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STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION
Mr Michael Pettersson MLA (Chair), Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE (QTON)
Public Hearing - Inquiry into Skateboarding and Skate Parks in the ACT
Thursday, 9 November 2023

Asked by MR PETTERSSON on 9 November 2023: Minister BERRY (Minister for Sport and Recreation) took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:
Fencing off of hazards at skate parks.

THE CHAIR: I do not hang out at skate parks that often. Are there any recent examples of where we have controlled access to a skate park for safety reasons?

Ms Clement: I do not know any off the top of my head, but I imagine it has happened. We manage skate parks in a similar way to how we manage our playgrounds, and that is—

MS LAWDER: Perhaps you could take that on notice.

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

The most recent example where TCCS fenced off a skatepark is during recent works at the Lanyon Skatepark whilst repairs were being undertaken. Prior to this time, skateparks were closed during the COVID-19 outbreak where access to all playgrounds and skateparks were controlled for health safety reasons.

The methods used for closing a skatepark or a section of a skatepark varies depending on the safety issue and risk. Access control and closure methods include the placement of information signage, the use of bunting tape, safety bollards and temporary fencing if required.

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

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Ms Yvette Berry MLA