

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question:

- a) What sports programmes were granted subventions by the Government in 2012-13? Please provide a breakdown by the content of each sport programme and the expenditure involved.
- b) What sports programmes will be granted subventions by the Government in 2013-14? What is the estimated expenditure for each of the subvented sport programmes?
- c) What measures will be taken by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to monitor the effectiveness of the improvement measures of the sports subvention scheme in 2013-14? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

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Reply:

- a)&b) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) and sports organisations (SOs) through the Sports Subvention Scheme (the Scheme) to support the promotion and development of sport in Hong Kong. The total amount of subvention provided to NSAs and SOs in 2012-13 was \$250 million, whilst the estimated provision in 2013-14 is about \$259 million. The subvention is a block grant to cover personnel, office and programme expenses. Programme expenses cover “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. NSAs have flexibility in deciding how best the subvention for organising programmes should be deployed, as long as they achieve the targets set in the Subvention Agreements signed with LCSD and comply with the conditions therein. LCSD therefore does not have detailed information on the allocation of subvention to individual programmes organised by the NSAs. As for SOs, project based subvention is granted to them mainly for the organisation of community training programmes and local competitions.
- c) Since 2011-12, LCSD has implemented measures to strengthen the monitoring of the use of subvention by NSAs and enhance their corporate governance, including an annual mid-year review. When LCSD scrutinises the annual plans submitted by NSAs for the next financial year, it will take into account their achievements in various key performance areas when deciding on the amount of subvention to be allocated to them next year. In 2013-14, LCSD will conduct a mid-year review of the performance of NSAs in 2012-13, and evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of the improvement measures. The measures are part of the Department's continual monitoring of the use of subvention, which is conducted using existing manpower and resources.

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