



## Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

**Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**28 February 2022**

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**Asked by NICOLE LAWDER MLA on 28 FEBRUARY 2022: MS REBECCA KELLEY took on notice the following question(s):**

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In relation to:

MS LAWDER: I refer to the CMTEDD annual report, volume 1, page 65. It talks about additional nationally identified priority athletes supported by the ACT Academy of Sport. It says it is primarily due to additional netball athletes after the cessation of the netball program partnership and scholarships on 31 March 2021. Can you tell me what other sports were featured in the elite sport participation programs and how many athletes for each sport?

Ms Kelley: At the ACT Academy of Sport, our program partners for last year were hockey, rowing, cycling, rugby sevens and swimming. On a year-to-year basis—generally on a four-year cycle, tied in with the Olympic and Paralympic cycles—those partnerships are determined by national sporting organisations and which areas they wish to partner with. We are proud of the fact that our ACT Academy of Sport is valued by those organisations. I would need to take on notice the actual breakdown of athletes across those sports falling within the 134.

On top of that, we have a number of individual scholarship holders who are supported on an annual basis across a wide range of sports. The netball athletes noted against the report for last year was because Netball Australia had a change in tack with their strategic approach, their high performance program for the territory. So we were on a transition arrangement for those athletes for a year. Now any categorised netball athletes are eligible for support under our individual athlete program moving forward.

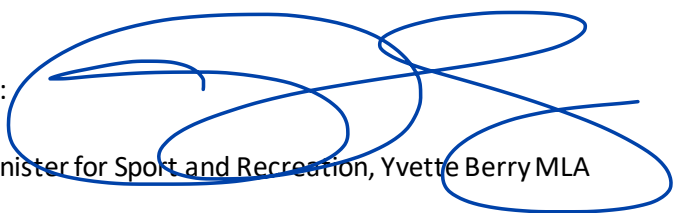
**YVETTE BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—**

In 2020-21, the ACT Academy of Sport supported 134 athletes across a total of 18 sports:

Archery	1
Athletics	22
Badminton	1
Baseball	3
Basketball	1
Cricket	15
Cycling	3
Football	12
Hockey	15
Netball	27
Rowing	6
Rugby	9
Shooting	1
Skateboarding	1
Skiing	1
Softball	1
Swimming	13
Triathlon	2
Total	134

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA