



Inquiry into barriers in community sports

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Lee MLA

Addressed to: Minister Berry

In relation to: Percentage of successful v unsuccessful applicants for the Future of Education Equity Fund

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Minister Berry took on notice the following question:

MS LEE: All right, thank you. Also in relation to costs being prohibitive. Obviously you have previously talked about, and I am probably wearing your hat as Education Minister, about the Future of Education Equity Fund that allows families to get access to some funds.

Do you have a breakdown in relation to what those people who do receive the funds use it for? Because obviously sporting activities are an included part of that. Do you have—does the government keep any data in relation to what it is used for?

Ms Berry: Not in a lot of detail because it is pretty much—it is basically voluntary. Like, we do not, you know, want to interfere too much in what people are using their funds for. But—do you want to do that?

Ms Kelley: Yes, sorry. The only breakdown that we do have—because we had the same question, so obviously that is really valuable intel to have. But the level of data, and it is included in the government's submission, that 32 per cent of the applications that were granted through that scheme were for sport and recreation purposes.

MS LEE: Do you have data that you can share with the committee in relation to the number of applications you will receive compared to the number of applications that were successful?

Ms Berry: I think we do probably have data on that. It is just not with this team, so I will have to take it on notice and see if I can get it.

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

As of 13 November 2025, the total number of applications received in the 2025 Equity Fund round is 3,541. The total number of successful applications is 3,145 which is 89% of the total applications.

Total applications received	3541
Total successful applications	3145 (89%)
Total unsuccessful applications*	320 (9%)
Total withdrawn applications	53 (1%)
Total applications still being assessed	23 (1%)

*Unsuccessful applications include duplicate applications submitted for the same student. The Equity Fund is paid once per student per school year.

Summary of voluntary responses from successful 2025 Equity Fund applicants on how they planned to use the funding:

Question: How do you plan to use 2025 funds? (Note that multiple categories allowed)		
Category	Total responses	% responses
Tuition fees	909	29%
Sport	1496	48%
Music	488	16%
School camps	1391	44%
Excursions	1920	61%
Uniforms	2555	81%
Stationery	2176	69%
Other	251	8%
Prefer not to answer	68	2%

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation

Signature:

By the Minister for Education and Early Childhood, Minister Yvette Berry

Date:

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