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Question:

Please provide the number of soccer pitches that have not been converted into third generation artificial turf pitches and the timetable for the conversion works.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai

Reply:

Currently, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) manages 42 natural turf pitches and 39 artificial turf pitches (ATPs) including 4 first / second generation and 35 third generation (3G) ATPs. Among the 35 3G ATPs, 9 were converted from first / second generation pitches and another 15 were converted from natural turf pitches over the past 15 years. LCSD is planning to convert 1 natural pitch in Hin Tin Playground into 3G ATP in 2018-19. As regards the 4 first / second generation ATPs, they are being used for both football and hockey activities such as local leagues and local international events for the sport of hockey. Since there is currently no 3G ATP system in the prevailing market that can fulfill the competition requirements for both football and hockey, LCSD has no plan to convert the 4 first / second generation ATPs into 3G ATPs for the time being.

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