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Question:

It is stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 that the Home Affairs Bureau will continue to implement and review the effectiveness of the feeder system scheme for early identification and development of young potential athletes. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Regarding the implementation of the feeder system scheme, what are the expenditures earmarked in the estimates for 2015-16 for each of the "national sports associations" (NSAs) and how effective is the work? What are the mechanism and criteria used by the Government in assessing the effectiveness of the provision? What are the estimated expenditures for each of the NSAs this year? What is the specific work plan?
- (b) Apart from providing subventions to NSAs, what measures are taken by the Government to support the implementation of the feeder system for other sports? What are the estimated expenditures involved?
- (c) Regarding the Pilot Scheme for Student Athlete Support introduced in the 2013/2014 school year, what is the participation rate of schools in the 2015/2016 school year? How many student athletes have been benefited? What is the estimated expenditure for the 2016/2017 school year? When will the Government review the scheme?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) In 2015-16, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provided \$16.3 million for the Feeder System Scheme to support 52 national sports associations (NSAs) of different sports to implement their feeder programmes. A breakdown of the subvention granted to individual NSAs for feeder programmes in 2015-16 is at the Annex.

The LCSD has assessed the effectiveness of the scheme in terms of achievement of performance targets set by the NSAs, including the organisation of feeder programmes, recruitment of squad members, and athletes' achievements in international sports competitions. Since its launch in 2009-10, the scheme has achieved very good results. As at December 2015, the scheme has resulted in the identification of 1 613 athletes for promotion to higher level squads for further training. Of these, 451 have been promoted to junior squads of different sports. The LCSD will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the scheme.

In 2016-17, the total funding earmarked to support 52 NSAs to implement feeder programmes will be around \$16.4 million and the amount to be allocated to the individual NSAs is being finalised. The programmes to be implemented under the scheme will mainly include development programmes, talent identification, regional and junior squad training, local competitions, overseas training and competitions.

- (c) In the 2015-16 school year, the number of participating schools of the Pilot Scheme for Student Athlete Support (the Pilot Scheme) has increased by around 18 per cent from the 2014-15 school year to 578 schools and we have earmarked \$6.94 million for allocation to the schools under the Pilot Scheme. Information on the number of beneficiaries will be available at the end of the school year upon receipt of the reports submitted by participating schools. As applications for the 2016-17 school year will be invited later this year, the relevant estimated expenditure is not yet available.

We will consider the way forward for the Pilot Scheme in the light of the reports received from the participating schools.

**Subvention to National Sports Associations for
Feeder System Scheme in 2015-16**

Name of National Sports Association		Subvention in 2015-16 (\$)
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	284,422
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	866,098
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	770,090
4.	The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	195,541
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association	205,579
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	324,312
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	113,709
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	69,512
9.	Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	221,516
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon And Lion Dance Association Limited	56,610
11.	Hong Kong Cricket Association	77,025
12.	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	730,562
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	181,784
14.	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	199,672
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	125,142
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	475,096
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	219,093
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	182,577
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	91,466
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	209,758
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	527,626
22.	The Hong Kong Hockey Association	217,858
23.	HongKong Ice Hockey Association Limited	209,900
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	595,145
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	190,094
26.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	166,752

	Name of National Sports Association	Subvention in 2015-16 (\$)
27.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	185,016
28.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	148,976
29.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	207,224
30.	Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	181,075
31.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	189,560
32.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	227,384
33.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	149,640
34.	Hong Kong Rugby Union	338,490
35.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	155,055
36.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	364,244
37.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	229,156
38.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	116,810
39.	Hong Kong Softball Association	227,341
40.	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	659,000
41.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	453,344
42.	Hong Kong Squash	543,573
43.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	212,900
44.	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	851,443
45.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	408,994
46.	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	918,121
47.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	331,672
48.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	89,740
49.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	41,980
50.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	457,284
51.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	1,007,027
52.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	133,645

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