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Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

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Question:

- a) How much resources have been allocated by the Department to enhance utilisation of sports facilities in 2012-13? How effective it has been and what was the expenditure involved?
- b) It is stated that the Department will enhance utilisation of existing sports facilities in 2013-14, what are the details and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been taking various measures to enhance the utilisation of sports facilities, including: offering free use of selected facilities to schools, “national sports associations”, district sports associations and subvented non-government organisations during non-peak hours; organising promotional activities such as fun days, training courses and competitions for the community; and distributing promotional materials to schools and local organisations to encourage them to use the facilities, especially during non-peak hours. Moreover, people with disabilities, citizens aged 60 or above and full-time students enjoy concessionary rates when using sports facilities during peak and non-peak hours. The usage rates of various sport facilities have increased in recent years. For example, the overall and non-peak hour usage rates of the arenas of sports centres have increased from 78% and 63% in 2011 to 79% and 65% in 2012 respectively. The overall and non-peak hour usage rates of tennis courts have also increased from 58% and 39% in 2011 to 60% and 41% in 2012 respectively.

LCSD will continue to explore measures to promote the utilisation of the facilities in 2013-14. These measures will be carried out as part of the ongoing work of LCSD through deployment of existing resources. LCSD does not have separate figures showing the expenditure involved in implementing such measures.

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