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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 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and the estimated amounts of subventions for 2017-18. 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 mechanism has the Government put in place to assess the quality of the subvented activities and ensure the compliance of these activities with the requirements? What follow-up measures are put in place against substandard subvented activities?
- (c) Will the Government consider increasing the subvention for NSAs and establishing a professional qualifications framework for sport administrators to improve their salaries and benefits and create a development ladder for them so as to attract more people to join the field of sports administration? If not, what are the reasons?
- (d) What are the plans and programmes to promote community sports? What is the estimated expenditure for 2017-18? What are the details of the plans?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 17)

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. The detailed breakdown of the subventions granted to individual NSAs from 2014-15 to 2016-17 is at **Annex**. The subvention to be allocated to NSAs in 2017-18 is being finalised.

To ensure that the subvention allocated to NSAs is used properly, LCSD enters into annual Subvention Agreements with 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, Accounting Procedures Guidelines and Procurement Practices and Guidelines to avoid conflicts of interest and to ensure due process is followed. 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) LCSD assesses the performance of NSAs against the targets set including their effectiveness in managing programmes and administering subvention. They are measured against 4 Key Performance Areas (KPA) including (i) Organisation of Programmes, (ii) Development and Promotion of Sports, (iii) Performance of Athletes and (iv) Corporate Governance and Compliance. The achievements of NSAs on KPAs will be taken as reference when granting allocation to NSAs. In case of cancellation of programmes or non-compliance to the set targets are observed, subvention to NSAs will be deducted.
- (c) Under the Sports Subvention Scheme, LCSD provides salary subvention to NSAs covering 6 types of administrative posts, including: (i) Executive Director; (ii) Coaching Director; (iii) Senior Sports Executive; (iv) Sports Executive; (v) Technical Executive; and (vi) Administrative Assistant. The above manpower structure provides a development ladder in the career path for NSAs staff. Besides, LCSD provides academic training fund to subsidise NSAs' full-time staff to enhance their professional knowledge through academic studies in sports and recreation management, coach education, and non-academic studies which are relevant to their work.
- (d) To promote sports in the community, LCSD plans to organise about 38 000 programmes for some 2 600 000 participants in 2017-18 at an estimated cost of \$180 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, Hong Kong Games and Sport For All Day. To encourage wider and more regular participation in sport, 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.

**Subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) under the Sports Subvention Scheme from
2014-15 to 2016-17**

	NSA	2014-15 (\$)	2015-16 (\$)	2016-17 (\$)
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	2,130,074	2,164,274	2,228,307
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	5,247,479	5,431,461	5,656,263
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	14,072,528	14,362,632	14,867,939
4.	The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	4,889,855	4,817,767	4,963,667
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association Limited	10,717,504	10,211,509	11,438,262
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	2,172,529	2,210,336	2,317,684
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	1,095,962	1,153,094	1,186,018
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	1,596,501	1,407,246	1,507,111
9.	Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	3,582,967	3,549,125	3,629,999
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited	2,006,160	2,775,219	2,121,306
11.	Hong Kong Cricket Association	3,198,391	3,251,640	3,322,961
12.	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	7,463,576	7,643,314	9,201,446
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	3,739,238	4,075,994	3,666,339
14.	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	2,271,894	2,348,235	2,443,636
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	2,413,687	2,450,537	2,554,863
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	5,229,845	5,270,149	5,495,894
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	18,387,259	18,711,308	19,087,187
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	1,805,109	1,862,954	1,901,606
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	1,912,268	1,933,839	1,970,385
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	4,702,563	4,712,617	4,768,970
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	6,117,727	6,190,505	6,367,643
22.	The Hong Kong Hockey Association	2,785,620	2,808,245	2,870,944
23.	HongKong Ice Hockey Association Limited	1,578,518	1,651,225	1,737,660
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	3,123,819	3,147,038	3,308,226
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,669,819	1,970,131	1,780,852
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	686,783	697,480	712,434
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	998,926	1,080,780	1,013,192
28.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	2,748,049	2,782,978	2,870,701
29.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	5,196,730	4,759,108	4,712,711
30.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	3,175,462	3,192,330	3,343,537
31.	Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited ⁽¹⁾	N.A.	867,661	1,438,564
32.	Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	1,302,253	1,382,000	1,482,628
33.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	3,102,670	3,119,043	3,174,207
34.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	2,333,987	2,369,994	2,431,307
35.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	5,978,932	5,939,847	6,337,451
36.	Hong Kong Rugby Union	4,808,450	4,951,809	5,074,699
37.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	1,302,568	1,317,313	1,103,444
38.	The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	7,154,062	7,037,790	7,171,968

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39.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	2,881,250	2,897,403	2,976,791
40.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	1,253,123	1,411,179	1,284,512
41.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	1,514,672	1,521,476	1,554,994
42.	Hong Kong Softball Association	2,081,716	2,259,070	2,297,539
43.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	789,608	906,970	966,212
44.	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	7,065,121	7,445,045	7,890,406
45.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	7,941,662	8,086,290	8,320,000
46.	Hong Kong Squash	11,808,247	11,857,411	12,760,233
47.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	9,340,731	9,568,893	9,803,829
48.	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	11,013,163	11,340,309	13,718,072
49.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	2,243,431	2,305,120	2,362,094
50.	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	8,651,566	12,832,898	10,464,224
51.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	2,591,288	2,457,361	2,411,825
52.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	3,319,202	3,356,559	4,550,702
53.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,095,617	1,179,686	1,215,928
54.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,017,365	1,094,244	1,099,673
55.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	9,208,297	9,776,132	10,389,424
56.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	771,819	786,234	796,793
57.	The Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	1,025,539	1,329,277	1,072,070
58.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	7,103,245	7,241,120	7,456,942
59.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	3,691,514	3,770,575	3,901,172

Note

The Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited becomes one of the NSAs starting from 2015-16.

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