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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by MR MILLIGAN MLA:

In relation to Manuka Oval:

1. Can you explain what \$2.3 million per year to Greater Western Sydney AFL covers, especially given the ACT Government Sports & Recreation grants for local sport and recreation clubs amount to \$2.4 million per year?
2. How do you respond to calls from GWS for further patron related upgrades to Manuka to allow for a better game day experience? Things like toilets, food and beverage and parking – wouldn't these types of upgrades be a better use of the \$23 million?
3. The Annual Report states that 13 local cricket matches have been played at Manuka and 41 local AFL matches. How many of these matches were played on the same day?
4. Can you provide detail on the number of total game days the oval was operational in 2017-18 and the number is was unused?
5. What is the status of the Manuka Master Plan that was an election promise from 2016?
6. When can the community expect an update on the Master Plan, how will the community be involved in the consultation process and when will a new plan be delivered?

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

1. The Territory's investment of \$2.3 million per year covers the Performance Funding Agreement (Long Form Agreement) and AFL Venue Minimum Standards.
2. Venues Canberra works closely with its major hirers and stakeholders to improve the game day experience for patrons. In the last 10 years, the ACT Government has invested more than \$30million in improvements for Manuka Oval.
3. There were no local cricket and AFL matches that were played on the same day at Manuka Oval. On 16 occasions, local AFL conducted more than one match on the same day.
4. There were 76 game and training days at Manuka Oval in 2017-18 plus approximately 152 pre/ post-game days for turf preparation and remediation. Approximately 137 days were unused.
5. The Government has no immediate plans for development beyond what is broadly outlined in the Manuka Oval Master Plan, which has guided upgrade works within the Oval since 2009.
6. As above (5).

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

Signature:

Date:

By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA