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Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2023-24 that the Government will set up the National Games (NG) Preparatory Office to help setting up the HKSAR Organising Committee for the 15th NG and provide effective and efficient support during initial operation. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of:

1. the administrative expenditure and staff establishment to be involved;
2. the details of and the estimated expenditure for the relevant publicity campaign to be carried out by the NG Preparatory Office;
3. whether the Government has plans to set up an NG volunteer team to effectively take forward the organisation of the NG and promote the message of sport for all. If yes, of the details and schedule; if no, the reasons for that.

Asked by: Hon FOK Kai-kong, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

1. to 3. The Government intends to set up the National Games Preparatory Office in the second quarter of 2023 and plans to create related time-limited civil service posts to undertake the advance preparatory work. At present, the division of work among the governments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao is yet to be confirmed by the General Administration of Sport of China. Relevant expenditures for administration and programmes, staff establishment, publicity campaign, etc. are also yet to be worked out. The preliminary plan is to recruit volunteers to participate in the work.