



Inquiry into Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Mr Chris Steel MLA, Treasurer

In relation to: Sporting bodies not granted funding

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Answer Due: 22 June 2026

THE CHAIR: I am interested in knowing whether, in the 2025-26 budget or the 2026-27 budget, there have been any professional or community sporting bodies who have sought a grant, tender or funding in any form that have not been granted funding. Is that information that you can tell me? I am trying to work out how government sets these priorities.

Mr Steel: Every year there is a budget consultation process where the community organisations can come forward and request consideration for funding priorities and, indeed, make any other comment about the budget that they wish and that is taken into consideration. Obviously, not all of them can be funded, but it is an opportunity for organisations to come forward throughout the year now. The process goes throughout the year. That enables organisations to come forward early in the process so that they are not coming forward five seconds to midnight and then expecting a funding request to be supported. In terms of whether we would have information about the requests made, we would have to take that on notice and come back.

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

In the 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget cycles, individuals, professional and community sporting bodies participated in the Budget consultation process. Detailed lists of individuals and entities who provided non-confidential written submissions as part of this process can be found in Appendix A of Budget Outlook. Information regarding the initiatives the Government funded in the 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budgets in the sports and recreation space is available in *Chapter 3.2 Investing in the Wellbeing of Canberrans* of the Budget Outlook.

Community sport and recreation organisations may also seek funding support through the established Sport and Recreation Investment Scheme (SRIS). SRIS is Sport and Recreation's (CMTEDD) annual funding program that supports sport and active recreation opportunities for the ACT community. The scheme comprises five categories: the Industry Partnership Program, State Organisation Support Program, Community Sport Facilities Program, Club Enhancement Program, and Women's Coaching and Officiating Support Program.

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The annual SRIS budget is \$4.8 million and funding is allocated through a competitive assessment process. I am advised by CMTEDD that In 2025-26, the scheme received 126 applications, with 61 applications from 48 organisations receiving funding support.

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Signature:



By the Treasurer, Chris Steel MLA

Date:

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