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Question (Member Question No. 5):

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Department will “continue to enhance the feeder system of national sports associations to identify and nurture more young potential athletes to sustain the development of sports in Hong Kong”. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- 1) the specific plans for 2014-15;
- 2) the priority target sports identified; and
- 3) the details of the provision required and specific breakdown of the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The Feeder System Scheme (the Scheme) aims to help “national sports associations” (NSAs) identify and nurture young potential athletes and to 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 (LCSD) will provide funding support under the Scheme for 51 NSAs, with a view to helping them develop stronger elite squads and achieve better results in international events. Around \$16.7 million has been earmarked for the implementation of the Scheme in 2014-15 and the amount to be allocated to the individual NSAs is being finalised.

LCSD does not set priority target sports for the Scheme as all NSAs are welcome to join the Scheme having regard to their sports development strategies and plans.