



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Yvette Berry MLA, Minister for Sport and Recreation

In relation to: Surface condition of cricket nets in Woden/Phillip in the shadow of residential towers.

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Yvette Berry MLA, Minister for Sport and Recreation took on notice the following question(s):

Mr Iglesias: So our colleagues in CMTEDD are currently managing an upgrade to the Phillip Oval facilities, the surrounding facilities. I believe it involves some upgrade to the irrigation as well as to the grandstand. As far as the playing surface goes, we will keep an ongoing watch on the quality, on the performance of the field. The deployment of the compost example is a case in point.

That is generally what we do. We will trial all sorts of substrates that we can add to the surface to improve it. We have also tried coconut fibre which has been really really successful because it holds moisture really really well. There may be some works that are required as a result of the works that are being undertaken currently at Phillip to the quality of the playing surface, and that will be prioritised, but on an ongoing basis it is very much on an as needs basis.

MS CARRICK: And the cricket nets, I understand that because of the towers they are overshadowed now and so that is impacting on the surface of the cricket. Are you aware of that?

Mr Iglesias: I am not aware of it. It is often a challenge on some locations to fit everything in. The fact that we have got the cricket nets is great. To shift them or to move them around is not often an option. It just depends on the site. The particular issue you are describing I am happy to make some inquiries and get back to you if we can do something about that. I will take that on notice.

MS CARRICK: Yes, I do not know if you can move the towers there.

Mr Iglesias: Probably not but we might be able to do something.

MS CARRICK: Maybe you can shine some light off them and might rebound.

Mr Iglesias: Generally the cricket nets use a synthetic surface. If it is not concrete, it is a synthetic surface and shading should not impact it. If they are very very old cricket nets, maybe—

MS CARRICK: No, I do not think these ones are old.

Mr Iglesias: Yes okay. I can look into it.

MS CARRICK: Yes, that would be good. Thank you.

Ms Berry: Are you talking of the ones at the Phillip enclosed oval?

MS CARRICK: Yes.

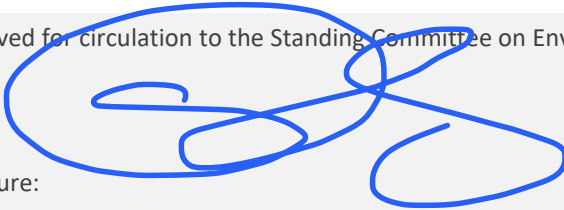
THE CHAIR: Thank you. Miss Nuttall.

Yvette Berry MLA, Minister for Sport and Recreation: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Phillip Oval (EPC Solar Park) is currently under lease by NSW/ACT AFL and Cricket ACT. Recent construction in the surrounding area has seen an increase in shade time on the turf wicket area. The surface condition of the turf cricket nets are the responsibility of Cricket ACT and the Phillip Oval Management Group as the responsible leaseholder.

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Signature:



By Yvette Berry MLA, Minister for Sport and Recreation

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