



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION

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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
1 MARCH 2021

Asked by Leanne Castley MLA:

In relation to: **Gungahlin Pool**

Ms Berry: No. So you will recall that the budget had an allocation but has not identified the amount because we have to actually tender for a contractor to do the repairs. Yes.

MS CASTLEY: So a month? Two?

Mr Edghill: Yes, so hopefully measured in weeks.

MS CASTLEY: Weeks.

Mr Edghill: So the way that we have been looking at bringing a new tender onboard is to utilise an existing panel that the ACT government has, project management agreement panel, which will allow us to move quickly towards getting the works undertaken.

Now, that project manager will also need to undertake usual kind of sub-procurement arrangements for various consultants and other people. But we have done preparatory work before today, so we are not starting from scratch. And we would expect that, yes, within the coming weeks, definitely in March.

MS CASTLEY: Okay. And is the settlement money, the 400K—has that covered the costs so far or what costs have there been for the experts to be looking at this since June?

Mr Edghill: So in terms of—I would have to take on notice the exact costs that have been borne through the GSO. But in terms of reaching that agreement with the original builder, it is, of course, a balancing act.

Not just the costs that we have incurred or may incur, but a sort of balancing act taking into account issues of causation. What or who caused the failure in the first place? But then also taking into account the desirability of—and the very strong desire of the ACT government to get the pool back open and operational as quickly as possible.



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Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Costs associated with the experts since June 2020 are estimated to be \$24,777.50 inc GST

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Community Inclusion

Signature:

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA