



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Sport and Recreation

In relation to: Sport and Recreation and Territory and operator maintenance responsibility separation

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MR RATTENBURY: Just following on from that, the territory budget indicates we will spend \$5.8 million on therapy pools in this financial year. You have talked about the sort of maintenance split. I am wondering, does each pool have an asset management plan which establishes how that pool is maintained and what upgrade works are required?

Mr Khan: That is something that we are developing the maturity of, Mr Rattenbury. It varies from facility to facility, and the scale of investment varies from facility to facility, so the Canberra Olympic Pool is a much older facility and requires a lot more. That I think would be fairly characterised as more basic maintenance in order to be kept to standard where—but we also ensure that there is the capacity to invest in improvements across other facilities as well. So recently at the Manuka Pool, as an example, investments in new changing tables in both the male and female bathrooms at that facility, resetting of lawns at the Dickson—at the Dickson Pool as well prior to its summer opening, and I touched on earlier the work that we are doing to better understand the Erindale Leisure Centre as a broader asset, and what investments should look like in that facility. It is an iterative piece of work to get to the point that I think you are describing.

MR RATTENBURY: Is it the territory or the operator responsible for the development of those plans?

Mr Khan: The territory. We work with the operator to, of course, inform our understanding of that. They are the facility operating the facility every day and can assist in ensuring that we have the most fulsome picture of the investments there, the more broader capital upgrade investments that may be required.

MR RATTENBURY: I was very interested in your—

THE CHAIR: One more supp.

MR RATTENBURY: I was very interested in—I am not going to ask any questions now because this is what I wanted to ask—

THE CHAIR: Okay. Feel free.

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MR RATTENBURY: I was interested in your earlier description about the maintenance distinction that government is responsible for some, but the operator is responsible for other. Exactly how is that line drawn? How is it specified in the contract?

Mr Khan: The exact details of that we will have to take on notice in terms of our contract management arrangements. We work closely—I would have to take it on notice exactly to find what that split looks like, Mr Rattenbury.

MR RATTENBURY: It would be useful to understand because I can only imagine it results in quite some back and forth-ing about which side of the line a piece of maintenance falls on. I am interested in how the government is effectively managing that ongoing dispute, potentially.

Mr Khan: We have a very productive and close relationship with Belgravia as the operator. Perhaps it would assist the committee, preventative maintenance and some of the reactive works would sit more in the responsibility of Belgravia as the operator, whereas the more significant planned capital upgrades would be the responsibility of the territory, but I am happy to provide on notice.

MR RATTENBURY: That would be helpful, thank you. Thanks chair.

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

Under the current service agreement, the pool operators, Belgravia Leisure, are required to undertake preventative maintenance and repairs to building services at the aquatic facilities. These services include HVAC, fire equipment, plumbing, electrical, grounds maintenance, cleaning, plant room maintenance including pumps, filters and other pool plant equipment, appliance testing and tagging, CCTV systems and Public Announcement systems.

Infrastructure Canberra (iCBR) are required to undertake capital upgrades to the site as identified by the condition assessment reports, including replacement of end-of-life assets and upgrades to improve the facility.

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Ms Yvette Berry MLA

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