

**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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Question:

One of the areas of work of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department is to provide subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) and sports organisations for training of athletes and organising sports activities. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) A breakdown of the amounts of subvention granted to individual NSAs in 2015-16. What areas of work will the subvention be used for? What mechanisms have been put in place to ensure proper use of the subvention?
- (b) What are the plans and programmes to promote community sports? What is the estimated expenditure for 2016-17? What are the details of the plans?
- (c) What measures have been taken by the Government to further encourage schools to open their sports facilities and venues outside school hours as a support for the development of sports in the community? If so, what are the plans and the estimated expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 31)

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) to support the promotion and development of sports in Hong Kong. NSAs may use the subvention to cover their personnel, office and programme expenses. Programme expenses include “national”, youth and regional squad training, training programmes in the community, local competitions, school sports programmes, community sports clubs projects, participation in international events, training of officials and attendance at overseas meetings. A breakdown of the subventions granted to individual NSAs in 2015-16 is at the Annex.

To ensure that the subvention allocated to NSAs is used in a proper manner, the LCSD enters into annual Subvention Agreements with the individual NSAs. Under the Agreements, NSAs have the obligation to use the subvention to implement the planned programmes in strict accordance with the requirements stated in the Agreements. NSAs must also allow the Government and the Audit Commission unhindered access to enquire into, examine and audit all records and accounts in respect of the subvention as well as their management and control procedures. They must also act upon any corruption prevention advice rendered by the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Government. In addition, NSAs have to give consent to the disclosure of all information relevant to the subvention funding as and when necessary.

NSAs are required to submit quarterly reports on their programmes, and annual accounts audited by certified public accountants. They are also required to formulate and comply with a Code of Conduct and Procurement Guidelines to avoid conflicts of interest and to ensure due process is followed. The LCSD conducts regular on-site inspections of the subvented programmes as well as periodic quality assurance inspections to ensure the quality of programmes provided by NSAs, the adoption of proper accounting procedures and their compliance with the terms of the Subvention Agreements.

- (b) To promote sports in the community, the LCSD plans to organise about 38 000 programmes for some 2 220 000 participants in 2016-17 at an estimated cost of \$160 million. These programmes include district-based activities such as sports training courses, recreational activities, and competitions, as well as events such as the Corporate Games, Masters Games and Sport For All Day. To encourage wider and more regular participation in sport, the LCSD will continue to provide programmes to meet the needs of specific target groups, including parent-child training programmes in social dance, badminton and ultimate; programmes targeting at young people such as BMX cycling, track cycling, sailing, canoeing and long distance run; and less physically demanding activities such as dance, body-mind stretch, and fitness walking for the physically less active population.
- (c) In collaboration with the Education Bureau (EDB), the LCSD encourages schools to open up their sports facilities for community sports activities. The EDB has issued relevant circulars and uploaded the School Administration Guide to remind aided schools of the Government's policy to encourage schools to open up their facilities to community organisations after school hours to foster collaboration between schools and the community. Joint efforts have been made by the EDB and LCSD in meeting the school councils to solicit their support for making their school premises available for hiring by community organisations after school hours. The EDB and LCSD have also prepared a set of "Questions and Answers" to address the common concerns of schools in opening up school facilities, such as security issues, maintenance of facilities and public liability, and have sent this to school councils for reference. Besides, the LCSD utilises sports facilities in school campuses to implement School Sports Programmes such as sports demonstrations and training courses. The LCSD has been carrying out the above promotional work as part of its overall duties and thus no separate provision has been made for this particular aspect of work.

**Subvention to “National Sports Associations” (NSAs)**  
**Under the Sports Subvention Scheme in 2015-16**

	<b>Name of NSA</b>	<b>Subvention in 2015-16 (\$)</b>
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	2,164,274
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	5,431,461
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	14,362,632
4.	The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	4,817,767
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association	10,211,509
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	2,210,336
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	1,153,094
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	1,407,246
9.	Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	3,549,125
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon And Lion Dance Association Limited	2,775,219
11.	Hong Kong Cricket Association	3,251,640
12.	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	7,643,314
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	4,075,994
14.	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	2,348,235
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	2,450,537
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	5,270,149
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	18,711,308
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	1,862,954
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	1,933,839
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	4,712,617
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	6,190,505
22.	The Hong Kong Hockey Association	2,808,245
23.	HongKong Ice Hockey Association Limited	1,651,225
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	3,147,038
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,970,131
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	697,480
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	1,080,780
28.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	2,782,978
29.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	4,759,108
30.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	3,192,330
31.	Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited	867,661
32.	Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	1,382,000
33.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	3,119,043
34.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	2,369,994
35.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	5,939,847
36.	Hong Kong Rugby Union	4,951,809

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37.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	1,317,313
38.	The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	7,037,790
39.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	2,897,403
40.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	1,411,179
41.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	1,521,476
42.	Hong Kong Softball Association	2,259,070
43.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	906,970
44.	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	7,445,045
45.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	8,086,290
46.	Hong Kong Squash	11,857,411
47.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	9,568,893
48.	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	11,340,309
49.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	2,305,120
50.	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	12,832,898
51.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	2,457,361
52.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	3,356,559
53.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,179,686
54.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China	1,094,244
55.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	9,776,132
56.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	786,234
57.	Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association	1,329,277
58.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	7,241,120
59.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	3,770,575

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