

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Since 2021, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department has implemented the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports under the Sports Subvention Scheme, providing subvention to support the development of new sports in community. Would the Government inform this Committee of:

1. the sports organisations receiving the subvention and the sports involved for each of the years since implementation of the Pilot Scheme;
2. the number of sports receiving the subvention and the number of participants of such sports for each of the years since implementation of the Pilot Scheme;
3. whether the amount of subvention totalled \$380,000 under the Pilot Scheme and the amount of subvention used for each of the years;
4. the total number of applications received as at the deadline for application for the Pilot Scheme for 2024-25 in February;
5. whether the Government has plans to regularise the Pilot Scheme and increase the level of subvention for promotion of local sports development.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Hei, Edward (LegCo internal reference no.: 136)

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.

2. & 3. The total amount of subvention under the Scheme, the number of subvented new sports events held and the attendance over the past 3 years 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.

4. A total of 31 applications from sports organisations for the 2024-25 Pilot Scheme have been received by the LCSD when application closed on 23 February 2024.
5. 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. The Advisory Committee of the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports under the LCSD evaluates from time to time the performance of the Pilot Scheme, and provides 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. The evaluation of the Pilot Scheme will be conducted in 2024 to review its performance, explore the feasibility of regularising such a scheme and propose the way forward.

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

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name of Sports Organisation</b>	<b>Sports Item</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
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.	Molky Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	Molky		✓	✓
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			✓