



**Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by JAMES MILLIGAN MLA:

[Ref: Sports & Recreation, Book B, p. 69]

In relation to:

**Indoor Sports Facilities**

1. After years of slow progress due to studies, reports and consultations with other agencies no definitive report has been provided to identify any progress on these much-needed resources. The original study spanned three districts in Canberra – Gungahlin, Belconnen and Woden.
  - a. Why has the process effectively stalled and no provisions for advancement made in this budget?
  - b. Has the Suburban Land Agency provided a report or advice on how facilities of this type will fit into their ongoing plans for suburban development throughout all of Canberra?

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

- a. Since the release of the Planning for Indoor Facilities and Other Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Report (the Report) in 2019, the ACT Government has committed to the delivery of a range of facilities which will support indoor sport activities, including:
  - The Home of Football in Throsby – this venue will include an indoor sports facility that will provide two international sized futsal courts (or the equivalent of four community futsal courts).
  - Margaret Hendry School in Taylor – Completed in 2019, the school includes the provision of a single court gymnasium which is available for community use after school hours.
  - Evelyn Scott School in Denman Prospect – completed in 2021 and includes a two court indoor gymnasium. This facility has become the home of Roller Derby in Canberra and is also used by Basketball ACT.
  - Throsby Primary School – this ACT Government school will open in 2022 and includes a two court gymnasium which will be available for community use outside of school hours.
  - Taylor High School – Design work will commence on Taylor High School and include the provision of an indoor gymnasium. The new high school is expected to be ready for the start of the 2024 school year.
  - East Gungahlin High School in Kenny – The ACT Government has announced a new high school will be built in Kenny in time for the 2023 school year. It is expected the school will include a two-court indoor gymnasium which will be available for community use outside of school hours.

- Garran Primary School – In the 2021-22 ACT Budget, funding was allocated to prepare to modernise Garran Primary School. The redeveloped school is expected to be ready in 2024-25 and will include a single court gymnasium which will be available for community use outside of school hours.
  - Strathnairn Primary School – The 2021-22 ACT Budget includes design funding for a new primary school in Strathnairn that will include an indoor court gymnasium which will be available for community use outside of school hours.
  - Narrabundah College – The ACT Government has committed to modernising Narrabundah College, replacing aging buildings and transportable learning spaces with permanent, modern and energy efficient classrooms. It is expected that the upgraded school will include a single court gymnasium which will be available for community use outside of school hours.
  - Further funding was also allocated in the 2021-22 ACT Budget for master planning and forward design works for new and expanded school capacity in the Molonglo and Woden area. New and expanded schools are master planned to include a gymnasium with a minimum of two indoor courts but actual buildings will be dependent upon budget funding.
- b. The Suburban Land Agency is not responsible for the delivery of indoor sports facilities. As detailed in the list of projects above, the ACT Government does have a plan to support the delivery of indoor sport facilities that sit across multiple ministerial portfolios (e.g. sport and recreation, education).

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

Signature:



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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA