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Question:

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

- (a) A breakdown of the amounts of subvention granted to individual NSAs in 2018-19, 2019-20 and the estimated amounts of subventions for 2020-21. 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) It was stated in last year's Budget that the LCSD would allocate an additional recurrent provision of \$25 million and an extra two-year subsidy of \$17 million per year to enhance the financial assistance for NSAs. The funds could be used to support participation in overseas competitions, offering squad training programmes and supporting under-privileged athletes, as well as other operating costs. In this regard, what was the amount of extra provision so allocated to each NSA respectively in the past year? How much provision was used for supporting participation in overseas competitions, offering squad training programmes and supporting under-privileged athletes, as well as other operating costs, respectively?
- (d) It was also stated in last year's Budget that the Government would provide a one-off grant of \$15 million to NSAs for staff training, further studies, procurement of equipment, improvement of office facilities, etc. What was the amount of grant offered to each NSA respectively in the past year?

- (e) It is stated in this year's Budget that the Government will substantially increase the total subvention for the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China and 60 NSAs from about \$300 million to more than \$500 million a year over the next 4 years. How much does the Government expect the amount of total subvention for the 60 NSAs to be in these 4 years respectively?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 78)

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 in 2018-19 and 2019-20 is at **Annex I**. The subvention to be allocated to NSAs in 2020-21 is being finalised.

To ensure that the subvention allocated to NSAs is used properly, the 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. The Government and the Audit Commission may enquire into, examine and audit all records and accounts in respect of the subvention as well as their management and control procedures. NSAs are also required to respond and follow up on any corruption prevention advice rendered by the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Government. In addition, NSAs have to disclose 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. 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) The 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 (KPs) 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 KPs will be taken as reference when granting subventions to NSAs. In case of cancellation of programmes or non-compliance to the set targets are observed, subvention to NSAs will be deducted.

- (c) The LCSD will take into account various factors, including the annual plan for 2019-20 submitted by NSAs, their previous performance, past expenditure pattern, effectiveness in managing programmes and administering subvention, etc. in determining the additional amount of subvention to NSAs for supporting their participation in overseas competitions, offering squad training programmes and supporting under-privileged athletes, as well as other operating costs. The amount of additional subvention so allocated to each NSA respectively in the past year is at **Annex II**.
- (d) To address NSAs' needs to have additional funding for staff training and to enhance their operational efficiency, the LCSD provided a special one-off grant in an average amount of \$0.25 million to each of them in 2019-20. The funding can be used to enhance staff training, improve office equipment/website such as computer hardware/software, purchase sports equipment and carry out small-scale refurbishment of offices, etc. The amount of grant offered to each NSA respectively in the past year is at **Annex III**.
- (e) The Government anticipates that the recurrent subvention for the 60 NSAs will be increased from \$307 million in 2019-20 to \$329 million in 2020-21, \$438 million in 2021-22, \$492 million in 2022-23 and \$521 million in 2023-24. The LCSD will take into account factors including the annual plans submitted by NSAs, their previous performance, past expenditure pattern and effectiveness in managing programmes and administering subvention, etc. in deciding the total subvention to each NSA in these 4 years. Hence, the amount of subvention is not yet determined.

Subvention granted to “national sports associations” (NSAs) under the Sports Subvention Scheme in 2018-19 and 2019-20

	NSA	2018-19 (\$'000)	2019-20 (\$'000)
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	2,726	4,606
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	6,840	7,487
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	17,350	16,999
4.	The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	5,597	6,917
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association Limited	12,511	13,354
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	3,066	3,556
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	1,489	2,028
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	1,625	2,415
9.	The Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	4,158	5,632
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited	2,400	3,892
11.	Cricket Hong Kong Limited	3,854	5,512
12.	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	10,913	12,504
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	4,220	5,065
14.	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	2,805	3,787
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	2,952	3,478
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	6,253	7,302
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	19,852	20,894
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	2,193	2,680
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	2,324	3,022
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	5,311	6,618
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	7,336	8,177
22.	The Hong Kong Hockey Association	3,215	4,589
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	2,380	4,025
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	4,005	4,887
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,027	2,575
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	1,127	2,334

	NSA	2018-19 (\$'000)	2019-20 (\$'000)
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	1,439	1,890
28.	Hong Kong China Korfball Association Limited	1,518	2,467
29.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	3,274	4,263
30.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	5,416	6,340
31.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	4,042	4,907
32.	Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited	1,603	2,268
33.	Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	1,870	2,486
34.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	3,625	5,426
35.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	3,372	3,963
36.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	7,367	8,697
37.	Hong Kong Rugby Union	5,551	7,685
38.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	1,646	2,561
39.	The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	7,607	8,677
40.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	3,432	5,193
41.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	1,670	2,788
42.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	1,675	2,056
43.	Hong Kong Softball Association	2,689	3,976
44.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	1,771	2,445
45.	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	9,360	11,368
46.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	8,274	8,987
47.	Hong Kong Squash	13,902	15,506
48.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	10,509	12,110
49.	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	16,351	19,071
50.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	2,888	3,513
51.	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	12,459	13,428
52.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	2,937	3,369
53.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	3,781	4,729
54.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,286	1,623
55.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,157	1,699
56.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	11,863	14,268
57.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	1,170	1,582

	NSA	2018-19 (\$'000)	2019-20 (\$'000)
58.	The Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	1,383	1,965
59.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	7,911	9,729
60.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	4,276	4,828

Additional subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) in 2019-20

	NSA	Participation in overseas competitions (\$'000)	Squad training programmes (\$'000)	Supporting under-privileged athletes (\$'000)	Operating costs (\$'000)	Total amount of extra provision (\$'000)
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	1,178	7	120	274	1,579
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	0	0	0	91	91
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	52	372	0	318	742
4.	The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	515	141	50	132	838
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association Limited	322	40	0	220	582
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	0	0	0	34	34
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	121	29	0	75	225
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	56	49	0	109	214
9.	The Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	499	88	0	182	769
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited	248	0	0	215	463
11.	Cricket Hong Kong Limited	899	17	0	239	1,155
12.	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	370	531	0	357	1,258
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	163	28	0	103	294
14.	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	280	98	0	216	594
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	0	26	0	128	154
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	0	256	0	117	373
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	381	0	0	862	1,243
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	89	0	0	78	167
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	180	45	0	152	377

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20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	428	0	0	163	591
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	321	307	61	247	936
22.	The Hong Kong Hockey Association	419	48	0	214	681
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	902	206	0	133	1,241
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	306	15	0	97	418
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	0	35	0	41	76
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	257	324	0	158	739
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	117	0	0	82	199
28.	Hong Kong China Korfball Association Limited	317	4	4	127	452
29.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	322	200	0	165	687
30.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	85	53	0	165	303
31.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	83	224	0	92	399
32.	Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited	78	30	0	88	196
33.	Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	113	170	0	108	391
34.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	1,080	42	0	300	1,422
35.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	0	129	0	102	231
36.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	215	55	0	228	498
37.	Hong Kong Rugby Union	1,203	16	0	398	1,617
38.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	425	117	0	73	615
39.	The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	274	23	0	186	483

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40.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	595	505	0	307	1,407
41.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	530	50	0	177	757
42.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	176	168	0	66	410
43.	Hong Kong Softball Association	678	0	0	228	906
44.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	18	0	0	128	146
45.	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	570	317	0	320	1,207
46.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	124	0	0	280	404
47.	Hong Kong Squash	0	40	57	119	216
48.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	498	201	120	397	1,216
49.	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	74	0	8	199	281
50.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	119	28	0	134	281
51.	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	276	0	0	150	426
52.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	0	0	0	71	71
53.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	66	69	0	176	311
54.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	17	0	0	40	57
55.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	220	0	0	130	350
56.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	587	95	80	217	979
57.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	81	0	0	57	138

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58.	The Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	178	0	0	77	255
59.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	673	142	0	335	1,150
60.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	0	5	0	119	124

One-off grant offered to “national sports associations” (NSAs) in 2019-20

	NSA	2019-20 (\$'000)
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	247
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	250
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	250
4.	The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	250
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association Limited	247
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	250
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	250
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	239
9.	The Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	249
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited	250
11.	Cricket Hong Kong Limited	250
12.	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	250
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	250
14.	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	250
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	250
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	250
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	249
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	250
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	250
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	250
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	250
22.	The Hong Kong Hockey Association	164
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	250
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	250
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	250
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	250
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	224

	NSA	2019-20 (\$'000)
28.	Hong Kong China Korfball Association Limited	250
29.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	160
30.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	250
31.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	250
32.	Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited	250
33.	Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	246
34.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	250
35.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	250
36.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	250
37.	Hong Kong Rugby Union	250
38.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	250
39.	The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	248
40.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	250
41.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	245
42.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited*	0
43.	Hong Kong Softball Association	250
44.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	250
45.	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	250
46.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	250
47.	Hong Kong Squash	250
48.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	250
49.	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	250
50.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	230
51.	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	250
52.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	250
53.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	248
54.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	250
55.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	74
56.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	250

*Note: Hong Kong Skating Union Limited did not apply for the one-off grant

	NSA	2019-20 (\$'000)
57.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	232
58.	The Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	250
59.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	250
60.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	249

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