



## Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

### Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022

#### ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Asked by Mr Milligan on 7 November 2022: Mr Daniel Iglesias took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

**MR MILLIGAN:** One and a half minutes, okay. I will make my question short. Just would like to know or get an update on the topsoil program that you offer to clubs. What is the uptake of that program and how is it running?

**Ms Berry:** I am not sure about the individual number of clubs that take up that opportunity, but I know I have seen the piles of dirt or of topsoil or, you know, enclosed piles of that topsoil for clubs to use. We did—now I am sort of having that COVID—I cannot remember if it was pre-COVID or post-COVID where we made sure that clubs knew that that was available to them to be able to patch up those areas which are high use, usually around the goal areas in the football during the winter seasons. But do you have that—

**Mr Iglesias:** Almost all of them in some way, shape or form take advantage of it. But I would have to take it on notice to get you the exact details as to which clubs and over what period of time.

**MR MILLIGAN:** That would be great. Yes, that would be perfect, thank you. Thank you, chair.

**Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—**

Sports and Recreation Facilities (SRF) offer soil bins at sportsgrounds. These are concrete collars holding approximately half a cubic metre of topsoil. The soil bins are available for all sporting clubs to use to repair any identified damage to the playing surface.

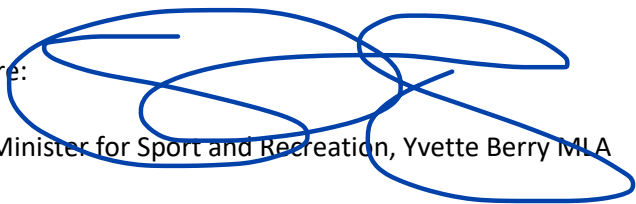
The soil bins are refilled annually or on an as-needs basis when identified by the club or SRF officers. Through the maintenance of the soil bins, it is acknowledged that the use of soil by the sporting clubs or sportsground users is not significant. This is further evidenced by the fact that a specific request for topsoil has not been submitted since 2019.

In addition to the soil bins, the following is provided to sporting codes for their use through the season:

- 15 bags of soil have been provided to Baseball Canberra prior to the beginning of the Canberra Cavalry season for maintenance of the playing surface at the Narrabundah Ball Park.
- 1 cubic metre of Cricket pitch 'Pug' soil is delivered to each turf wicket site in the ACT for the upkeep of the turf wicket surface.
- 3 cubic metres of diamond sand is delivered to each site where both baseball and softball are played throughout Canberra for the upkeep of the playing diamond.
- 10 cubic metres of diamond sand is delivered to the Narrabundah Ballpark and the Hawker Softball Centre for the upkeep of the diamonds at those locations.

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA