



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**QON No. 62**

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT, AND CITY SERVICES  
JO CLAY MLA (CHAIR), SUZANNE ORR MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), MARK PARTON MLA

**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation.

Ref: TCCS Budget Statement H, Output 2.4, City Maintenance and Services, sportsground facilities maintenance, (hearing of 3 March, 3.30 - 4.15 session).

1. In relation to sports grounds and sporting facilities, could the Minister provide a list of the 884 sporting facilities in the ACT that the Government is responsible for or supports and funds:
  - a. If the figure of 884 mentioned in the hearing needs correction, what is the correct figure?
2. What amounts within the figures at Budget Statement H Page 18, Table 8 are allocated for sporting grounds and also for recreational facilities (where these are different from sporting facilities):
  - a. How is the expense budget for sporting grounds' maintenance compiled;
  - b. How are allocation requirements prioritised;
  - c. What role do sporting bodies and community groups play in determining budget allocations;
  - d. Who recommends the proposed allocations and who approves them; and
  - e. How many sporting grounds and facilities would miss out each year due to funding limitations?
3. In regard to sporting grounds, how much revenue was received in 2019-20, and estimated for 2020-21 from leasing or providing sporting grounds and facilities to sporting clubs and community bodies?

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

1. Please see attached the list of sports fields maintained by the ACT Government at Attachment A.
  - a. The number of sportsgrounds is now 890 hireable fields including three additional fields at Higgins (an upgraded sportsground) and three additional fields in Taylor (a new sportsground).
2. The budget for Sport and Recreation Facilities was \$39.369M, this includes depreciation of \$24.566 M and direct cost only, estimated overheads have not been applied.
  - a-b. The expense budget is compiled based on historical budget allocations with variations as required to meet emerging priorities and provide fit for purpose and safe facilities for activities including turf management and maintenance and facility management of associated built sportsground infrastructure (such as grandstands, pavilions, lighting and toilets).
  - c. Sporting bodies and community groups do not have a role in determining expense budget allocations. However, general representations from sporting bodies and



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other community groups on issues with sportsgrounds are considered as a matter of course.

- d. The expenditure is recommended and approved through internal TCCS processes in accordance with the *Financial Management Act*.
  - e. None.
3. 2019-20 revenue was \$2.64M. The budget for Sport and Recreation Facilities for the period 1 April 2021 through 30 June 2021 is \$0.912m. Fees for the period 1 July 2020 through to 31 March 2021 are being waived in accordance with Government policy.

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

Signature:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Yvette Berry".

Date: 24/03/21

By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA