

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

One of the areas of work of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is to provide subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) and sports organisations for training athletes and organising sports activities. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) A breakdown of the amounts of subvention granted to individual NSAs in 2019-20, 2020-21 and the estimated amounts of subventions for 2021-22. What areas of work will the subvention be used for? What mechanisms have been put in place to ensure proper use of the subvention?
- (b) What mechanism has the Government put in place to assess the quality of the subvented activities and ensure the compliance of these activities with the requirements? What follow-up measures are put in place against substandard subvented activities?
- (c) It was stated in last year's Budget that the LCSD would allocate an additional recurrent provision of \$25 million and an extra two-year subsidy of \$17 million per year to enhance the financial assistance for NSAs. The funds could be used to support participation in overseas competitions, offering squad training programmes and supporting under-privileged athletes, as well as other operating costs. In this regard, what was the amount of extra provision so allocated to each NSA respectively in the past year? How much provision was used for supporting participation in overseas competitions, offering squad training programmes and supporting under-privileged athletes, as well as other operating costs, respectively?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) to support the promotion and development of sports in Hong Kong. NSAs may use the subvention to cover their personnel, office and programme expenses. Programme expenses include “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. The detailed breakdown of the subventions granted to individual NSAs in 2019-20 and 2020-21 is at **Annex I**. The subvention to be allocated to NSAs in 2021-22 is being finalised.

To ensure that the subvention allocated to NSAs is used properly, the LCSD enters into annual Subvention Agreements with individual NSAs. Under the Agreements, NSAs have the obligation to use the subvention to implement the planned programmes in strict accordance with the requirements stated in the Agreements. The Government and the Audit Commission may enquire into, examine and audit all records and accounts in respect of the subvention as well as their management and control procedures. NSAs are also required to respond and follow up on any corruption prevention advice rendered by the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Government. In addition, NSAs have to disclose all information relevant to the subvention funding as and when necessary.

NSAs are required to submit quarterly reports on their programmes, and annual accounts audited by certified public accountants. They are also required to formulate and comply with a Code of Conduct, Accounting Procedures Guidelines and Procurement Practices and Guidelines to avoid conflicts of interest and to ensure due process is followed. The LCSD conducts regular on-site inspections of the subvented programmes as well as periodic quality assurance inspections to ensure the quality of programmes provided by NSAs, the adoption of proper accounting procedures and their compliance with the terms of the Subvention Agreements.

- (b) The LCSD assesses the performance of NSAs against the targets set including their effectiveness in managing programmes and administering subvention. They are measured against 4 Key Performance Areas (KPAs) including (i) Organisation of Programmes, (ii) Development and Promotion of Sports, (iii) Performance of Athletes and (iv) Corporate Governance and Compliance. The achievements of NSAs on KPAs will be taken as reference when granting subventions to NSAs. In case of cancellation of programmes or non-compliance to the set targets are observed, subvention to NSAs will be deducted.
- (c) The LCSD will take into account various factors, including the annual plan for 2020-21 submitted by NSAs, their previous performance, past expenditure pattern, effectiveness in managing programmes and administering subvention, etc. in determining the additional amount of subvention to NSAs for supporting their participation in overseas competitions, offering squad training programmes and supporting under-privileged athletes, as well as other operating costs. The amount of additional subvention so allocated to each NSA respectively in the past year is at **Annex II**.

Subvention granted to “national sports associations” (NSAs) under the Sports Subvention Scheme in 2019-20 and 2020-21

	NSA	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (\$'000)
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	4,606	4,388
2.	Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates Limited	7,487	7,416
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	16,999	18,638
4.	The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	6,917	7,269
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association Limited	13,354	14,061
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	3,556	3,504
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	2,028	2,056
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	2,415	2,721
9.	The Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	5,632	5,601
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited	3,892	2,964
11.	Cricket Hong Kong Limited	5,512	5,583
12.	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	12,504	12,598
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	5,065	4,881
14.	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	3,787	3,723
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	3,478	3,551
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	7,302	7,261
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	20,894	20,255
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	2,680	2,516
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	3,022	2,935
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	6,618	6,808
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	8,177	9,222
22.	The Hong Kong Hockey Association	4,589	4,649
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	4,025	4,117
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	4,887	4,851
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,575	3,464
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	2,334	2,191
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	1,890	1,799
28.	Hong Kong China Korfbal Association Limited	2,467	2,410
29.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	4,263	4,762
30.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	6,340	7,468

	NSA	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (\$'000)
31.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	4,907	5,667
32.	Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited	2,268	2,188
33.	Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	2,486	2,565
34.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	5,426	5,297
35.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	3,963	3,749
36.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	8,697	8,670
37.	Hong Kong Rugby Union	7,685	7,723
38.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	2,561	2,700
39.	The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	8,677	8,750
40.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	5,193	5,130
41.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	2,788	2,543
42.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	2,056	2,188
43.	Hong Kong Softball Association	3,976	3,911
44.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	2,445	2,588
45.	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	11,368	11,227
46.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	8,987	8,856
47.	Hong Kong Squash	15,506	15,453
48.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	12,110	12,242
49.	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	19,071	19,871
50.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	3,513	3,412
51.	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	13,428	13,492
52.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	3,369	3,305
53.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	4,729	4,719
54.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,623	1,564
55.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,699	1,592
56.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	14,268	14,864
57.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	1,582	1,515
58.	The Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	1,965	1,799
59.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	9,729	9,557
60.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	4,828	4,768

Additional subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) in 2020-21

	NSA	Participation in overseas competitions (\$'000)	Squad training programmes (\$'000)	Supporting under- privileged athletes (\$'000)	Operating costs (\$'000)	Total amount of extra provision (\$'000)
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	1,339	85	20	27	1,471
2.	Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates Limited	0	0	0	143	143
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	511	525	0	35	1,071
4.	The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	577	309	20	110	1,016
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association Limited	353	0	0	43	396
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	0	37	0	37	74
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	195	108	50	36	389
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	470	292	0	48	811
9.	The Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	657	302	0	26	985
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited	375	9	0	25	409
11.	Cricket Hong Kong Limited	1,252	172	0	54	1,478
12.	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	510	653	0	49	1,212
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	193	291	0	84	568
14.	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	361	153	0	59	573
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	35	170	0	77	282
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	0	685	0	107	792
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	1,343	0	0	46	1,389
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	151	19	0	41	211
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	297	170	0	100	567
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	491	135	0	140	766
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	579	516	241	28	1,364
22.	The Hong Kong Hockey Association	659	311	0	44	1,014

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23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	1,040	461	0	0	1,501
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	451	220	0	94	765
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	0	736	0	52	788
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	322	375	0	73	770
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	176	19	0	71	266
28.	Hong Kong China Korfball Association Limited	450	136	0	53	639
29.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	432	559	0	107	1,098
30.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	153	104	0	140	397
31.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	120	746	0	227	1,093
32.	Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited	202	32	0	67	301
33.	Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	174	273	0	0	447
34.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	1,277	94	0	108	1,479
35.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	0	250	0	54	304
36.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	229	301	0	64	594
37.	Hong Kong Rugby Union	1,598	119	0	45	1,762
38.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	734	217	0	30	981
39.	The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	666	332	0	57	1,055
40.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	716	746	0	47	1,509
41.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	673	66	0	19	758
42.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	207	182	0	26	415
43.	Hong Kong Softball Association	711	238	0	64	1,013

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44.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	165	445	0	63	673
45.	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	416	579	0	81	1,076
46.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	0	186	0	45	231
47.	Hong Kong Squash	0	316	0	77	393
48.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	715	278	120	43	1,156
49.	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	116	164	0	36	316
50.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	181	164	0	117	462
51.	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	309	158	0	43	510
52.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	0	133	0	42	175
53.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	213	308	0	32	553
54.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	101	11	65	0	177
55.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	337	0	0	19	356
56.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	826	176	73	25	1,100
57.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	212	20	0	23	255
58.	The Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	259	40	0	35	333
59.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	868	275	0	39	1,182
60.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	0	52	0	39	91

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