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Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026-2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026-2027

Question on Notice (Committee)

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Sport and Recreation

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In relation to: Indoor Facilities

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Date Answer Due: 17/08/2026

1. (1) The 2018 [indoor sports facilities plan](#) said: “The ACT Government has not directly developed and managed indoor facilities. The provision, and wide distribution across Canberra, of government-owned multi-purpose indoor sport & recreation facilities would have significant budget implications and may impact on the viability of existing sport-owned facilities.” Given the loss and impending loss of several privately-owned sport and recreation facilities, and the growth of our population, is this still the Government’s policy position?
2. (2) Why does the ACT rely on the private sector to fund and develop critical community infrastructure like indoor sport and recreation facilities?
3. (3) Why does the ACT Government publicly fund aquatic facilities but not indoor sport and recreation centres?
4. (4) Do you agree that there appears to be an emerging market failure when it comes to the private provision of sport and recreation facilities in the ACT?
5. (5) My office’s analysis of four local government areas in Melbourne found that the average government-owned indoor sport and recreation facility court per capita was 1 for every 28,000 people (which does not include privately-owned facilities or school facilities). How many does the ACT have?