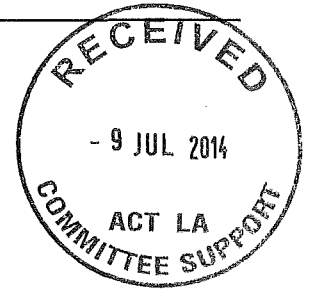




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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Mr Doszpot on 27 June 2014: Ms Priest took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: diesel linemarking

**MR DOSZPOT:** What is the annual cost of diesel line markings as a result? What is the annual cost of marking these grounds in diesel?

**Ms Priest:** The annual cost of diesel? We would have to take that as a question on notice in terms of having an absolute figure for that.

**MR DOSZPOT:** The constant application of diesel obviously has quite an effect on the ground. It kills the grass, it degrades it and it eats away the ground itself. Has any study been conducted as to how long diesel can be applied without any remedial work having to be done on the ground?

**Ms Priest:** I will have to take that as a question on notice. I know that there has been some research done but in terms of giving you any detailed response to that, I would have to take that as a question on notice.

**MR DOSZPOT:** Could you take that on notice in two ways? One is: has there been any ecological study done on that? Also, just from a physical point of view, how deep does an actual furrow have to be for you to be concerned about the state of the grounds? This could apply to a number of areas such as multi-use grounds where there are a great deal more lines on a field and it has quite an effect on the ability for people to play sport on those grounds.

**Ms Priest:** I am happy to do that and come back with a response.

**MR DOSZPOT:** I understand that the use of diesel was, in fact, stopped by a former Labor minister, I think it was Mr Hargreaves, around 2005. Can you confirm for us when that was done and why was it reintroduced? Why was it stopped and why was it reintroduced?

**Ms Priest:** Again, I will have to take that on notice and come back with absolutely clear detail on that.

MINISTER BARR: The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:-

The annual cost of line marking sportsgrounds with diesel is approximately \$154,000 per annum.

Sport and Recreation Services are not aware of any ecological studies done regarding the constant application of line marking.

Sportsgrounds are maintained to a standard that is safe and fit for purpose, which includes remediation by topdressing to maintain safe levels along marked diesel lines. Remediation occurs as part of the ongoing maintenance of sports grounds undertaken by SRS, including work undertaken during the major restoration periods that occur twice yearly at the end of the summer and winter sport seasons.

SRS has no record of diesel line marking being stopped in 2005 or at any time since. SRS does, however, continue to work collaboratively with clubs where they make an active decision to undertake their own white paint marking.

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Andrew Barr MLA