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ANSWER QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mr Steve Doszpot MLA : To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation

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In relation to: Off line oval restoration to usage

1. How many ovals are still to be restored to sports use following closure during the drought years?
2. What is the timetable for this?
3. Have any of these " off line" ovals been identified for a use other than playing field? If so where and why?
4. Are any likely to be unsuitable or unviable for restoration?

MINISTER RATTENBURY : The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:-

1. There are seventeen remaining ovals where irrigation was turned off during the drought years that have the potential to be restored. Of these, two are ovals that form part of larger District Playing Fields (Holt District Playing Field Ground 2 - fields 1,2 and 3 and Melba District Playing Field-field 2).
2. A timetable cannot be confirmed as any restoration is necessarily linked to ongoing demographic changes, changing demands of the sporting community, demonstrated need and available budget.
3. The government is currently consulting with the community about the possible redevelopment options for the Higgins Neighbourhood Oval which may include a community park. The government has made no decision on any redevelopment at this time.
4. No oval is known to be unsuitable or unviable for restoration however, any future restorations will be subject to my response to question 2 above.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2014-2015

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12/7/14

By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Shane Rattenbury MLA