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Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) indicated that it will assist national sports associations in implementing improvement measures under the sports subvention scheme in 2016-17. What are the details of the assistance and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 363)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) conducted a comprehensive review of the Sports Subvention Scheme (the Scheme) in 2010 with a view to strengthening the monitoring and enhancing the corporate governance of the “national sports associations” (NSAs). Upon completion of the review, the LCSD has been implementing improvement measures.

The key improvement measures include: (a) timely submission by NSAs of programme and financial reports; (b) raising the standard of audited financial reports to comply with the Hong Kong Standard on Assurance Engagement 3000; (c) establishing fair and transparent mechanisms for selection of athletes; and (d) uploading athlete-selection information, the latest audited financial statements in relation to the subvention as well as the updated Memorandum and Articles of Association onto their official websites.

The LCSD conducts every year an annual mid-year assessment on the performance of each NSA. The performance of the NSAs is measured against 4 Key Performance Areas (KPA's), namely organisation of programmes, development and promotion of sport, performance of athletes and corporate governance and compliance.

In order to facilitate NSAs in implementing the improvement measures, additional funding was provided in the past for developing a computerised system to help NSAs to timely submit various reports and annual plans, for revamping of their websites and engaging additional staff or upgrading existing posts to strengthen their administrative and accounting

capacity and this expenditure has become recurrent cost in recent years. The subvention to be allocated to individual NSAs in 2016-17 is being finalised. Whilst the improvement measures are considered effective, the LCSD will review the Scheme from time to time.

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