

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

In connection with the implementation of the feeder systems for early identification and development of young potential athletes, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Regarding the implementation of the feeder systems, what is the expenditure earmarked in the estimates for 2016-17 for individual “national sports associations” (NSAs) and how effective is the work? What are the mechanism and criteria used by the Government to assess the effectiveness of the provision? What is the estimated expenditure for individual NSAs this year? What is the specific work plan?
- (b) Apart from supporting the NSAs, what measures are taken by the Government to support the implementation of the feeder systems 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, how is the participation of schools in the 2016/2017 school year? How many student athletes have benefited? What is the estimated expenditure for the 2017/2018 school year? When will the Government review the scheme?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 52)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) In 2016-17, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provided \$16.4 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 the feeder programmes in 2016-17 is at Annex.

LCSD has assessed the effectiveness of the scheme in terms of achievement of performance targets set by 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 2016, the scheme has resulted in the identification of 2 031 athletes for promotion to higher level squads for further training. Of these, 571 have been promoted to junior squads of different sports. LCSD will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the scheme.

In 2017-18, the total funding earmarked to support 52 NSAs to implement feeder programmes will be around \$17.1 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) The Pilot Scheme for Student Athlete Support has been renamed as the Student Athlete Support Scheme (the Scheme) since the 2016/17 school year. The number of schools participating in the Scheme has increased by around 4% from 578 schools in the 2015/16 school year to 603 schools in the 2016/17 school year. We have earmarked \$7.24 million for allocation to the schools under the Scheme for the 2016/17 school year. Information on the number of beneficiaries will be available at the end of the 2016/17 school year upon receipt of the reports submitted by participating schools. As applications for the 2017/18 school year will be invited later this year, the relevant estimated expenditure is not yet available.

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

**Subvention to Feeder System Scheme in 2016-17**

	<b>Name of National Sports Association</b>	<b>2016-17 (\$)</b>
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	285,382
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	952,768
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	777,154
4.	The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	218,740
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association	206,988
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	335,904
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	117,363
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	76,184
9.	Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	225,044
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon And Lion Dance Association Limited	28,029
11.	Hong Kong Cricket Association	79,164
12.	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	684,751
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	187,888
14.	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	206,476
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	126,942
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	483,016
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	344,500
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	153,823
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	87,950
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	220,402
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	529,426
22.	The Hong Kong Hockey Association	232,223
23.	HongKong Ice Hockey Association Limited	246,000
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	604,993
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	199,496
26.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	167,184
27.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	135,040

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28.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	155,756
29.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	203,620
30.	Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	186,075
31.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	194,188
32.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	232,611
33.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	171,828
34.	Hong Kong Rugby Union	337,636
35.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	157,884
36.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	372,092
37.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	207,147
38.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	119,545
39.	Hong Kong Softball Association	227,666
40.	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	625,540
41.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	351,868
42.	Hong Kong Squash	556,933
43.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	219,560
44.	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	853,243
45.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	420,281
46.	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	950,239
47.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	223,730
48.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	93,712
49.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	42,980
50.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	462,540
51.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	1,027,559
52.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	138,577