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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: Higgins Oval in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT)

1. What is the current status of the restoration work being undertaken for this oval?
2. On what date will sporting clubs and other community groups be able to use this oval, following restoration and upgrades provided for in the 2018-19 budget?

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

1. Consultancy services were engaged in November 2018 to commence the design of the Higgins oval upgrade. The oval restoration works will include new irrigation and turf, lighting to accommodate after hours training, two football fields and a new synthetic cricket wicket. In addition to the oval upgrade, a new pavilion will be constructed. Consultancy services to design the new pavilion will be procured in December 2018. Construction of the oval works and pavilion will run concurrently, and is expected to commence early 2019 and be completed by mid-2019.
2. Weather permitting sporting groups and the community will be able to use and book the new sporting facilities from August 2019, in time for the commencement of the 2019-20 summer sports season.

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