



Inquiry into barriers in community sports

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Ms Berry, Minister for Sport and Recreation

In relation to: 2015 ACT Government Indoor Sports Facility Study—Update on recommendations

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Minister Berry took on notice the following question:

MR EMERSON: Is there somewhere where the recommendations are kind of acquitted or somewhere that it is published that—I am just genuinely curious—like, that we can have a look at to understand how that studies influence decisions or changes things over time.

Ms Kelley: ...(indistinct)... [03.53.29] from the 2015 report, no, the key action that came out of that was the drill down that then produced the 2021 report, which then zeroed in on basketball and gymnastics at the time. And so it is—yes, we do internally track it and—but there has not been a—to answer your question, there is not a full report that says, “Here is the status quo on each of those recommendations.”

Ms Berry: I think there was a lot of discussion, though, after 2015 and the review, and—because the—during the commitments that were made were based on that review, and so we did—there was an understanding, I think, in those sports and that community that that is where those sports came from—those decisions came from I should say. But I think everything post COVID just kind of got a gap in it and—

MR EMERSON: Yes. If there is anything internal that is in an easy format to share with the committee, might you be able to take that on notice. Look, if there is not, fair enough. But if it is being tracked, provide that to the committee.

Ms Berry: I do not think it is being trapped in a—

Ms Kelley: Yes, not in a—

Ms Berry: We will take it on notice.

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

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Progress made on the recommendations from the 2015 ACT Indoor Sports Facilities Study have not been formally tracked. However, actions against the recommendations are evident through the following:

- The development of the *Community Use of School Facilities Policy* (published in November 2015) by the Education Directorate which encourages community access to ACT Government school facilities (including gymnasiums) outside of school hours.
- The requirement that new ACT Government schools include at least one full-sized indoor court for primary schools and a full-sized double indoor court for high schools and colleges.
 - Since 2018 a total of 13 new full-sized indoor courts have been provided at ACT Government schools with a further 13 expected to be delivered in the next five years.
- Current planning for multi-court indoor sport facilities in Woden and Gungahlin and the ACT Government commitment to add a further three courts at the Belconnen Basketball Stadium.
- The opportunity for community sport and recreation groups to apply for grants to support sustainability initiatives, for example purchase of solar panels and batteries for their facilities, through the Sport and Recreation Investment Scheme (SRIS).
- The ACT Government has committed \$16.265 million to support the delivery of a new ice sports facility in Canberra.

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Signature:

By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA

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