



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Sport and Recreation

In relation to: Sport field utilisation rates and Reason for low use of Banks and Gordon fields

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Miss Nuttall: Thank you, and just the last one on this line if that is okay. Do you have any kind of explanation for why Banks 1 and Gordon 2 have such low utilisation? Like for Gordon 2 was it the lack of infrastructure for spectatorship, is Banks just too far away from public transport? Like, have you gotten that kind of feedback from people?

Mr Fitzgerald: I do not have that with me, but it is certainly something we can take on notice and provide some additional, if there is additional background that we can provide. I am happy to give that information.

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

Based on booking data, Banks 1 was used for approximately 47 hours of surface use this season, while Gordon 2 recorded around 209.25 hours of surface use.

Anecdotal feedback from clubs suggests Banks' location may contribute to its lower use.

For Gordon 2, Sports and Recreation Facilities within the City and Environment Directorate is not aware of any specific reasons for lower utilisation. There has been no feedback indicating that infrastructure for spectatorship is a factor.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services

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Signature:

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA

Date:

04/12/2024