

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to eligible national sports associations (NSAs) through the Sports Subvention Scheme to promote and develop the respective sports. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please list in a table the NSAs receiving subvention from the Government and the amount of subvention involved in each of the past 5 financial years. Have there been any changes to the list of the NSAs receiving subvention over such a period?
2. What will be the number and names of the NSAs receiving subvention and the estimated amount of subvention in 2024-25?
3. Please list in a table the NSAs receiving subvention from the Government and the respective number of their athlete members in 2023.
4. It is suggested in the information provided by the Government that the NSAs applying for the Sports Subvention Scheme must meet the criteria, such as being a member of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China; being affiliated to the International Federation/International Federation Association of the respective sport recognised by the International Olympic Committee; and being a non-profit-making sports organisation registered under the Companies Ordinance and with Articles of Association. Have the Government conducted full scrutiny of those applicant NSAs based on the above criteria? and
5. The NSAs may cover their personnel, office and programme expenses with the subvention from the Government, and the programme expenses may include, inter alia, "national", youth and regional squad training. Have the NSAs duly submitted their financial estimates to the Government and given a full account of the expenditure involved over the past 5 financial years? Have the NSAs provided the two-year sports development plans required for applying for sports subvention? What follow-up measures will be taken by the Government in the event of incomplete information?

Asked by: Hon HO King-hong, Adrian Pedro (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

1. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to national sports associations (NSAs) under the Sports Subvention Scheme (the Scheme) to support the promotion and development of sports in Hong Kong. The breakdown of the subvention granted to individual NSAs in the past 5 years (i.e. from 2019-20 to 2023-24) is at Annex.
2. The amount of subvention to be allocated to individual NSAs in 2024-25 under the Scheme is subject to finalisation.
3. The LCSD does not keep the number of athlete members of NSAs receiving subvention under the Scheme.
4. Those sports organisations wishing to apply for “Sports Subvention (Block Grant)” under the Scheme must fulfil all mandatory requirements: being a member of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China; being affiliated to the International Federation/International Federation Association of the respective sport recognised by the International Olympic Committee; being a non-profit-making sports organisation registered under the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) and with Articles of Association; having a proven record of successful experience of organising sports development programmes of various levels and being able to provide records of active public participation for the past 3 years and a two-year sports development plan required for applying for sports subvention; promoting those sports, except demonstration sports, which are, or have the potential to be, included in major games; having in place sound organisational structures and accountable, transparent and control policies to meet the corporate governance requirements under the Companies Ordinance and the Scheme; and having in place comprehensive strategic development and promotion plans, which cover organisation of mass participation programmes, nurturing of potential athletes and development of coaches and officials, with practicable implementation timetables to foster sustainable sports development. The LCSD will scrutinise the eligibility of sports organisations to apply for the Scheme and the information they provide.
5. The LCSD enters into annual Subvention Agreements with NSAs receiving subvention, under which the funding terms and conditions are clearly laid out for such NSAs to comply with and fulfil, including those related to submission of quarterly reports on their programmes and annual audit accounts prepared by certified public accountants to the LCSD. In each of the past 5 years, NSAs receiving subvention have been required to submit annual plans, including those on sports development, required for applying for sports subvention to the LCSD, and furnish in a timely manner reports on their annual programmes and the relevant expenditure. To ensure the compliance of NSAs with the requirement to submit reports, the LCSD would deduct 1% of subvention provided to NSAs in the event of failure on the part of such NSAs to make timely submission of necessary reports and rectify as required within specified time frames following repeated reminders from the LCSD. Such a deduction rate would be increased to 2% if the NSAs in question fail to make timely submission of annual accounts or certified

reports for 2 consecutive years or more. Such a penalty would remain in place until all relevant documents are duly submitted.

Annex to Reply Serial No. CSTB305**Subvention provided to national sports associations (NSAs) under the Sports Subvention Scheme from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

	NSA	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (\$'000)	2021-22 (\$'000)	2022-23 (\$'000)	2023-24 (\$'000)
1.	Archery Association of Hong Kong, China	4,606	4,388	6,053	6,979	7,241
2.	Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates Limited	7,487	7,416	8,507	10,183	11,234
3.	Badminton Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	16,999	18,638	20,513	23,239	24,936
4.	The Baseball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	6,917	7,269	8,950	11,176	12,303
5.	Basketball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	13,354	14,061	14,105	15,857	16,826
6.	Billiard Sports Council of Hong Kong China Limited	3,556	3,504	5,625	6,488	6,995
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	2,028	2,056	3,120	4,051	4,342
8.	The Boxing Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,415	2,721	3,437	4,733	5,220
9.	Hong Kong China Canoe Union Limited	5,632	5,601	6,610	8,500	9,512
10.	Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	3,892	2,964	4,108	5,023	5,467
11.	Cricket Hong Kong, China Limited	5,512	5,583	6,942	8,207	8,779
12.	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	12,504	12,598	14,027	16,285	17,284
13.	DanceSport Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	5,065	4,881	6,692	8,871	10,317
14.	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	3,787	3,723	4,758	6,255	6,782
15.	The Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China	3,478	3,551	4,264	6,068	6,712
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	7,302	7,261	8,068	9,904	10,622
17.	Flying Disc Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited*	-	-	2,721	3,980	4,281
18.	The Football Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	20,894	20,255	19,998	23,876	24,180

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19.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	2,680	2,516	2,872	3,430	3,755
20.	Golf Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	3,022	2,935	4,082	5,615	6,082
21.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	6,618	6,808	8,624	10,761	11,691
22.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	8,177	9,222	11,225	13,035	13,629
23.	Hockey Hong Kong, China	4,589	4,649	5,461	6,147	6,527
24.	Hong Kong, China Ice Hockey Association Limited	4,025	4,117	5,215	6,690	7,084
25.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	4,887	4,851	5,858	7,548	8,101
26.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,575	3,464	4,349	5,707	6,876
27.	Karting Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,334	2,191	3,233	4,637	5,086
28.	The Kendo Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,890	1,799	2,760	3,224	3,698
29.	Hong Kong China Korfball Association Limited	2,467	2,410	2,916	3,777	4,714
30.	Hong Kong, China Lacrosse Association Limited*	-	-	2,129	3,231	4,288
31.	Lawn Bowls Association of Hong Kong, China	4,263	4,762	5,663	7,583	8,077
32.	Hong Kong China Life Saving Society	6,340	7,468	8,181	9,782	10,316
33.	Hong Kong, China Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	4,907	5,667	7,197	9,186	10,242
34.	Muaythai Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,268	2,188	2,438	3,381	3,739
35.	Netball Hong Kong, China Limited	2,486	2,565	3,335	4,082	4,661
36.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	5,426	5,297	6,257	8,010	8,576
37.	Hong Kong China Federation of Roller Sports and Skateboarding Limited	3,963	3,749	4,209	4,851	5,478
38.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	8,697	8,670	9,940	12,021	13,282
39.	Hong Kong, China Rugby	7,685	7,723	8,320	10,740	11,944

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40.	Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China	2,561	2,700	3,227	4,213	4,601
41.	The Schools Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China	8,677	8,750	9,897	11,530	12,123
42.	Hong Kong, China Shooting Association	5,193	5,130	6,436	7,832	8,284
43.	Shuttlecock Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,788	2,543	4,134	5,566	6,381
44.	Hong Kong China Skating Union Limited	2,056	2,188	3,477	4,499	4,913
45.	Hong Kong China Softball Association	3,976	3,911	5,337	5,879	6,391
46.	Hong Kong, China Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	2,445	2,588	4,745	6,283	4,979
47.	Hong Kong, China Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	11,368	11,227	12,601	15,309	16,655
48.	Sports Association for the Physically Disabled of Hong Kong, China	8,987	8,856	9,626	12,511	13,231
49.	Squash Association of Hong Kong, China	15,506	15,453	16,929	19,842	21,227
50.	Hong Kong China Swimming Association	12,110	12,242	14,548	17,435	19,278
51.	Hong Kong, China Table Tennis Association Limited	19,071	19,871	21,811	20,818	21,963
52.	Hong Kong, China Taekwondo Association Limited	3,513	3,412	4,588	6,204	6,601
53.	The Hong Kong, China Tennis Association Limited	13,428	13,492	16,620	19,730	18,693
54.	Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	3,369	3,305	4,163	5,481	5,886
55.	Triathlon Association of Hong Kong China Limited	4,729	4,719	5,577	6,989	7,292
56.	Hong Kong China Underwater Association Limited	1,623	1,564	1,908	2,325	2,470
57.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,699	1,592	2,511	4,317	4,677
58.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	14,268	14,864	17,253	15,718	21,672

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59.	Hong Kong, China Waterski Association Limited	1,582	1,515	1,956	3,064	3,425
60.	The Hong Kong, China Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	1,965	1,799	2,304	3,011	3,141
61.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong, China	9,729	9,557	10,330	13,233	14,333
62.	Hong Kong, China Wushu Union Limited	4,828	4,768	6,634	8,258	8,820

* Since 2021-22, Flying Disc Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited and Hong Kong, China Lacrosse Association Limited have been those NSAs receiving subvention.

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