



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Sport and Recreation

In relation to: Conservation Management Plan

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MR EMERSON: Thank you, Chair. So the Commonwealth and ACT governments recently announced another 5,000 homes will be developed or intend to be built in the East Lake Precinct around the railway station, the closest major oval for residents there is Kingston Oval, which as you know is over 100 years is old, one of our oldest fields. This is something we have exchanged letters about previously, minister. Sport and Rec helped fund a master plan for the Oval which lays out four stages of workover the next five plus years. The projected cost in there for delivering the plan is \$12 to \$14 million. As you know, East Lake Football and cricket clubs, AFL New South Wales, ACT, and Cricket ACT have all indicated a willingness to come to the table to deliver on that— to deliver that plan. Where are we up to on the ACT government side in supporting that?

Ms Kelley: I can talk to our liaison and probably see they might have some update on the conservation management side of things.

MR EMERSON: Yes, that would be great, thank you.

Ms Kelley: We have had a number of meetings with representatives of the club. We actually went out and sat with the minister and walked around with them to understand it more clearly. Our guidance to them has to be to look at the immediate priorities, noting that their aspirations for a larger scale pavilion and to improve the usability of the site for all the patrons is probably a longer-term goal. When I say longer term, three to five years of doing a little bit more work. So there are immediate considerations around irrigation and lighting upgrade, which we understand they do have a commitment from—some identified funding for already. We have encouraged them to put in an application into the current round of the Sport and Recreation Investment Scheme, which they have done.

MR EMERSON: To kind of top that up? For that—

Ms Kelley: Yes, and - for the particular proposed works.

MR EMERSON: Yes, sorry to interrupt. Yes.

Ms Kelley: So that assessment process is underway at the moment, and we will likely have an announcement on those grants in February next year. I am not pre-empting an outcome for Kingston, but they are in the mix.

MR EMERSON: Sure. Okay.

Ms Berry: Anything further? Anything on the conservation work?

Mr Fitzgerald: No, I do not have any further updates.

MR EMERSON: There is no further update or is that something that provided on notice if there are any steps being taken?

Mr Fitzgerald: Certainly if there is an update happy to provide that on notice, yes.

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

The following steps have been undertaken to implement the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for Kingston Oval:

- A Traffic Management Plan has been completed; implementation is pending.
- A Tree Management Plan has been finalised, with further assessment currently underway.
- Funding to support the implementation of the CMP has been approved.
- Condition assessments are in progress for all electrical wiring, metal roofing, and skylights.
- Repairs on the Kingston oval toilet block are underway.

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Signature



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

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