



Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by James Milligan MLA:

Reference:

In relation to: Aquatic centres

- (1) Minister, what is the pricing structure for pools and why does it not include a pricing model for single parents?
- (2) What input do the site managers have into setting these prices?
- (3) What is the pricing methodology for pool entry?
- (4) Will the pricing structure change with the new pool management?

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

- (1) Fees and charges for the ACT Government Pools are set in line with the Public Pools (Pool Fees) Guidelines 2023 (No 1) and include several affordability pricing options including Concession, Spectator, Child, and Pensioner rates available. These guidelines are reviewed on an annual basis with an opportunity to include new fee categories in consultation with Sport and Recreation.
- (2) The fees endorsed set the maximum fees and charges to be applied for the respective services. Lower fees may be offered with the approval of the ACT Government. However, the ACT Government will share responsibility for any impact on the contract as a result of waiving or discounting fees.
- (3) The Public Pools (Pool Fees) Guidelines 2023 (No 1) are used to inform the annual setting of the maximum fees for Category 1 facilities. The Annual fees review will consider adjustments based on the Wage Price Index (WPI) – Australia original indexes as of December each year.
- (4) The operators are required to abide by The Public Pools (Pool Fees) Guidelines and are unable to charge above the set maximum fees and charges for the respective services.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

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Date: 04/12/23

By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA