

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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Question:

The Young Athletes Training Scheme, subvented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), aims to identify young athletes with potential for further training, who may subsequently be selected into Hong Kong teams and take part in international competitions. As far as training for young athletes is concerned, would the Government advise this Committee of the following:

- (a) What were the resources committed in the Scheme by the LCSD and the expenditures involved over the past 5 years?
- (b) What were the numbers of youths receiving training for each of the 34 sports under the Scheme over the past 5 years? Please provide the details in tabulated form.
- (c) What were the numbers of youths selected into Hong Kong teams upon receiving training for the 34 sports under the Scheme over the past 5 years? Please provide the details in tabulated form.

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Reply:

- 1.&2. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides annual subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) and “sports organisations” (SOs) under the Sports Subvention Scheme (SSS) to support the promotion and development of sports in Hong Kong. With the subvention from the LCSD, the NSAs organise the Young Athletes Training Scheme (the Scheme) to augment youth training and identify young athletes with potential. Details of the amount of subvention and the numbers of people benefited for each of the past 5 years (i.e. from 2018-19 to 2022-23) are tabulated at **Annex I**.
3. The numbers of young athletes with potential selected for further training or into Hong Kong teams by the NSAs for the 34 sports under the Scheme from 2017-18 to

2021-22 are listed at **Annex II**. The number of those receiving further training in 2022-23 is subject to confirmation.

Annex I to Reply Serial No. CSTB200

**Amount of subvention from the LCSD to national sports associations to organise
the Young Athletes Training Scheme and numbers of people benefited over the past 5 years**

	Sports Item	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
		\$'000	Number of people	\$'000	Number of people	\$'000	Number of people	\$'000	Number of people	\$'000	Number of people
1.	Athletics	983	1 680	1,060	1 500	1,129	1 500	1,211	1 500	1,286	1 500
2.	Baseball ^{Note}	-	-	-	-	-	-	468	1 300	468	1 300
3.	Badminton	1,791	3 966	1,648	3 126	1,760	2 856	2,035	2 956	2,129	2 956
4.	Basketball	1,047	3 488	1,088	3 488	1,162	3 488	1,162	3 488	1,162	3 488
5.	Snooker	52	66	54	66	56	66	58	66	71	66
6.	Pool	53	66	55	66	57	66	58	66	65	66
7.	Canoe	210	206	218	206	227	206	228	206	223	206
8.	Cricket	67	112	71	112	72	112	74	112	74	112
9.	BMX	128	125	157	125	169	125	197	125	203	125
10.	Mountain Bike	86	63	90	63	99	63	98	60	103	60
11.	Road and Track Cycling	333	196	348	196	352	196	355	196	369	196
12.	Dragon Boat	107	180	108	180	111	180	113	180	113	180
13.	Fencing	272	480	326	576	347	576	347	576	347	576
14.	Football	412	5 076	499	5 076	337	4 644	323	3 564	323	3 564
15.	Acrobatic Gymnastics	67	86	70	86	79	86	79	86	84	86
16.	Artistic Gymnastics	107	112	110	112	121	112	130	112	160	112

	Sports Item	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
		\$'000	Number of people	\$'000	Number of people	\$'000	Number of people	\$'000	Number of people	\$'000	Number of people
17.	Trampoline	91	86	95	86	100	86	100	86	130	86
18.	Handball	191	500	203	500	209	500	209	500	215	500
19.	Judo	6	140	7	140	7	140	7	140	7	140
20.	Lacrosse ^{Note}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	123	335
21.	Lawn Bowls	181	204	190	204	221	296	228	296	273	488
22.	Sport Climbing	218	272	116	164	127	164	115	164	184	164
23.	Netball	49	300	51	270	55	270	55	270	55	270
24.	Rowing	612	752	640	752	671	752	681	752	694	752
25.	Squash	1,580	1 136	1,624	1 136	1,690	1 136	1,829	1 184	1,829	1 184
26.	Diving	114	60	119	60	123	60	81	40	81	40
27.	Artistic Swimming	96	440	101	440	101	144	101	144	101	144
28.	Water Polo	334	160	344	160	352	160	352	160	352	160
29.	Table-tennis	1,940	5 092	2,042	5 304	2,589	5 264	2,773	4 656	2,902	4 300
30.	Tennis	378	328	400	328	421	328	436	328	332	328
31.	Triathlon	252	260	266	260	275	260	285	260	285	236
32.	Beach Volleyball	157	720	168	720	186	720	190	720	190	720
33.	Volleyball	612	3 120	644	3 120	676	3 120	713	3 120	713	3 120
34.	Wushu	196	185	203	185	213	185	216	185	227	185

Note The NSAs of baseball and lacrosse have provided training under the Scheme since 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively.

Annex II to Reply Serial No. CSTB200

Numbers of athletes selected for further training under the Young Athletes Training Scheme over the past 5 years ^{Note 1}

	Sports Item	Number of athletes in 2017-18	Number of athletes in 2018-19	Number of athletes in 2019-20	Number of athletes in 2020-21	Number of athletes in 2021-22
1.	Athletics	0	0	0	0	0
2.	Baseball ^{Note 2}	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Badminton	73	75	0	29	49
4.	Basketball	49	68	171	0	0
5.	Snooker	-	2	0	0	2
6.	Pool	0	2	1	1	3
7.	Canoe	3	0	4	0	0
8.	Cricket	0	0	0	0	0
9.	BMX	1	3	0	0	0
10.	Mountain Bike	0	4	4	3	0
11.	Road and Track Cycling	17	14	13	0	0
12.	Dragon Boat	-	10	5	0	10
13.	Fencing	1	2	1	0	0
14.	Football	52	42	39	17	46
15.	Acrobatic Gymnastics	4	7	1	0	0
16.	Artistic Gymnastics	2	1	0	0	0
17.	Trampoline	-	0	1	0	0
18.	Handball	36	36	36	0	0

	Sports Item	Number of athletes in 2017-18	Number of athletes in 2018-19	Number of athletes in 2019-20	Number of athletes in 2020-21	Number of athletes in 2021-22
19.	Judo	3	3	4	2	2
20.	Lacrosse ^{Note 2}	-	-	-	-	-
21.	Lawn Bowls	6	9	6	5	12
22.	Sport Climbing	8	8	0	0	0
23.	Netball	34	36	44	18	31
24.	Rowing	7	15	13	0	13
25.	Squash	20	56	34	10	43
26.	Diving	0	1	0	0	0
27.	Artistic Swimming	4	17	14	13	9
28.	Water Polo	3	3	3	4	3
29.	Table-tennis	20	22	21	0	45
30.	Tennis	8	0	18	7	10
31.	Triathlon	2	3	2	2	2
32.	Beach Volleyball	14	18	13	0	9
33.	Volleyball	65	34	51	0	36
34.	Wushu	6	87	8	1	0

Note 1 The number of athletes receiving further training in 2022-23 is subject to confirmation.

Note 2 Given the NSAs of baseball and lacrosse have provided training under the Scheme since 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively, there are for the time being no event participants being invited to Hong Kong teams.

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