



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by JAMES MILLIGAN MLA:

[Ref: Sports & Recreation (Elite Sporting performance and venues), Budget Outlook, page number 108 & 143, output class 3.3]

In relation to:

Women's Elite Sport

1. A 4-year plan (over \$1.5m) has been featured in the current ACT Budget.
 - a. How many sports will this cover?
 - b. What specific projects will be featured?
 - c. What provisions will be made to continue the high-level interest in Women's Basketball and Netball through access to top-class appropriate venues?
 - d. The AIS is being used as a vaccination centre and requires updates. What money has been put aside to update this venue so the elite women's teams can go back to training and playing there?

YVETTE BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- a. Two sports will be supported through funding agreements as part of this budget initiative.
- b. The featured projects will include four-year funding agreements with the Canberra Capitals and Canberra United and a review of suitable alternative venues to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Arena that could accommodate large capacity crowds for indoor court sports, including basketball and netball.
- c. The Government will use the funding to seek alternatives to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Arena for indoor court sports involving large crowds, including basketball and netball.
- d. The AIS Arena is a Federal Government asset therefore it is not the responsibility of the ACT Government to repair or maintain this facility. The Canberra Capitals home court in the ACT is the National Convention Centre Canberra.

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Signature:

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA