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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by JAMES MILLIGAN on 20 JULY 2023: MR IGLESIAS took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Uncorrected Hansard Transcript 20 July 2023, Pages 133-134

In relation to: Government charges for smaller/community clubs – charge out rates

MR MILLIGAN: I would just like to understand the government's position on their charge rates for sporting assets to clubs and groups in the territory? Obviously, you have got a community charge rate and then a commercial charge rate. There is a lot of small clubs out there that may not be under the required registration for their club to get that community rate, so they are being charged commercial rates. And we see that particularly with a lot of swimming clubs and other things.

My question is, what is the government doing to help support these smaller clubs to assess their ability in terms of paying the fees that the government might charge, considering they are being charged the commercial rate, and we have got all these smaller clubs out there that—what type of registration do they need to be under to fit that community charge rate?

Mr Iglesias: In relation to the two different rates, I might just take that on notice for you and be clear about it. I will add that the rates that we charge depends on the usage and depends on the site. And the quantum of the rates is a very small percentage of what it actually takes to run the sports field. It is something—it is around the 14 per cent mark, is the contribution that the community makes to the maintenance and the running of the sports ground's assets across the territory. It is—my understanding is that it is a modest break. But as for the difference between commercial and non-commercial, I will have to take that on notice.

YVETTE BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

Unregistered social sporting groups and Sporting organisations which are Incorporated Associations are considered not for profit groups and therefore non-commercial. These user groups qualify for the community charge rates.

Where a sporting organisation is constituted under a for profit operating model – they are charged commercial rates.

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Signature

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA

Date:

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