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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES  
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**Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA:

[Ref: TCCS Annual Report, TCCS Portfolio – Sport Grounds, output class 2.4 – City maintenance and services: sportsgrounds facilities]

In relation to: Florey Oval in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT)

1. Are there any plans to rehabilitate this oval? If so, what work will be undertaken and when; if not, why not?
2. When will community consultation be undertaken for the use of this oval?
3. When will the government consult with Florey Primary School in regards to the possibility of taking ownership and maintenance of the oval?
  - a. Should there be an interest for Florey Primary School to own and maintain the oval, will the government increase the school's repairs and maintenance allocation to fully cover the costs of maintaining the oval?
4. What is the total breakdown of costs for maintaining an oval, including:
  - b. Watering
  - c. Feeding
  - d. Mowing
  - e. Other (please describe)
5. What is the estimated total breakdown of costs for rehabilitating this oval?
6. Are community sports groups and other community groups currently able to use this oval for activities? If so, which groups have used this oval this past year; if not, when will groups be able to hire this oval for use in the future?
7. Will the government consider rehabilitating this oval as part of the 2019-20 budget?

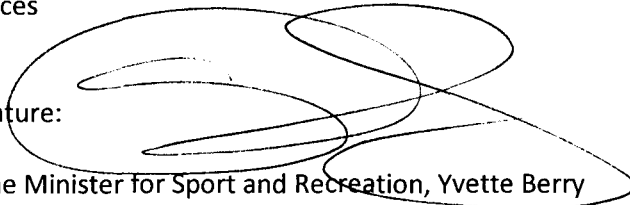
**Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–**

1. No. Florey Oval has not been identified for rehabilitation.
2. No community consultation is currently proposed regarding Florey Oval.
3. Florey Primary School may request that ownership and maintenance responsibility for the oval be transferred from TCCS.
  - a. Allocation of additional funds to the school for maintenance would be subject to the budget process.

4. The average maintenance cost of an established irrigated oval is approximately \$150,000 per year:
  - b. Watering and sewage \$80,000 - \$100,000
  - c. Feeding/Fertilising \$4,000
  - d. Mowing \$8,000
  - e. Turf management (including irrigation repairs) \$15,000
  - f. Utilities Electricity \$15,000 - \$20,000
  - g. Equipment maintenance costs \$9,000
  - h. Amenities and Waste - \$15,000
5. Restoration of an Informal Use Oval to enable formal sporting use would require approximately \$1.25m to reinstate irrigation systems, drainage, turf, lighting and other works. A pavilion and toilets would add an additional \$0.6m.
6. Community groups and local residents are able to use the oval for informal recreational use. Bookings are not required for such use. The oval is not available for formal sporting events or training as the surface is not fit for this purpose.
7. The 2019-20 budget is subject to Cabinet decision making.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services

Signature:



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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry