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Question:

Regarding the Young Athletes Training Scheme, please provide the following information:

- (1) What are the details of the scheme and the selected sports?
- (2) What are the expenditures involved and the numbers of athletes trained in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2014-15?
- (3) What are the estimated expenditure and the target number of athletes to be trained in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 68)

Reply:

- (1) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) to organise the Young Athletes Training Scheme (the Scheme), which aims to identify young athletes with potential for further training through systematic and progressive training. Participants with outstanding performance may be selected to take part in international competitions. The 23 sports in the Scheme are: athletics, badminton, basketball, billiards, canoe, cricket, cycling, fencing, football, gymnastics, handball, judo, lawn bowls, netball, rowing, sport climbing, squash, swimming, table-tennis, tennis, triathlon, volleyball and wushu.

(2) & (3)

The amount of subvention granted or planned to be granted to NSAs and the numbers of athletes trained or planned to be trained under the Scheme from 2011-12 to 2015-16 are as follows-

| | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Amount of subvention (\$ million) | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 13 (earmarked) |
| No. of participants | 32 085 | 31 935 | 31 069 | 31 669 | 30 327 (estimated) |

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