

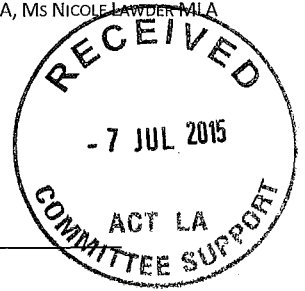


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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**



Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA on 25 June 2015: Mr David Foot took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2015 [PAGE 1059]]

In relation to: Proportion of debt written off for ACTAS belongs to NSW

**MS LAWDER:** Hark back a little, a couple of questions back, to when Ms Fitzharris was asking about ambulance services for people in Sutton, for example. I am sure I heard recently about waiving of debt for people who owed for their ambulance trip. Is there any significant portion of them from interstate or is it mostly ACT residents?

**Mr Lane:** I think it is best, minister, if our Chief Officer, Ambulance Service, answers that question.

**Mr Foot:** Thank you. I understand a proportion of that debt was written off. Whether it was by New South Wales or ACT, I could not actually answer. I would have to take that on notice. Shared Services actually prepared the billing arrangements around that and they would probably be able to provide that information.

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Ms Joy Burch MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The ACT Government Oracle Accounts Receivable sub-system is a live system and records are progressively updated. However, according to Shared Service Finance current records of unpaid ambulance fees that were included in the 2013-14 financial statements write-off, approximately 88% relate to debts with an ACT billing address, 10% with a NSW billing address and approximately 2% with other billing addresses.

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Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA on 25 June 2015: Mr David Foot took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2015 [PAGE 1060]]

In relation to: Senior citizens and waving of ambulance fees

**MS LAWDER:** And when you mention emergency transport for age pensioners, if someone was in a nursing home and had a fall and was to be transferred to a hospital, for example, for a scan, but it might take half a day or something, does that count as an emergency? Are they billed for that trip?

**Mr Foot:** Once again I would like to take it on notice to check that with Shared Services but my understanding is that if a pensioner resides within an exempt billing category they would not receive an account for the service. However, if they do not reside within, if they are a self-funded retiree, for example, and do not have that sort of coverage, they would be liable for that account.

Ms Joy Burch MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

If an ambulance was called to an elderly resident in a nursing home following a fall for example, they would not be charged the prescribed ambulance fee if they were in an exempt billing category. The exempt billing category that is most like to apply in this case is:

*ACT Pensioners & health care card holders will continue to be entitled to free emergency and non-emergency ambulance transport within the ACT.*

*(Source: Item 293 – Emergencies (Fees) Determination 2015.)*

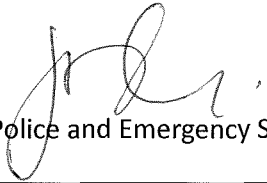
If the person is not exempt from the above billing categories then they would be charged the prescribed ambulance fee.

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Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA on 25 June 2015: Mr David Foot took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2015[PAGE 1060]]

In relation to: Rate of debt consistent with other jurisdictions (comparative to other jurisdictions, population vs level of debt etc)

**MS LAWDER:** I go back to the other question I had earlier about ambulance. Is our rate of unpaid debt, however you categorise it, consistent with the rest of Australia, do you know?

**Mr Foot:** I can only comment on the article that appeared. I think the New South Wales system were quoting somewhere in the vicinity of \$20 million to \$26 million that they were writing off per annum.

**MS LAWDER:** Comparatively by population?

**Mr Foot:** We operate on a population base. I think our write-off for the financial year was about 1.5—1.6 sorry.

**MS LAWDER:** But compared to New South Wales, which has a bigger population, do you have any feel for whether—

**Mr Foot:** No, I do not.

**MS LAWDER:** Would anyone in your organisation know that?

**Ms Burch:** We will take it on notice, but it is nothing that has been raised as our being a standout different from other jurisdictions.

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Ms Joy Burch MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

In 2011-12, ACT wrote off approximately \$4.07 per head of population. Data extracted from the Canberra Times on 15 June 2015 suggests NSW wrote off approximately \$3.59 per head of population. We have been unable to confirm with NSW at this time.

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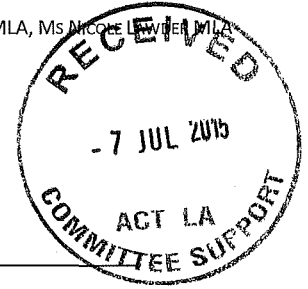
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Asked by Mr Brendan Smyth MLA on 25 June 2015: Mr Dominic Lane took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2015 [PAGE 1063]]

In relation to: Volunteer staff numbers across the service

**THE CHAIR:** It is interesting that under “response and recovery” there are no indicators for SES or RFS. In fact I think there is only one mention in the strategic indicators for SES. On page 5, under “retention” it says “maintain or increase volunteer levels”. There is a one per cent drop and the note says that it is because inactive members have been cleaned out. How many volunteers are there in the CFUs?

**Mr Lane:** I will go to my records. At the moment for community fire units we are showing 1,050.

**THE CHAIR:** In the SES?

**Mr Lane:** In the SES 216.

**THE CHAIR:** And in the RFS?

**Mr Lane:** 526.

**THE CHAIR:** What were they at the start of the financial year?

**Mr Lane:** We should not forget, chair, our mapping and support volunteers—53.

**THE CHAIR:** What were they at the start of the year?

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**Mr Lane:** Those numbers were taken on 3 June 2015. As reported we have had a slight drop over the last 12 months. As to the exact numbers at the start of last year, I would have to go back and check our records.

**THE CHAIR:** These are 3 June this year?

**Mr Lane:** Yes. I thought you were asking about current numbers.

**THE CHAIR:** If you could take on notice what they were at the start of the year, that would be good.

Ms Joy Burch MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The numbers of ESA Volunteers at the beginning of the 2014-15 financial year are as follows:

<b>ESA Volunteers</b>	<b>Numbers as at 1 July 2014</b>	<b>Numbers as at 3 June 2015</b>
ACT Rural Fire Service	530	526
ACT State Emergency Service	257	216
Community Fire Units	1,091	1,050
Mapping and Planning Support	67	53

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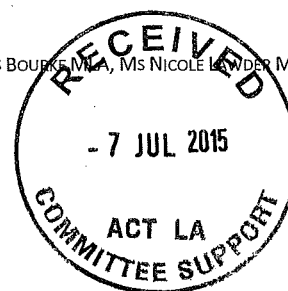




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Asked by Mr Brendan Smyth MLA on 25 June 2015: Mr Dominic Lane took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2015 [PAGE 1064 – 1065]]

In relation to: Breakdown of the number of Level 1, 2 and 3 Fire Controllers

**THE CHAIR:** How many level 1 fire controllers do we have?

**Mr Lane:** I would not have the numbers available to me across all four services at this point. I would have to take that on notice.

**THE CHAIR:** Could you do that for all three levels? Thank you.

Ms Joy Burch MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The number of Level 1, 2 and 3 incident controllers (IC) for fire are as follows and cover staff from ESA, ACTF&R and ACTRFS (including the TAMS Parks Brigade):

The number of Level 1 ICs for fire is 369.

The number of Level 2 ICs for fire is 26.

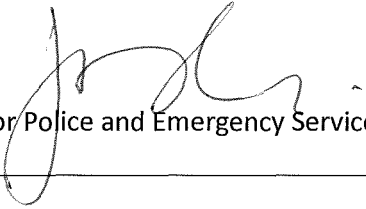
The number of Level 3 ICs for fire is 14.

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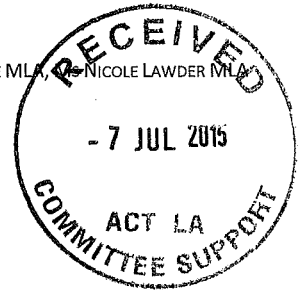
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Asked by Mr Brendan Smyth MLA on 25 June 2015: Ms Joy Burch MLA took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2015 [PAGE 1053]]

In relation to: Providing all released reviews undertaken by ESA

**THE CHAIR:** You mentioned there were a number of reviews that I think started the budget before this one. Are they all completed? Can the committee have copies of all the documents that those reviews produced?

**Ms Burch:** They are completed. They were part of the ERC process, so they are part of cabinet and budget. Some of them are in the public domain. We are happy to provide what is in the public domain but, as you would understand, others are cabinet-in-confidence.

**THE CHAIR:** All right. Can we have a list of those that are not in the public domain, please?

**Ms Burch:** I will provide what we can to you, chair.

Ms Joy Burch MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The ESA Expenditure Review (the Review) was announced in the 2013-14 Budget. The Expenditure Review and its associated reviews were completed in March 2015. The Expenditure Review report and associated reports are Cabinet-In-Confidence and are therefore not available in the public domain.

I am therefore unable to provide details of those reports that are not publically available.

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The ACTAS review of culture was also completed in March 2015 and the *Enhancing Professionalism: A Blueprint for Change* report can be found on the ESA website at <http://esa.act.gov.au/community-information/publications/>.

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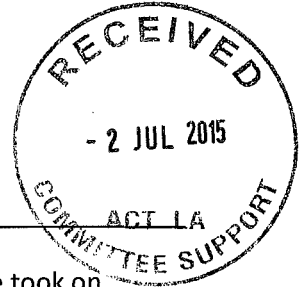


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Asked by Dr Chris Bourke MLA on 25 June 2015: A/g Chief Police Officer John Bourke took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2015 [PAGE 91]]

In relation to: Infringements issued in school zones where children were present

**THE CHAIR:** We have 23 seconds remaining to us. Dr Bourke has a very quick supplementary.

**DR BOURKE:** Absolutely. Do you collect data whether there are children in the car of these offenders?

**Mr Bourke:** I am sorry?

**DR BOURKE:** Of these 400 people booked do you actually record whether there were children in the car?

**Mr Bourke:** The issuing, the officer who issues a ticket will, as a general rule, record who are in the car for evidentiary purposes. So if that matter is contested in the brief of evidence in the statement the officer will say what sort of car it was, where it was, et cetera, who was in the car. So if it does go to a magistrate on a contested basis the magistrate, in that evidence, will hear if there were other young children in the car as part of the normal statement.

**DR BOURKE:** So you would be able to take it on notice as to how many of those 400 had kids in their cars when they were—

**Ms Burch:** Whether it is that easily to mine that data I do not know but if it is readily accessible we will provide it to the committee.

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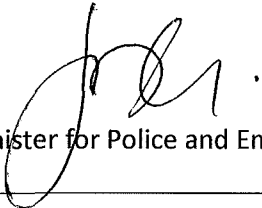
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Ms Joy Burch MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The advice provided by Mr Bourke performing the duties of Chief Police Officer for the ACT was correct in that statistical data pertaining to the number of children in a vehicle when issued a traffic or caution infringement notice is an evidential recording. The advice provided by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services was also correct in that the data pertaining to passenger composition cannot be mined from the infringement database due to both technical data-retrieval issues, and contrasting means of recording passengers within the data field.

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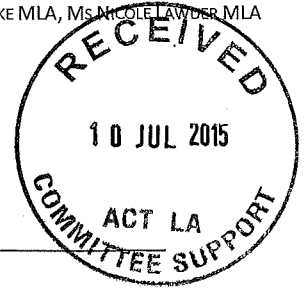


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Asked by Mr Brendan Smyth MLA on 25 June 2015: Ms Bernadette Mitcherson took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2015 [PAGE 1102-1103]]

In relation to: What percentage of detainees on admission to the AMC report as having:

- a. Problems with alcohol;
- b. Drug dependencies;
- c. Educational problems;
- d. Mental Health problems;
- e. Poor employment histories; and
- f. Issues with housing (i.e. report as homeless).

**THE CHAIR:** Just to follow on from the throughcare question that Ms Fitzharris had, on admission how many of the inmates would admit to a problem with alcohol, or are assessed as having a problem with alcohol?

**THE CHAIR:** What percentage would say they were drug users?

**THE CHAIR:** Yes, sure. And what percentage would you apportion or would suggest that they have education problems that have led them down this path?

**THE CHAIR:** No, that is okay. Well, I have got a few more. You might perhaps present this—what percentage would either admit to or assess as having mental health problems?

**THE CHAIR:** What percentage would—and you touched on this earlier; what percentage have—let us call it a “poor employment record.”

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**THE CHAIR:** Okay, and the final one; what percentage would have been homeless or had housing issues?

**THE CHAIR:** Look, if you could take I think the six parameters there, if you could give us some detail on what percentages you think fall into those categories, and then what the multiple—if there is any multiple of those, because I am sure that it is all compounded—

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

ACT Corrective Services does not keep information of this nature in a format that can be easily translated into a percentage; to provide the member with this percentage would require ACT Corrective Services to interrogate the record of each detainee. It is important to note that in each of the parameters outlined, a detainee's identification of these issues is self reported.

ACT Corrective Services recognises that universally, detainees are one of the most vulnerable groups in the community, experiencing high rates of mental illness, drug and alcohol dependence, chronic health conditions, exposure to violence, social isolation and mortality.

In 2011, ACT Health published the '2010 ACT Inmate Health Survey Summary Results' report as part of its Health Series of publications.

The report presents the main findings of the cross-sectional component of the Survey which drew on responses from a random sample of 135 participants who were detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) (from a total of 276 detainees). The Survey canvassed a wide range of issues impacting on health including social determinants (including education, housing and employment); lifestyle factors; health conditions; tobacco smoking, alcohol and other drugs; and mental health. That publication can be found at:

<http://www.health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/Number%2055%20-%202010%20ACT%20Inmate%20Health%20Survey%20-%20Summary%20results%20July%202011.pdf>

The ACT Government actively encourages and supports detainee participation in rehabilitative programs during their time at the AMC to assist with and enable their successful reintegration into the community.

These programs include:

- offence specific and offence related programs designed to assist offenders to address the causes of their offending behaviour such as the: Cognitive Self Change Program, Anger Management, Alcohol and Other Drugs, Domestic Abuse, Sex Offender and Violence;
- the Solaris Therapeutic Community Program, a rehabilitative treatment placement within the AMC in which the community itself, through self-help and mutual support, is the principal means for promoting personal change in relation to alcohol and other drug use. This program is delivered in partnership with Karralika Programs Inc.;
- educational courses including Remedial Language, Literacy and Numeracy and a range of Vocational Education Training courses such as Occupational Health and Safety, Horticulture, Hospitality, General Construction and Information Technology;



- living skills programs including cooking, budgeting and personal hygiene courses are also provided; and
- detainee employment opportunities within the AMC dependent upon appropriateness and availability.

In recognition of the challenges that face detainees on release from custody, the ACT Government has funded the Extended Throughcare program which provides support beyond the end of an offender's custodial sentence to assist their transition to the community and help to reduce the risk of re-offending. The Extended Throughcare model provides a single point of service coordination, client-centric case management and the provision of services that are responsive to offenders' needs. Assistance is provided through the following packages:

- Basics – which provides intensive support for two weeks prior to release and six weeks after release for those requiring it;
- Health services – physical, mental, social and financial;
- Housing – transition, housing, home, maintenance;
- Connections – cultural, family, friends, transport; and
- Job – assessment, development, maintain, improve.

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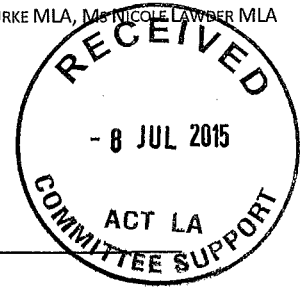


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Asked by Mr Andrew Wall MLA on 25 June 2015: Ms Bernadette Mitcherson took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 25 June 2015 [PAGE 1107]]

In relation to: What support/preparedness/assistance is given to a prospective employer of a detainee exiting through the Transitional Release Centre

**MR WALL:** What training preparedness or support is an employer or a prospective employer given prior to taking on and whilst taking on an individual that is going through the transitional release program?

**Mrs Mitcherson:** I might take that question on notice. There are supports available through the job search agencies. Often the client has a caseworker, so there is money available in terms of kitting them out if they need particular gear. There are supports available through the commonwealth programs that we partner with. That is available to everyone.

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The work release policy provides eligible detainees with an opportunity to engage in paid employment within the community prior to discharge from custody. This policy is in place to assist with the transition to the community, and to support other rehabilitative and re-integrative activity to support the reduction of re-offending risk.

There are requirements that prospective employers must meet before being accepted to participate in the program. ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) is very appreciative of those employers who are willing to commit to this level of engagement in order to assist detainees in their efforts to restart their lives in the community

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ACTCS has a duty of care to the detainee and a responsibility to the community when permitting a person in custody to engage in work or a traineeship within the community.

ACTCS' staff meet with employers who have expressed an interest in participating in the work release program to discuss the process. Pay and entitlements, workers compensation, public liability insurance, supervisory obligations and other issues are fully canvassed with the employer. Work sites are registered with the ACT Government insurer and a certificate is issued to the employer covering public liability in employing a person in the custody of ACTCS.

Participating work sites must agree to comprehensive security screening and must also agree to ongoing co-operation with ACTCS in relation to the terms and conditions of detainee employment. Employers are required to provide sufficient supervision of the detainee whilst at work in relation to attendance, starting and finishing times, and movements during the work day.

Prospective employers are encouraged to attend the Transitional Release Centre to meet the detainee. On some occasions, the detainee is interviewed by the prospective employer.

Once security checks have been completed, the work site is assessed in terms of safe working conditions, compliance with relevant industrial awards and the suitability of the environment and proposed work for a person in custody.

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By the Minister for Justice, Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

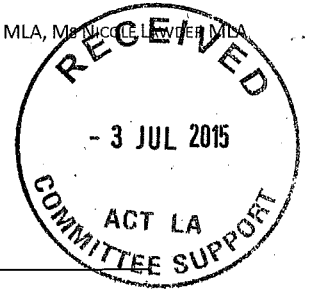


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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**



Asked by MR SMYTH on 26 June 2015: Mr Whitney took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2015 [PAGE 29 Proof]]

In relation to: Review of the arts policy framework

**THE CHAIR:** Sorry, the review or the new arts framework will be released?

**Ms Burch:** Well, the review is an internal government that was used as the mechanism for reviewing the arts policy. Mr Whitney, do you want to talk to that?

**Mr Whitney:** David Whitney, Director, ArtsACT. The arts policy framework was reviewed internally and there was also a public consultation process with over 300 individuals and organisations involved in that consultative process. The result of that process was monitored by an independent reference group who were nominated by the minister to provide an overview of that policy and the discussion around that, and the intention is that the policy is released in the near future by the minister.

**THE CHAIR:** Is a copy of the view available for the committee?

**Ms Burch:** We will take some advice. It was an internal working document for use of what will be released next week but we will take some advice, Chair.

**MINISTER FOR THE ARTS:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The report of Review of the ACT Arts Policy Framework is considered to be the Consultation Report which was released on 30 June 2015 at the time of the launch of the 2015 ACT Arts Policy. The Consultation Report is available on the artsACT website. There is no other report of the Review. The 2015 Arts Policy is available on the artsACT website <http://www.arts.act.gov.au/policy/2015-act-arts-policy>

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By the Minister for the Arts, Joy Burch MLA

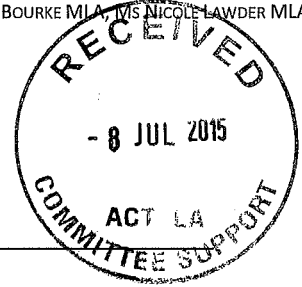




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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Mr Doszpot on 26 June 2015: Mr Rake took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2015 [PAGE 87 Proof]]

In relation to: Canberra Olympic Pool and Tuggeranong Pool

**Mr Rake:** Gary Rake, Deputy Director-General of Arts, Business, Events Sport and Tourism. When we assess a tender there are broadly three things that we need to look at. The first one is whether we have a complying tender and that is that it meets the basic requirements to even be accepted and in this case both met the basic compliance. We then assess the suitability of the tender that we have received and that goes to everything from the operator's capacity to undertake work, in this case manage pools, through to the financial sustainability and organisation or capability. We were not able to satisfy ourselves entirely in that regard and then the third thing that we have to think, our primary obligation in procurement is to get value for money. And the prices that were put to us in those we did not believe represented appropriate value for money for the territory and we could not satisfy ourselves it was the best use of tax payer money that we could come up with.

**MR DOSZPOT:** Talking about value for money, what was the annual revenue that was realised from the previous contractor on each of these pools?

**Mr Rake:** We would need to take that on notice. Civic pool was a loss making exercise though.

**MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Canberra Olympic Pool and Lakeside Leisure Centre were managed under the one management contract until 30 June 2015. In this contract, the financial arrangements for both facilities are commercial in confidence. Therefore information about revenue is unable to be disclosed.

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Shane Rattenbury MLA



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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by MS LAWDER on 26 June 2015: Ms Priest took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 26 June 2015 [PAGE 95 Proof]]

In relation to: Irrigated Ovals

**MS LAWDER:** So how many were turned off during the drought?

**Ms Priest:** The exact number I would have to check, but—

**MS LAWDER:** So can you tell me how many of those have still not been turned back on and which ovals they were?

**Ms Priest:** I can get you an exact number. We will take that on notice.

**MS LAWDER:** Yes, and the names of those thank you. There have been recent reports of rapid growth in junior soccer participation. Have you been looking at any new facilities to keep up with the demand for local sports like soccer?

**MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Q1) *How many were turned off during the drought?*

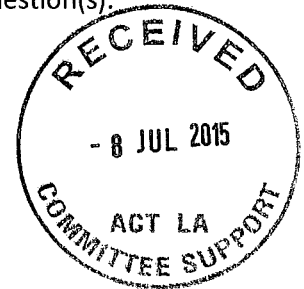
A1) A total of thirty-eight (38) ovals were 'turned off' in response to drought, as shown in Attachment A.

Q2) *Can you tell me how many of those have still not been turned back on and which ovals they were?*

A2) A total of thirty-two (32) ovals remain 'turned off', with six ovals having been restored to date, and one being converted to a synthetic surface.

Q3) *There have been recent reports of rapid growth in junior soccer participation. Have you been looking at any new facilities to keep up with the demand for local sports like soccer?*

A3) Yes, Sport and Recreation Services is working closely with Capital Football on ways to address the growth in junior soccer participation, this includes discussing possible changes to competition scheduling and also identifying possible new facilities. One outcome of the discussions was to make Curtin Neighbourhood Oval available for junior soccer. Sports and





Recreation Services have confirmed that the oval is now regularly used on two or three days each week by schools and the Kids Football Club.

The redeveloped Woden Park is also in regular use this season; it includes a match play standard flood light system to facilitate night games. Additionally, the 2015-16 Budget delivers \$6.6 million over three years to construct a new sports facility at Melrose High School. This facility will have a new FIFA accredited synthetic football field, a new natural turf grass field, a new sports pavilion, lighting, a car park and multi-use hard courts. These measures recognise that the inner South is experiencing growth in junior soccer participation.

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Ovals Turned Off In Response to Drought - Attachment A

Name	Location	Sport Benefit (cricket for all)	Status
Bonython NHO	Barr Smith Avenue	Football	On
Charnwood DPF f(127-128)	Lhotsky Street	Football	On
Isabella Plains NHO	Cromwell Circuit	AFL	On
Ngunnawal NHO	Unaipon Street	AFL	On
Watson NHO	Knox Street	Football/Rugby	On
Weetangerra NHO	Southwell Street	Rugby/Football	On

Name	Location	Sport Benefit (cricket for all)	Status
Nicholls NHO	Kellaway Avenue	Football	Synthetic conversion

Name	Location	Sport Benefit (cricket for all)	Status
Belconnen/Eastern Valley Way	Eastern Valley Way		Off
Calwell NHO	Outrim Avenue	TBA	Off
Charnwood NHO	Leycester Street		Off
Chifley NHO	Eggleston Crescent	TBA	Off
Chisholm NHO	Truganini Street		Off
Evatt NHO	Jacobs Street		Off
Farrer NHO	Longeranong Street	Football	Off
Flynn NHO	Sanderson Close	TBA	Off
Florey NHO	Kevesten Street		Off
Gilmore NHO	Heagney Crescent	TBA	Off
Higgins NHO	Fullagar Crescent	Rugby/Football	Off
Holder NHO	Weingarh Street	TBA	Off
Holt DPF-field 1,2, and 3	Moyes Crescent		Off
Holt NHO	Pickworth Street	TBA	Off
Kaleen 4 (South NHO)	Maribyrnong Avenue	AFL	Off
Lyneham NHO	Brigalow Street		Off
Lyons NHO	Tooms Place	TBA	Off
Macgregor NHO	Hirschfield Street	Rugby/Football	Off
Macquarie NHO	Birch Place	TBA	Off
Masson Street-throwing area	Masson Street		Off
Mckellar NHO	Bancks Crescent		Off
Melba DPF-F3	Verbruggen Street		Off
Melba DPF F4	Verbruggen Street	TBA	Off
Melba NHO	Grainger Circuit	Rugby/Football	Off
Mill Creek NHO	Matina Street	TBA	Off
Narrabundah Kootara Cres	Kootara Crescent		Off
Richardson NHO	May Gibbs Close		Off
Spence NHO	Clarey Street	Rugby/Football	Off
Theodore NHO	Lawrence Wackkett Cres		Off
Torrens NHO	Batchelor Street	Football/Rugby	Off
Waramanga DPF-throwing	Walpiri Place		Off
Weston NHO	Hilder Street	TBA	Off





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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Mr Hanson MLA on 19 June 2015: Mr Rodney Lee Walsh took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 19 June 2015 Page 630

In relation to:

MR HANSON: Thank you very much, Mr Chair, and my question is in relation to whistleblower disclosures under the Public Interest Disclosure Act. Have you had any cause to investigate any yourself in the financial, the past financial year, or are you aware of any that are pending? And more broadly do you look at how that operates within the ACT? Are you satisfied that the Public Interest Disclosure Act is being effectively applied within the ACT and that people are aware of that process?

Mr Walsh: I think primary responsibility for public interest whistle blowing, as you know, would be sitting more with the Public Service Commissioner and so they would have more primary duties in relation to this but we might deal well with complaints that double out of that. to the extent of numbers, I might need to take that on notice but I probably could not go into too many more details on those things.

Mr Rodney Lee Walsh: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

In the financial year 2014-15 (to date) the Ombudsman has investigated one complaint about the handling of a Public Interest Disclosure. The Ombudsman also conducted an own-motion investigation into a matter that was raised as a Public Interest Disclosure about an ACT agency and referred to this office for the Ombudsman's consideration.

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By Rodney Lee Walsh, Senior Assistant Ombudsman



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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by The Chair, Mr Brendan Smyth MLA on 19 June 2015: Mr Rodney Lee Walsh took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 19 June 2015 Page 633

In relation to:

MS FITZHARRIS: So it is not clear to you. The subject matter is the University of Canberra; it is relating to the organisational entity?

Mr Walsh: Yes, the entity would be the one receiving the—

THE CHAIR: As a supplementary, could you take on notice what the nature of those concerns were?

Mr Rodney Lee Walsh: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Complaints about the University of Canberra can be broadly summarised as being complaints from students about:

- disputing decisions made about academic grades
- a perceived lack of support in studies by academic staff
- administration relating to international students.

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DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Question Taken on Notice**

Asked by Dr C Bourke on Friday 19 June 2015:

Mr Bernie Sheville took on notice the following question:

**How much does a program of certification cost to become a CPA?**

[Ref: Hansard Transcript 19 June 2015 Page 650.]

Dr Bourke: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The current certification cost of becoming a Certified Practicing Accountant (CPA) is the completion of six modules at \$990 per module (including GST) or \$5,940. Annual CPA membership fees are \$690. Eight Audit Office staff members are completing the CPA program.

The other major post-graduate accounting qualification is provided by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. The certification cost of the CA qualification is the completion of five modules at \$1,225 per module (including GST) or \$6,125. Annual CA membership fees are \$645. The Audit Office has five staff members who are completing the CA program.

The financial support provided by the Audit Office is to pay for the cost of successful completion of each module and annual membership fees. The Audit Office also provides staff with five days study leave for each module.

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Date: 29 June 2015

By the ACT Auditor-General, Dr Maxine Cooper

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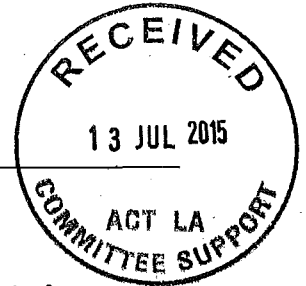


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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**



MR DOSZPOT: To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation

[Ref: Sport and Recreation Services, Budget Statement, page number 24, output class 8.4]

In relation to: Sport participation in the ACT

1. How many organised sports are there in the ACT?
2. What is the name of each organised sport in the ACT?
3. Which organised sports use a government provided facility in the ACT, detail which sports use which facility (eg oval, track, building)?
4. What is the total revenue collected by ACT government from organised sport for the provided facilities?
5. How many people are registered to play each organised sport in the ACT?
6. For all sports for which a sex breakdown is available what is that breakdown by sex by organised sport?
7. For all sports for which an age or age category breakdown is available what is that breakdown by age or age category by sport?

MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. There are approximately 66 organised sports in the ACT (please refer to Attachment A). This number reflects the sports that Sport and Recreation Services (SRS) have had a level of contact with through the Sport and Recreation Grant Program or through a peak body recognition process.
2. Please refer to Attachment A.
3. The sport use of Sport and Recreation Services owned and managed facilities is indicated at Attachment A. The type of facility has also been noted. This has been compiled through comparison of a hirers list from the sportsground booking database and the identified list of sports.

It is important to note that most of the sports listed have a club structure where a number of organisations exist under a peak body, and each club may have a hiring arrangement with SRS.

N.B. Sport and Recreation Services are seeking input from Education and Training Directorate, Community Services Directorate, Territory and Municipal Services Directorate and Economic Development (in the Chief Minister and Economic Development Directorate) for the additional information held by those agencies, as the question seeks input for all ACT Government assets, not just Sport and

Recreation owned and managed assets. This information will be provided as soon as possible.

4. The total revenue collected by Sport and Recreation Services from organised sport for facility hire in 2014/15 was \$1,973,995 (noting that the end of year position has not yet been finalised). This is correct as at 9 July 2015.
5. The provision of registration numbers is a mandatory requirement for organised sports applying for funding through the Sport and Recreation Grant Program. Registration numbers held by Sport and Recreation Services are therefore limited to those sports that submit grant applications. The available registration numbers held by SRS are at Attachment B.

It is important to note that participation numbers are self-regulated and are counted in different ways by different organisations to account for various categories of participation (for example formal competition, event based participation and school participation).

6. Please refer to Attachment B. It is important to note that participation numbers are self-regulated and are counted in different ways by different organisations to account for various categories of participation (for example formal competition, event based participation and school participation).
7. A breakdown of participation numbers by age for individual sports is not available through the data held by Sport and Recreation Services or through the data accessible through the Australian Bureau of Statistics (Participation in Sport and Physical Recreation, Australia, 2013-14). This data may be sourced by contacting individual sporting organisations.

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## 2014-16 Triennial Operational Application Form (2015)

Organisation Name	Male members	Female members	Full Active -		Program Participants		Event Participants		School-delivered programs - Male	School-delivered programs - Female	School-managed competitions - Male	School-managed competitions - Female	TOTAL - Male	TOTAL - Female	Board Members total	Number Female Board Members
			Male	Female	- Male	- Female	- Male	- Female								
ACT & Southern NSW Rugby Union	6198	2461													9	1
ACT Baseball Association	1050	250													5	0
ACT Little Athletics Association Inc	1660	1315	1660	1315	0	0	0	0	2678 Incl female	not separated	0	0	4338	1315	6	2
ACT ROWING ASSOCIATION INC	506	501													8	2
ACTSPORT	0	0													0	0
AFL NSW/ACT	3300	800	2800	400	950	250			7500	7500	500	200	11750	8350	0	0
Athletics ACT	204	170													8	2
Basketball ACT	26	31	4174	2784	879	547	1388	840	1562	1514	144	144	8147	5829	7	2
Bowls ACT	1344	622	1344	622					150	150			1494	772	8	2
Canberra District Rugby League	4973	370	4626	159							1775	300			9	0
Capital Football	22270 (Incl Futsal)	4260 (Incl Futsal)	9850	3745	1300	1000	3334	1008	1260	1080	2017	1692	16460	12278	6	1
Cricknet ACT	12500	3400	4100	1281					9284	6200	6000	4158	30109	10200	8	1
Cycling ACT	748	195	697	250	32	14	450	100	52	34	52	34	1283	432	11	3
Gymnastics ACT	1201	2305	1263	2368	663	1992	0	0	753	2257	0	0	2679	6617	7	4
Hockey ACT	1668	1710	1668	1710	282	282	520	520	1640	1640	120	120	4230	4272	8	3
Netball ACT	341	4535	341	4535		1284		241		4680			341	10740	6	4
Orienteering ACT Inc.	880	698	274	216	95	3	511	479	800	800	0	0	1680	1498	9	2
Pedal Power ACT	2131	1774	2131	1174	326	205	1425	426					4182	1905	9	3
Royal Life Saving ACT	50%	50%	159	149	1428	1207	30	20	3712	3716	3351	3312	8404	8644	7	0
SnowSports ACT	230	170	22	25	64	49	660	717					746	791	8	4
SOFTBALL ACT	200	1000													4 with 1 vacant	2
Special Olympics Australia - ACT	108	67	68	42	30	18	3	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	101	63	11	4
Sports Medicine Australia ACT	87	71													8	3
Squash ACT	318	41	530	64	1074	116	216	124	0	0	524	185	2367	448	8	2
Swimming ACT Inc	603	959	603	959	377	544	258	364	0	0	0	0	603	959	6	3
Table Tennis ACT	230	64	230	64	1	11			5	5	85	16	321	90	7	3
Tennis ACT Limited	2825	1820	2825	1820	1329	1258	427	226	3304	3304	0	0	7885	6608	8	1
Touch Football ACT	58%	42%	3257	2171	658	438	489	489	2914	2914	550	550	7868	6562	6	2
Triathlon ACT	320	318	320	318	28	91	2700	2400	Nil	Nil	15	17	3063	2826	5	2
Volleyball ACT	770	830													6	2

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**



MR DOSZPOT: To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation

[Ref: Sport and Recreation Services, Budget Statement, page number 24, output class 8.4]

In relation to: Sports Facilities – Capital works upgrades

1. What facilities are included under the Facility Improvement Program?
2. What works are included under the Pools Improvement Program?
3. What works are undertaken as part of the Water management system upgrade?

MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The Facilities Improvement Program includes facilities such as Irrigated Neighbourhood Ovals; Irrigated District Playing Fields; and Community Recreation Irrigated Parks (CRIP) and their associated amenities and infrastructure. Across the Territory there are a total of 126 facilities which may have works undertaken as part of the Facilities Improvement Program.
2. The 2015-16 Pools Improvement Program will deliver a number of capital upgrades and improvements which include:
  - a) a new filtration system for the toddlers pool at Dickson Aquatic Centre (DAC);
  - b) new boiler for DAC; and
  - c) upgrades to plant at Lakeside Leisure Centre and Canberra Olympic Pool.
3. The Water Management System Upgrade in 2015-16 will deliver an upgrade of the irrigation system at the Hawker District Playing Fields.

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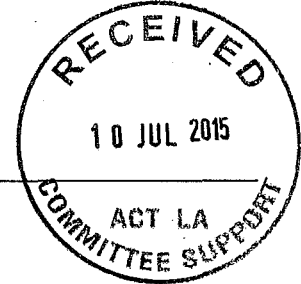


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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**



MR DOSZPOT: To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation

Sport and Recreation Services, Budget Statement, page number 24, output class 8.4

In relation to: The ACT Equestrian Association (ACTEA) MOU with the ACT Government

1. What discussions have been held with stakeholders, including ACTEA to better understand future demand for and provision of land for government horse holding paddocks?
2. What assurance of tenure has been provided to current users of ACT government horse holding paddocks?
3. What assurance of tenure has been provided to current contract lessees of government horse holding paddocks?
4. How is management of government horse holding paddocks determined?
5. Under the services agreement:
  - a. For what period of tenure is the agreement?
  - b. What are the terms of the agreement in respect of the lessee's responsibilities
  - c. How is the contract advertised?
  - d. In respect of the last tender, how many applicants were there?
  - e. Who is Territory Agistment Pty Ltd
6. What consideration has the government given to ACTEA suggestions for work to the Bicentennial National Trail?

Minister Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

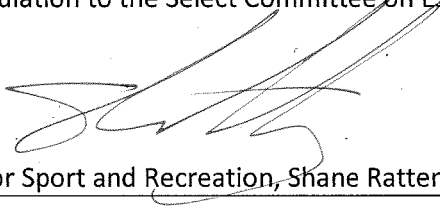
1. The Environment and Planning Directorate, in association with the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate and Economic Development within Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate, commenced a strategic review of Government Horse Paddocks in May 2015. The review is an action arising from the Memorandum of Understanding between the ACT Government and ACT Equestrian Association entered into in 2014.

An information session has occurred with ACT Equestrian Association, government horse paddock users and the Territory's horse paddock manager to advise of the review and seek initial feedback to inform the review. Additional engagement with stakeholders will occur during the second part of 2015.

Suggestions by the Equestrian Association are considered. The BNT route has been incorporated onto ACTMAPi at the request of the Equestrian Association. ACTMAPi is the ACT Government's interactive mapping service.

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Shane Rattenbury MLA

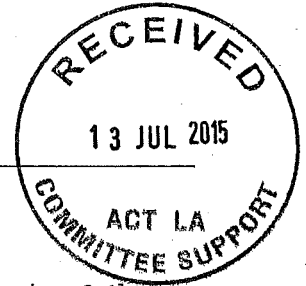


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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**



MR DOSZPOT: To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation

[Ref: Sport and Recreation Services, Budget Statement, page number 24, output class 8.4]

In relation to: Oval Restoration

1. How many and which ovals have been refurbished/restored to full working capacity in the last 12 months?
2. How is priority determined for works required on ovals?
3. What is the estimated budget required to restore an oval to full working capacity?
4. How many ovals require refurbishment/restoration in the ACT?

MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. In the past 12 months one (1) oval was restored to full working order, being the Weetangera District Playing Fields which became operational and available for booking in June 2015 with the new pavilion scheduled for completion in September 2015.
2. Works are undertaken on ovals in a number of ways, either as emergency response works for repairs, which is given appropriate priority; as part of the Facilities Improvement Program (FIP); or as a funded project to restore an oval to full working order.

Prioritisation of the recommended works in the FIP is determined by ongoing monitoring by sportsground management including consideration:

- a) sportsground user feedback;
- b) identified club and association requirements; and
- c) industry correspondence/discussions.

Prioritisation of restoring ovals to full working order is based on community, or where applicable, adjacent school demand, or a demonstrated need for additional formal sporting use sites.

3. An average of \$1.33 million is required to restore an oval which has been 'turned off' to return to full working capacity. This allows for resurfacing of the grounds; installation of floodlight systems, irrigation systems, and infrastructure such as cricket nets; design and construction, or refurbishment, of amenities and pavilion facilities as appropriate to the site.

4. Based on the number of ovals 'turned off' in response to droughts, there are thirty-two (32) ovals currently decommissioned that may be restored for formal hire and sporting use subject to future demand or demonstrated need and budget availability.

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