



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Leanne Castley MLA on 23 August 2022: Graham Tanton took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MS CASTLEY: Was there any compensation paid to YMCA and their people who use the pool for the time that it was closed?

Mr Tanton: There was not compensation paid to the users of the pool. There has been funding provided in support of the YMCA, as part of that pool closure, because they get different levels of revenue coming in from those. With respect to the actual funding amounts, I will seek guidance on that regarding commercial-in-confidence. Different pool operators have different costs, so there are commercial sensitivities in regard to the support that we provided to the YMCA both for the closure of the 50-metre pool and, while we were doing maintenance, for the program pool as well.

MS CASTLEY: If you can, if it is not commercial-in-confidence, could you take that on notice? That would be great. A lot of constituents have talked to us about the fact that they joined the gym for the pool and have been unable to use it, so they have had to double up payments between Gungahlin and going to a pool elsewhere. Has there been no compensation for those people?

Mr Tanton: My understanding is that they manage a number of pools, including Stromlo and Civic pool. Members who were not able to utilise the swimming pool facilities at Gungahlin were able to use the facilities either at the Civic Olympic pool or Stromlo. There has been no direct conversation with potential users.

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

In September 2021, a Services Agreement was entered with the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) New South Wales (NSW). The Agreement included a provision of a monthly closure payment of \$25,000 during any closure period from the commencement of the Agreement up to the date the 50-metre pool became operational.

Additional support was agreed to be paid for the closure of the Program Pool to enable maintenance works to be undertaken for the period 16 May 2022 to 25 July 2022. The level of support will be reconciled based on the YMCA NSW profit and loss audited financials.

No compensation was paid to members, however members were able to suspend their membership or gain access to other YMCA NSW managed leisure centres.

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Signature:



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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA