

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
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Question (Member Question No. 406):

In 2014-15, the Home Affairs Bureau will monitor the implementation of the feeder system of 49 national sports associations to enhance the identification and training of young potential athletes. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will be responsible for the training programmes concerned. Please list the details and main purposes of the programmes, the estimated number of athletes to be benefited, and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Feeder System Scheme (the Scheme) aims to help “national sports associations” (NSAs) identify and nurture young potential athletes and provide them with regular opportunities to participate in training and competitions, thereby improving their performance at a higher level. In 2014-15, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to monitor the implementation of the feeder system for 49 NSAs and extend the Scheme to two more NSAs. Around \$16.7 million has been earmarked for the implementation of the Scheme in 2014-15, benefiting about 8 400 young athletes.