



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation

Ref: Budget Statement H, pp. 20-21, output class 2.4

In relation to: Sportsground upgrades in Ginninderra

1. Can the minister please attach the metrics, criteria, and weightings used to prioritise upgrades for sports grounds?
2. Which sports grounds in the Ginninderra Electorate are due to be upgraded in the next 12 months, and what specifically will be upgraded at each of these sports grounds?
3. Can the Minister describe the detail behind the idea to split Florey oval between the community and the school?
 - (i) What obstacles or issues still need to be sorted before this idea can go forward?
 - (ii) When will government consult the community on which portion of the oval will be for community use and which portion will be for the school?
 - (iii) What percentage of the Florey oval is intended for community use, and what percentage is intended for the school?
 - (iv) What is the intended use of the community portion of the oval?
4. Can the Minister please provide an update on any plans and/or upgrades to ovals in Spence and Macquarie?

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

1. Capital upgrades to sporting infrastructure are prioritised after consultation with sporting peak bodies, and community sporting user groups as well as analysis of monthly asset condition audits performed by sport and recreation staff. Some projects such as building refurbishment and irrigations system renewal/replacement may be prioritised by asset condition audits alone if the structure is unsafe or no longer fit for purpose. This program is essentially an ongoing exercise aimed at bringing older assets back up to current standards. Projects such as the upgrade of the floodlighting systems are driven by the need to achieve desired/required standards.
2. Holt District playing fields pavilion is confirmed to be refurbished during the 2022/23 financial year. This includes 'Female Friendly' upgrades. The reactivation of sportsgrounds and ancillary sportsground assets at Holt District playing fields (Kippax Masterplan Development) is confirmed to be delivered during the 2022/23 financial year.

Sportsground lighting at three ovals – Scullin, Higgins and Melba will be upgraded in the 22-23 financial year. The Scullin and Melba neighborhood ovals will benefit from new LED sportsground floodlighting to 100 lux, and at Higgins an upgrade from 50 lux to 100 lux. All three ovals will thus be able to support match play under lights. Further information around current sporting infrastructure projects please visit <https://www.sport.act.gov.au/sport-facilities/strategic-projects> where a full list of Sport and Recreation capital infrastructure projects 2020-2024 can be found.

3.

- i) Prior to the commencement of any works at the Florey oval, TCCS will work with the Education Directorate to:
 - Finalise engagement with the community about the proposed changes identified by the school;
 - complete an assessment aimed at identifying possible works to improve accessibility to the site as required by the school;
 - complete an ongoing maintenance plan for the school site; and
 - understand environmental/safety concerns prior to clarifying any works on the school site.
 - ii) The Education Directorate commenced public consultation on 28 July 2022. This consultation primarily focussed on the one third portion of the oval nearest to the Florey Primary school.
 - iii) Currently, one third of the Florey oval has been earmarked for use by Florey Primary School and the remaining two thirds likely available for broader community use.
 - iv) For the remainder of the space which is currently managed by TCCS as a 'dryland oval – public open space' there are no current plans for further work.
4. There are currently no plans to upgrade ovals in Spence or Macquarie.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature:

By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA

Date:

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