



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Sport and Recreation

In relation to: Lakeside Leisure Centre Timeline of Upgrades

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MISS NUTTALL: Beautiful. In that case, I might instead ask about upgrades at the Lakeside Leisure Centre. There have been a few people who have raised with us concerns about the state of the bathrooms, and I know you were asked about this in question time before, but I am interested in whether you might have more detail today, minister. Have there been any upgrades done to bathrooms or changerooms at the Lakeside Leisure Centre recently, and what did they entail, if so?

Mr Khan: Thank you for the question, Miss Nuttall. We acknowledge that there have been some complaints received with regards to the Lakeside Leisure Centre, particularly the cleanliness in the bathrooms. We have been working, again, closely with Belgravia as the operator, and have undertaken quite a few works at the site that is involved before refurbishment of the existing bathrooms and changerooms. We have added new lockers, made some changes to lighting as well. We have also, in working with Belgravia, they have made an adjustment to two contractual elements, so they have added an additional area manager, and as part of overseeing the facilities in order to improve some of the responsiveness to complaints that have been received, and they have also reviewed their arrangements with their contractor for some of the preventative and reactive elements of maintenance that needed to be undertaken at the facilities.

Ms Berry: There was also the damage in the kitchen as well, and those repairs I think are not complete yet.

Mr Khan: No, they are not.

Ms Berry: So those area continuing as well.

MISS NUTTALL: Is that just the sort of commercial kitchen element that sort of looks out on to the--

Mr Khan: The café.

MISS NUTTALL: Yes. Okay.

Mr Khan: Just—sorry, Miss Nuttall—just on some of the upgrades that I touched on, particularly the shower and hardware are upgrades for the amenities. We are expecting those to be completed by the end of this month.

MISS NUTTALL: Awesome, and in the meantime, is there any sort of disruption for users using the changerooms and facilities? Like, are they still able to take showers before and after their swim,

things like that?

Mr Khan: There is still access. I understand there is still access to the changeroom facilities, or the changing room facilities while work is being undertaken. We intend —we, of course, aim to minimise—

MISS NUTTALL: Do you have a kind of timeline of the works that we might be able to sort of provide to constituents who are interested?

Mr Khan: We could provide further advice to yourself, minister, about what sort of that looks like.

MISS NUTTALL: That is very kind, thank you.

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

Works on the Lakeside Leisure Centre bathroom and changeroom facilities commenced on Monday, 10 November 2025. These works include replacement of existing shower heads, taps fixtures and plumbing hardware. The works been undertaken include new locks and hook fixtures for the changeroom cubicles.

Belgravia Leisure have provided members and patrons with communication and updates on these works and working to minimise disruptions during this period.

The works are currently scheduled for completion in early December.

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

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