

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

In connection with the feeder systems for identification and development of young potential athletes, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Regarding the implementation of the feeder systems, what is the expenditure earmarked in the estimates for 2020-21 for individual "national sports associations" (NSAs) and how effective is the work? What are the mechanism and criteria used by the Government to assess the effectiveness of the provision? What is the estimated expenditure for individual NSAs this year? What is the specific work plan?
- (b) Apart from supporting the NSAs, what measures are taken by the Government to support the implementation of the feeder systems for other sports? What are the estimated expenditures involved?
- (c) How many schools participated in the Student Athlete Support Scheme (the Scheme) in the 2020/21 school year? How many student athletes have benefited? What is the expenditure involved? What is the estimated expenditure for the implementation of the Scheme in the 2021/22 school year?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) As for the work relating to the feeder system, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) mainly provides subvention to "national sports associations" (NSAs) to organise feeder programmes of different sports, including implementation of development programmes, talent identification, regional and junior squad training, local competitions, overseas training and competitions. The provision for implementing the Feeder System Scheme (FSS) in 2020-21 amounted to \$27.6 million for supporting feeder programmes organised by 53 NSAs. The subvention granted to each NSA is at Annex.

The LCSD has been assessing the effectiveness of FSS in terms of achievement of performance targets set by NSAs, including the organisation of feeder programmes, recruitment of squad members, and athletes' achievements in international sports competitions. Since its launch in 2009-10, FSS has achieved very good results. As at December 2020, FSS has resulted in the identification of 4 830 athletes for promotion to higher level squads for further training. Of these, 980 have been promoted to junior squads of different sports. The LCSD will continue to monitor the effectiveness of FSS.

In 2021-22, a total of around \$33.1 million will be earmarked to support NSAs to implement feeder programmes. The amount to be allocated to the individual NSAs is being finalised.

- (c) In the 2020/21 school year, a total of 614 primary and secondary schools signed up for the Student Athlete Support Scheme (Scheme) managed by the Home Affairs Bureau. The actual number of beneficiaries will be available when the reports from the participating schools are received at the end of this school year. The average number of students benefitted from the Scheme over the past 3 school years was 15 946. We have earmarked \$8.29 million for the Scheme to be implemented in the 2020/21 school year. While application for the 2021/22 school year is yet to open, the estimated expenditure will be finalised in due course.

Subvention to Feeder System Scheme in 2020-21

	Name of national sports association	2020-21 (\$)
1	Hong Kong Archery Association	383,356
2	Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates Limited	1,181,380
3	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	1,478,449
4	The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	302,980
5	Hong Kong Basketball Association Limited	310,421
6	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	466,344
7	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	164,089
8	Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	123,254
9	The Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	310,772
10	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited	14,235
11	Cricket Hong Kong Limited	66,636
12	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	862,795
13	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	347,074
14	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	321,192
15	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	817,453
16	Hong Kong Fencing Association	929,833
17	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	694,170
18	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	186,882
19	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	61,560
20	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	207,192
21	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	662,120
22	The Hong Kong Hockey Association	434,095
23	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	378,154
24	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	732,255
25	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,070,178
26	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	190,369

	Name of national sports association	2020-21 (\$)
27	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	346,283
28	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	171,376
29	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	330,502
30	Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	418,730
31	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	232,276
32	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	391,986
33	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	250,584
34	Hong Kong Rugby Union	426,559
35	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	174,206
36	Hong Kong Shooting Association	694,781
37	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	367,260
38	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	724,361
39	Hong Kong Softball Association	308,046
40	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited,	38,224
41	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	1,190,470
42	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	487,881
43	Hong Kong Squash	1,114,032
44	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	198,240
45	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	1,055,640
46	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	712,596
47	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	1,406,379
48	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	461,824
49	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	129,640
50	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	68,862
51	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	580,548
52	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	2,064,768
53	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	537,652