

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism

Question:

1. What is the total amount of subvention for national sports associations/sports organisations in 2022-23? What are the indicators for the subvention?
2. What is the expenditure for the construction of the sports park at Whitehead of Ma On Shan proposed under the Five-Year Plan for Sports and Recreation Facilities in the 2017 Policy Address? What is the progress of planning and construction at present?

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

1. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to national sports associations (NSAs) and sports organisations (SOs) under the Sports Subvention Scheme to support the promotion and development of sports in Hong Kong. In 2022-23, the LCSD provided funding support of about \$584 million for 62 NSAs and 40 SOs.

Every year, the LCSD considers and determines the amount of subvention in the coming year based on the annual plans submitted by NSAs and SOs and according to such principles as the following:

- (a) the development potential of the sport;
- (b) the staff strength and past expenditure pattern of the NSA (SOs are provided with local programme subventions on a project basis, and expenditures on staff and office are not covered);
- (c) the performance of the NSA/SO against the targets set for the previous financial year, including its effectiveness in managing programmes and administering the subvention; and

- (d) the practicability and effectiveness of the annual plan and midterm development plan submitted by the NSA/SO.
2. To support the sustainable development of sport in Hong Kong, the Government plans to construct the second sports park in Hong Kong at Whitehead, Ma On Shan after Kai Tak Sports Park to provide various large-scale recreation and sports facilities. Whitehead Sports Park is one of the projects under the “Five-Year Plan for Sports and Recreation Facilities” in the Policy Address in January 2017 with technical feasibility study to be commenced. The Government has commissioned a consultancy for the preliminary study of the overall planning of the project, and included it as one of the projects to be launched under the “Ten-year Development Blueprint for Sports and Recreation Facilities” proposed in the 2022 Policy Address.

Whitehead Sports Park is a large-scale project involving numerous massive facilities, site formation works, transportation infrastructure etc. The Government is actively preparing for the project with a view to commencing the technical feasibility study as soon as possible. The budget for the project is not available at this stage.

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