Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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<u>Head</u>: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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<u>Programme</u>: (1) Recreation and Sports

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Question:

The Government monitored the implementation of feeder systems by 49 "national sports associations" (NSAs) in 2014-15 and will monitor the implementation of such systems by 51 NSAs in 2015-16 so as to strengthen junior athlete identification and development programmes.

- a) Please provide a list of the 51 NSAs being monitored and specify the NSAs included or excluded; and
- b) With regard to the implementation of feeder systems by the 51 NSAs being monitored in 2015-16, what are 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 (Member Question No. 424)

Reply:

(a) & (b)

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 2013-14 and 2014-15, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provided funding support under the Scheme for 49 and 51 NSAs to enhance their feeder programmes respectively.

In 2015-16, LCSD will extend the scheme to cover one more NSA at a cost of around \$0.06 million, and the total funding earmarked for the scheme will be \$16.3 million. About 8 862 young athletes will benefit from the feeder programmes, which will mainly include development programmes, talent identification, regional and junior squad training, local competitions, overseas training and competitions.

The sports of the NSAs joining the scheme from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are at Annex.

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Feeder System Scheme

Year	Sports joining the Scheme in the Name of sports	year Number of sports	Cumulative number of sports joining the Scheme
2013-14	Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Billiards, Body Building, Boxing, Canoe, Cricket, Cycling, DanceSport, Dragon Boat, Equestrian, Fencing, Football, Gateball, Golf, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Ice Hockey, Judo, Karatedo, Kendo, Lawn Bowls, Mountaineering, Netball, Orienteering, Roller Sports, Rowing, Rugby, Sailing, Shooting, Shuttlecock, Softball, Sports for Mentally Handicapped, Sports for Physically Disabled, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Tenpin Bowling, Triathlon, Underwater, Volleyball, Windsurfing, Wushu	49	49
2014-15	Life Saving, Skating	2	51
2015-16	Dragon and Lion Dance	1	52