

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Please list by district the usage rate and expenditure of each of the sports facilities or venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past year.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

To tie in with the response level under the “Preparedness and Response Plan for Novel Infectious Disease of Public Health Significance” being raised to Emergency Response Level and avoid people from gathering, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) closed many of its recreation and sports facilities on 4 occasions in 2020 in the light of the pandemic development. The usage rates of major sports facilities by district for the past 1 year excluding the number of closed days are set out at **Annex I**. The estimated expenditure of major sports facilities managed by the LCSD in 2020-21 is set out at **Annex II**.

**Usage/Attendance of Major Sports Facilities in 2020**

District	Sports Centres (Arena)	Sports Grounds	Turf Pitches <sup>(1)</sup>	Tennis Courts	Swimming Pools <sup>(2)</sup> (Attendance)
<b>Hong Kong Island</b>					
Central and Western	89%	No provision	76%	No provision	278 178
Eastern	91%	100%	80%	94%	164 831
Southern	82%	100%	74%	95%	43 254
Wan Chai	88%	100%	68%	93%	375 151
<b>Kowloon</b>					
Kowloon City	88%	100%	80%	75%	164 062
Kwun Tong	86%	100%	85%	69%	441 634
Sham Shui Po	90%	100%	84%	76%	393 052
Wong Tai Sin <sup>(3)</sup>	85%	100%	74%	73%	71 893
Yau Tsim Mong	94%	No provision	77%	85%	161 571
<b>New Territories</b>					
Islands	54%	99%	82%	19%	96 769
Kwai Tsing	79%	100%	97%	60%	162 123
North	80%	100%	72%	51%	126 765
Sai Kung	85%	100%	68%	88%	122 528
Sha Tin	92%	100%	71%	70%	285 963
Tai Po	86%	100%	72%	72%	76 208
Tsuen Wan	88%	100%	65%	68%	151 286
Tuen Mun	84%	99%	63%	51%	246 629
Yuen Long	83%	99%	74%	60%	248 194
<b>Total</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>3 610 091</b>

**Notes**

- (1) As natural and artificial turf pitches are used inter-changeably to support the same types of sports and functions, their average usage rates are presented as one item for easier interpretation.
- (2) The number of attendance of public swimming pools in 2020 dropped due to several months of temporary closure under the COVID-19 pandemic and LCSD's

implementation of social distancing measures by trimming down the pool capacity upon re-opening of the facilities.

- (3) Works were carried out at Morse Park Swimming Pool from 2019 for the provision of an indoor heated pool. The swimming pool was partially reopened on 20 June 2020.

**Estimated Expenditure of Major Sports Facilities in 2020-21**

	2020-21
	Estimated total expenditure (\$ million)
Sports Centres	686.89
Sports Grounds (including football pitches)	369.51
Tennis Courts	146.03
Public Swimming Pools	1,204.14

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