work of the LCSD through deployment of existing resources and manpower.

2. In the past 5 years, the LCSD has fulfilled the performance pledge for the services set out in the table below –

Type of Services		Target (in minutes)
Sports facilities	Queuing time for making booking for the use of sports facilities in person at venue booking counter	15 (except peak period)
Swimming pools	Waiting time for admission to swimming pools	20
Public libraries	Waiting time for the following services in person at library counters –	
	(a) Applying for a new library card	10
	(b) Replacing a library card	10
	(c) Borrowing a library item	5
	(d) Returning a library item	5
	(e) Reserving a library item	5

The LCSD has been promoting the wider use of electronic service and self-service. In the case of sports facilities, the public can make advance booking through the Leisure Link System by using the on-line service or the self-service kiosk installed at leisure venues. For some sports facilities where advance booking is not required (e.g. cycling parks and athletic tracks of sports grounds for jogging), members of the public can walk in and use the facilities for free. As regards library service, the public can enjoy a wide range of library services via the on-line platform and mobile application. Self-charging terminals are also installed at most libraries to facilitate the borrowing and renewal of library materials.

The provision of the above services is carried out as part of the ongoing work of the Department through deployment of existing resources and manpower.

**Usage of Sports Centres and Sports Grounds and  
Attendance of Heated Public Swimming Pools in the past 5 years (2015-2019)**

Type of facilities	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	No. of Venues	Usage/ Admission	No. of Venues	Usage/ Admission	No. of Venues	Usage/ Admission	No. of Venues	Usage/ Admission	No. of Venues	Usage/ Admission
Sports Centre (Arena)	94	82%	95	85%	97	85%	98	86%	99	88%
Sports Ground	25	99%	25	99%	25	99%	25	99%	25	99%
Heated Public Swimming Pools (number of admission)	24	10 198 946	24	10 688 127	26	11 241 643	26	11 153 783	26	11 386 255

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