

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CSTB201****(Question Serial No. 3019)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Culture, Sports and TourismQuestion:

In addition to being a major venue for holding football matches and international sports events, the Hong Kong Stadium has also been used as a venue for performances and events. However, the noise problems and the epidemic in recent years have resulted in its low usage rate. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of:

1. the numbers of sports and non-sports events held at the Stadium in the past 5 years;
2. whether the Government has rejected any applications for hiring and holding events at the Hong Kong Stadium after considering the possible noise implications due to the nature of the events concerned for the past 5 years, and if yes, the numbers; and
3. as it is learned that the Government plans to redevelop the Hong Kong Stadium by as early as the end of this year, whether it has explored the addition of facilities in the works project to effectively mitigate the impact of noise when events are held at the venue so as to diversify the use of the venue and thereby increasing its usage rate; and whether noise reduction facilities will be added in the redevelopment project, and if yes, the details and estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon HO King-hong, Adrian Pedro (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)Reply:

1. The table below sets out the numbers of sports and non-sports events held at the Hong Kong Stadium in the past 5 years:

	2018	2019	2020 ^{Note}	2021 ^{Note}	2022 ^{Note}
No. of sports events	17	22	5	6	10
No. of non-sports events	5	1	1	1	3
Annual total	22	23	6	7	13

Note: The Hong Kong Stadium was closed during the following periods due to the epidemic: 29 January to 21 June 2020 (145 days), 15 July to 17 September 2020 (65 days), 2 December 2020 to 18 February 2021 (79 days) and 7 January to 20 April 2022 (104 days).

2. In the past 5 years, we did not reject any applications for hiring and holding events at the Hong Kong Stadium on grounds of possible noise implications due to the nature of the events concerned.
3. In taking forward the redevelopment project of the Hong Kong Stadium, the Government will take into account various factors, including the need of the works project, transport and noise impact. We will consult stakeholders in due course once the planning details are available.

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