

**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 Culture, Sports and Tourism

Question:

It was mentioned in Programme (1) that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department would continue to enhance utilisation of existing sports facilities. There were, however, members of the public who indicated that few of the sports facilities in their neighbourhood looked dilapidated compared to those in other districts, thereby discouraging them from using such facilities. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of:

- 1) the usage rates of sports facilities in each of the districts across Hong Kong in 2023-24?
- 2) the specific measures and targets for enhancing utilisation of the sports facilities in the coming year?
- 3) whether the Government will consider renovating the sports facilities to enhance the quality of venues and their utilisation?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kin-por (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

- 1) The usage rates of major sports facilities under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2023 with a breakdown by districts are at **Annex**.
- 2) The LCSD will continue to allow concessionary use of such facilities by schools, non-governmental organisations receiving subvention allocation from the Social Welfare Department, citizens aged 60 or above and full-time students during non-peak hours. Organisations for people with disabilities can also enjoy concessionary rates at all times. Moreover, to encourage greater public use of sports facilities, the LCSD will continue to upgrade the standard of its sports facilities and organise major promotional events such as Sport For All Day, as well as fun days, training courses and competitions.
- 3) The LCSD has always been committed to providing quality and safe recreation and sports facilities for the public. In general, the LCSD will take into consideration the serviceable lifespan, actual and safety conditions of facilities and views from

stakeholders when making facility repair arrangements and prioritising their replacement or renovation in conjunction with the relevant works departments, with a view to meeting the actual needs, thereby enhancing the quality of venues and their utilisation.

**Usage rates/Attendance of Major Sports Facilities in 2023**

| District                    | Sports Centres (Arena) | Sports Grounds | Turf Pitches <sup>(1)</sup> | Tennis Courts | Swimming Pools (Attendance) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Hong Kong Island</b>     |                        |                |                             |               |                             |
| Central and Western         | 95%                    | No provision   | _( <sup>2</sup> )           | No provision  | 852 941                     |
| Eastern                     | 93%                    | 100%           | 82%                         | 93%           | 569 007                     |
| Southern                    | 87%                    | 100%           | 67%                         | 93%           | 94 480                      |
| Wan Chai                    | 94%                    | 100%           | 67%                         | 92%           | 1 145 630                   |
| <b>Kowloon</b>              |                        |                |                             |               |                             |
| Kowloon City <sup>(3)</sup> | 92%                    | 100%           | 78%                         | 81%           | 361 349                     |
| Kwun Tong                   | 91%                    | 100%           | 77%                         | 72%           | 1 312 400                   |
| Sham Shui Po                | 94%                    | 100%           | 84%                         | 81%           | 1 034 466                   |
| Wong Tai Sin                | 94%                    | 100%           | 74%                         | 79%           | 674 525                     |
| Yau Tsim Mong               | 96%                    | No provision   | 80%                         | 86%           | 812 643                     |
| <b>New Territories</b>      |                        |                |                             |               |                             |
| Islands                     | 73%                    | 89%            | 73%                         | 23%           | 321 788                     |
| Kwai Tsing                  | 89%                    | 100%           | 73%                         | 66%           | 449 041                     |
| North                       | 91%                    | 100%           | 71%                         | 69%           | 416 467                     |
| Sai Kung                    | 90%                    | 100%           | 65%                         | 82%           | 380 927                     |
| Sha Tin                     | 93%                    | 100%           | 65%                         | 77%           | 947 675                     |
| Tai Po                      | 90%                    | 100%           | 71%                         | 80%           | 523 681                     |
| Tsuen Wan                   | 92%                    | 100%           | 83%                         | 74%           | 540 998                     |
| Tuen Mun                    | 89%                    | 100%           | 64%                         | 58%           | 787 198                     |
| Yuen Long                   | 90%                    | 99%            | 68%                         | 71%           | 915 732                     |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>91%</b>             | <b>99%</b>     | <b>72%</b>                  | <b>79%</b>    | <b>12 140 948</b>           |

Notes

- (1) As natural and artificial turf pitches are used to support the same types of sports and functions, their average usage rates are presented as one item for easier interpretation.

- (2) The artificial turf pitch of Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park, the only turf pitch in Central and Western District, was temporarily closed for maintenance from 1 December 2022 to 7 January 2024.
- (3) Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool has been temporarily closed since 2020 for redevelopment works.

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