



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

Asked by JAMES MILLIGAN MLA:

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In relation to:

Stromlo Leisure Centre

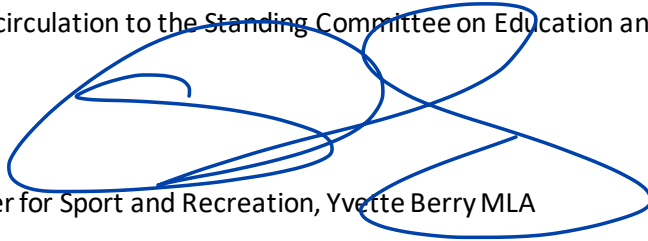
1. The Budget documents provide emphasis on parking improvements. The Leisure Centre complex was co-located near an already busy and growing Mountain, Road and BMX biking group of facilities and mountain biking groups have been calling for a refresh of their trails to maintain key interest in world-class facilities. Parking is certainly a major area of growing concern as substantial suburban development is taking place across a narrow country road. The whole complex is very popular, and it is serving a rapidly expanding local population as well as being a major attraction for biking, running and water sports enthusiasts.
 - a. What will the parking improvements comprise?
 - b. Will any of the existing or new areas be subject to paid parking?
 - c. Has any allowance been made to developing the much-needed dive pool facility?
 - d. If Civic is closed, will urgent consideration be given to constructing a dive pool at SLC

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

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 - a. Parking improvements at Stromlo Forest Park will comprise of safe, sealed and clearly defined car parking spaces to accommodate increasing visitation and events programs, as well as ongoing safety concerns. Improved drainage, kerb and channelling, asphalt surfacing, lighting and pedestrian pathways will form part of the project. The improvements will also reduce recurring maintenance costs associated with the unsealed carpark, especially after periods of rain. It is estimated that approximately 300-500 spaces will be allocated for car parking, however, this will be finalised after the Design component of the project is completed in the 2021-22 Financial Year.
 - b. A decision for paid parking on existing or new areas at Stromlo Forest Park has not been made.
 - c. No financial allowance has been made as the Government has not made any decision to close the Civic pool. The provisioning of space at the Stromlo Leisure Centre site allows for the potential construction of a dive pool.
 - d. Any options for the provision of pool facilities in the Territory in the future would be considered through the budget process.

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

Signature:

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Date:

09/11/21

By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA