(a) Analysis of the 380 Submissions on Administrative Structure on Sport, Sports Policy Review

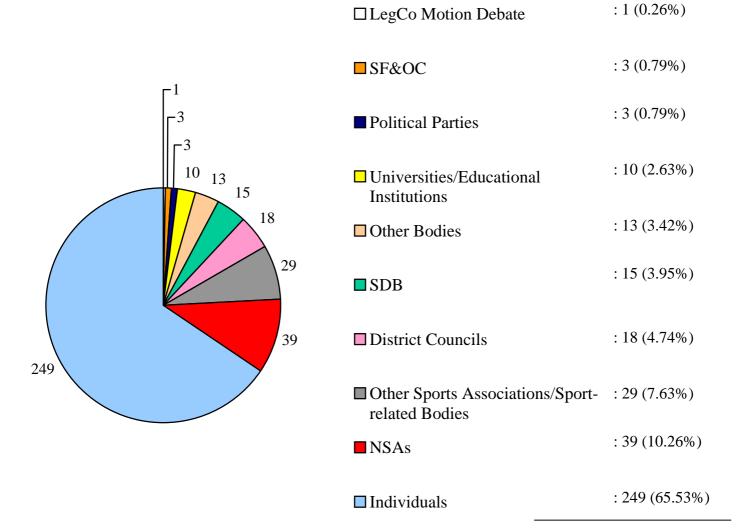
- The Sports Policy Review Report (the Report) was released on 23 May 2002 for public consultation until the end of July 2002. The aim of the public consultation is to gather as wide a range of views as possible, from the sports community as well members of the public, so that we may draw up a detailed strategic plan for sports development that reflects and expresses the real needs of our community. During this consultation period, over 50 consultations/briefings/meetings/forums have been organized to solicit views from the community, including the Home Affairs LegCo Panel, 18 District Councils, National Sports Associations and District Sports Associations.
- The Report outlines the direction for future sports policy in seven major areas as follows:—
 - (1) Administrative Structure for Sport
 - (2) Public Participation in Sport
 - (3) Student Sport
 - (4) Maintaining Support for Disabled Athletes
 - (5) Venue Planning and Development
 - (6) High Performance Sport
 - (7) Public Funding for Sport
- At the end of the consultation exercise, a total of 380 written submissions/views were received from the Sports Development Board (both management and staff), Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, National Sports Associations, sports-related bodies, sports professionals, educational bodies/institutions, political parties, District Councils and individuals. A breakdown of different category of organizations in submitting their views/submissions is at Annex I.

- It should be noted that the contents of individual submissions vary significantly. Some submissions offered their views on only one of the seven areas, whilst some touched on all seven aspects mentioned in the Report. Out of the 380 total submissions, 117 of them commented on Administrative Structure for Sport, 97 on Public Participation in Sport, 71 on Student Sport, 19 on Support for disabled, 281 on Venue Planning and Development, 251 on High Performance Sport whilst 85 on Funding for Sport.
- <u>Annex II</u> is the breakdown by types of organizations making the submissions on administrative structure on sport.

Total

: 380

Breakdown of Views and Submissions



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Breakdown of views collected during the public consultation period of Sports Policy Review on the three options in setting up the Sports Commission

Nature	Option A	Option B	Option C	Views expressed on structure without showing preference
SDB and its staff	4	2	0	7
SFOC	0	0	3#	0
NSAs	0	2	17 [@]	10
Other Sports Associations/ Sport-related Bodies	0	0	6	9
Other Bodies	0	0	0	2
Political Parties	1	0	2	0
Universities/Educational Institutions	0	0	1	5
Individuals	2	0	6	20
District Councils**	0	0	11	6
LegCo Motion Debate	0	0	0	1*
Sub Total :	7	4	46	60
Total:	117			

Notes

Option A: Expand the SDB to a Sports Commission.

Option B: Establish a Sports Commission to oversee the work of SDB and LCSD.

Option C: Establish an over-arching Sports Commission to advise on strategic policy planning and funding by dissolving SDB.

^{*} SFOC invited views from 71 NSAs/SFOC member associations and subsequently received 34 signed endorsement of Option C out of 43 returned forms

[®] Two NSAs submitted three similar submissions with different dates

^{*} No consensus view

^{**} Based on views expressed by individual members

(b) Response to certain points raised by members of the deputations in the Meeting on 29 July 2003

1. Management of outdoor facilities at the HKSI after reorganization

Ans: The Administration is re-considering the case and will take into account views expressed on this subject.

2. Consultation with National Sports Associations (NSAs)

Ans: The Administration has been maintaining regular contact with the sports community on the implementation of the new structure. We held several consultation meetings with NSAs and District Sports Associations in July. SHA met them at a forum on 20 August 2003 to report to them the progress of re-organization and to consult them on the new structure and membership of the new sports committees. Representatives from NSAs and District Sports Associations have been appointed to the two newly established Committees i.e. the Community Sports Committee and the Major Sports Events Committee.

3. Making reference to overseas experience

Ans: The Sports Policy Review Team has made reference to the experience in other places, including the Mainland, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Sweden and the United Kingdom, in some of the recommendations in its report. It should be noted that there is no single model of sports administrative structure that suits all situations. Rather, the overseas experience suggests that sports administrative structure should be designed taking into account the characteristics of local situation, including the political structure, the geographical and cultural situations, and the views of the local sports community.

4. Funding arrangements for sports development in 2004-05

Ans: The Administration would maintain the principles in granting the funding to NSAs for the year 2004-05, but would streamline the accounting arrangements with a view to reduce the administrative procedure involved. As for the funding arrangement for the future years, the Sports Commission will review the whole mechanism after

consulting the sports community, upon its establishment in 1 April 2004.

5. Advantages of re-constituting HKSI to become an incorporated body

Ans: The incorporation of the HKSI will bring about more flexibility in its operations and the capability to change in order to cope with the rapidly-changing environment of high performance sport. It will enable more creative initiatives in soliciting commercial/corporate sponsorship and explores other sources of funding and resources. It will also create greater room for manoeuvre in seeking donation from the community. The Victorian Institute of Sport in Australia is a very successful example of an incorporated body.

(c) Future Funding Criteria

Through the Sports Commission, the Community Sports Committee, the Major Sports Events Committee and the Elite Sports Committee will advise the Government on principles, criteria and priorities for funding sports events and activities under their respective purview. They are not funding bodies themselves. The criteria recommended by the three committees, if adopted by Sports Commission, will form the basis of fund allocation to NSAs and other organizations for sports in the future [i.e. after 2004-05].

(d) The work schedule of the re-structuring exercise

The Key Tasks associated with the re-structuring exercise with tentative timetable are as follows:—

- (1) Introduction of the Bill into LegCo late November
- (2) Resolving transitional matters including staffing matters, establishment of the future HKSI now to March 2004
- (3) Dissolution of SDB and establishment of HKSI incorporated and Sports Commission by 1 April 2004.