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Clerk to the Panel on Home Affairs
Legislative Council Complex
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Central, Hong Kong
(Attn.: Ms Joanne MAK)

Dear Ms MAK,

**Enquiries about the Proposed Injection into the
Hong Kong Athletes Fund**

I refer to the letter dated 27 July 2019 from the Legislative Council Secretariat, with Hon Shiu Ka-chun's enquiries on four issues on the proposed injection into the Hong Kong Athletes Fund (HKAF). Our response is as follows -

1. As at 31 March 2019, there were 1 300 athletes receiving elite training at the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI), of which 472 were senior athletes.
2. The eligibility requirements of the Elite Athletes Performance Recognition Scheme (EAPRS) under the HKAF are based on the elite vote (EV) levels of athletes, which are determined by the highest level of sports achievement ever attained by the athlete concerned at senior events in accordance with the Elite Vote Support System at Annex.

We propose to increase the grant levels under the EAPRS to recognise the athletes' achievements and provide greater

retirement support. To encourage athletes to strive for higher achievements, we propose that athletes of Elite Vote (EV) levels 5 or above should be given a more substantial increase in their grant levels, while athletes of EV level 4 should be given a more modest raise. Since the qualification of EV level 4 with 8-9 years of full-time training is the basic requirement of the EAPRS, we believe that it is appropriate to retaining the current grant level for athletes with this qualification.

3. Eligible athletes of EV level 3 may apply for the enhanced education grant and the new sports certificate grant under the HKAF. In addition, they may enjoy the HKSI's Athletes Development Support Programmes, including flexible study arrangements in secondary schools and tertiary institutes, education consultation, academic guidance and tutorial support. They may also enjoy the HKSI's direct financial grants and comprehensive support services.

To encourage athletes to strive for higher achievements, we would not consider relaxing the threshold of the EAPRS to EV level 3 athletes at the moment.

4. The grant mentioned by Hon Shiu is the Elite Training Grant (ETG) provided to athletes by the HKSI based on their athlete categories, which are determined by the highest level of sports achievement attained recently by the athlete concerned at senior events in accordance with the ETG criteria. Details of the ETG are provided on the HKSI's website¹.

The aim of elite sports is to attain outstanding results in high-level international events. To help athletes focus on training to achieve breakthroughs and strive for excellence, the HKSI provides monthly ETG to athletes, the grant levels of which are linked with their sports achievements. Nevertheless, the current ETG

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<https://www.hksi.org.hk/support-to-athletes/financial-support/direct-financial-support/elite-training-grant/details/>

mechanism caters for fluctuations in sports performance of elite athletes. As such, eligible full-time Elite A+ and Elite A athletes may retain their athlete categories for four years. Other eligible athletes may extend their previous athlete categories for a maximum of one year if they could not meet the sports achievement requirement of their respective categories, for example, when they have injuries or when they are recommended by their respective "national sports association" and Head Coach and could fulfil the required results.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke ending in a small hook.

(Paul CHENG)
for Secretary for Home Affairs

Elite Vote Support System

Item	Weighting	Criteria	Rating					
1	1.5	International- level performance record in previous 2 years – Senior athletes	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> International Invitation Tournament Regional Championships (e.g. Pacific Games, East Asian Championships) International Open Competitions	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Asian Cup Series National Championships Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Asian Championships National Games World University Games / Championships Asia Cup (Finals) World Cup Series	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Asian Games World Cup (Finals)	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Olympic Games World Championships	<u>Medal (Minus-one Rule)</u> Olympic Games
			Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> Inter-port / Inter-City Competition [1]	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> International Invitation Tournament Regional Championships (e.g. Pacific Games, East Asian Championships) International Open Competitions [2]	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> Asian Cup Series National Championships Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games [3]	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> Asian Championships National Games World University Games / Championships Asia Cup (Finals) World Cup Series [4]	<u>Medal (Minus-one Rule)</u> Asian Games Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> World Cup (Finals) [5]	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> World Championships [6]
2	1	International- level performance record in previous 2 years – Junior athletes	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> International Youth Invitation Tournament Regional Youth Championships International Youth Open Tournament	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Asian Youth Cup Series Asian Age Group Championships National Youth Championships	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Asian Youth Championships National Youth Games Asia Youth Cup (Finals) World Youth Cup Series	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> World Youth Cup (Finals) Asian Youth Games	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> World Youth Championships Youth Olympic Games	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> World Youth Championships Youth Olympic Games
			Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> Inter-port / Inter-City Youth Tournament [1]	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> International Youth Invitation Tournament Regional Youth Championships International Youth Open Tournament [2]	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> Asian Youth Cup Series Asian Age Group Championships National Youth Championships [3]	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> Asian Youth Championships National Youth Games Asia Youth Cup (Finals) World Youth Cup Series [4]	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> World Youth Cup (Finals) Asian Youth Games [5]	 [6]

Elite Vote Support System for Disability Sports

Criteria	Rating					
International- level performance record in previous two years –	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> International Invitation Tournament International Open Competitions Regional Championships	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Asian Cup Series National Championships Special Olympics	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Asian Championships National Games Asian Cup (Finals) IPC World Cup Series Non-IPC World Cup (Finals) INAS Global Games	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Asian Para Games IPC World Cup (Finals) Non-IPC World Championships	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Paralympic Games IPC World Championships	Medal (Minus-one Rule) Paralympic Games
	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> Inter-port / Inter-City Competition	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> International Invitation Tournament International Open Competitions Regional Championships	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> Asian Cup Series National Championships Special Olympics	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> Asian Championships National Games Asian Cup (Finals) IPC World Cup Series Non-IPC World Cup (Finals) INAS Global Games	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> Asian Para Games IPC World Cup (Finals) Non-IPC World Championships	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> IPC World Championships
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