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Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) implements the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports to support the development of new sports. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

1. the local sports organisations receiving the subvention, the amount of subvention granted, the events held by such organisations and the attendance over the past 3 years;
2. whether the Bureau has considered enhancing or expanding the Pilot Scheme to support the long-term development of the new sports organisations, given the concerns over the Pilot Scheme's failure to promote their development by supporting elite sports and maintaining Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events. If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
3. whether the Government will consider making a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme. If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

1. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) launched the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports (the Pilot Scheme) in May 2021 to provide subvention to eligible sports organisations on a project basis, in a bid to support and promote the development of new sports. Over the past 3 years (i.e. in 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24), the LCSD has provided subvention to 6, 18 and 21 eligible sports organisations respectively under the Pilot Scheme. The sports organisations receiving subvention to organise new sports projects under the Pilot Scheme and the sports items so covered are at **Annex**. The total amount of subvention, the number of events held and the attendance are tabulated below:

Year	Total Amount of Subvention	Number of New Sports Events Held		Attendance	
		Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual
2021-22	\$0.38 million	93	5*	2 600	103*
2022-23	\$1.64 million	175	157	7 800	5 793
2023-24	\$2.1 million	332	Not available (due to ongoing events)	12 800	Not available (due to ongoing events)

* A significant number of subvented events had been cancelled due to the COVID-19 epidemic, leading to a drop in attendance.

2. To promote sports for all, the LCSD has introduced the Pilot Scheme, where subvention is provided to local sports organisations to promote and develop new sports, thereby offering more opportunities and choices for members of the public to experience new sports and encouraging greater participation in sports. To encourage the eligible organisations to step up promotion of new sports, the LCSD has, since implementation of the Pilot Scheme in 2021, increased the ceiling on subvention to each successful sports organisation on two occasions, the first from \$100,000 in 2021-22 to \$150,000 in 2022-23, and the second to \$180,000 in 2024-25. Such organisations may alternatively receive 85% of the total eligible expenditure of individual activities, whichever is lower.
3. The Advisory Committee of the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports under the LCSD will evaluate the performance of the Pilot Scheme from time to time, and provide advice on its implementation, including those aspects related to the subvention mechanism for new sports and the publicity and promotion strategies, to better suit the needs and development of new sports.

**Sports Organisations Receiving Subvention to Organise New Sports Projects
under the Pilot Scheme and their Sports Items**

No.	Name of Sports Organisation	Sports Item	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Floorball Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	Floorball	✓	✓	✓
2.	Hong Kong Kin-Ball Association Limited	Kin-ball	✓	✓	✓
3.	Multi-Bowls Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	Pétanque	✓	✓	✓
4.	Sepaktakraw Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	Sepak Takraw	✓	✓	✓
5.	Hong Kong Surf and Standup Paddle Association Limited	Standup Paddle	✓	✓	✓
6.	Tchoukball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	Tchoukball	✓	✓	✓
7.	Hong Kong Kabaddi Federation Limited	Kabaddi		✓	✓
8.	Hong Kong Kyudo Association	Kyudo		✓	✓
9.	World Nunchaku Association (HKNA) Limited	Nunchaku		✓	✓
10.	Hong Kong Sport Stacking Association Limited	Sport Stacking		✓	✓
11.	Cheerleading Federation of Hong Kong China Limited	Cheerleading		✓	✓
12.	Hong Kong Dodgeball Association Limited	Dodgeball		✓	✓
13.	Dodgeball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	Dodgeball		✓	✓
14.	Health Qigong Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	Health Qigong		✓	✓
15.	The Kurash Federation of Hong Kong China Limited	Kurash		✓	✓
16.	Molkky Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	Molkky		✓	✓
17.	Pickleball Sport Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	Pickleball		✓	✓
18.	Sambo Federation of Hong Kong China Limited	Sambo		✓	✓
19.	Sports Performance and Functional Fitness Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	Functional Fitness			✓
20.	Hong Kong China Paragliding Association Limited	Paragliding			✓
21.	Hong Kong VX Association Limited	VX Ball			✓