



Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mr James Milligan MLA on 16 November 2023: Mr Jeffrey took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Discretionary Fund

MR MILLIGAN: You mentioned the discretionary fund. Are you able to take on notice—because I do not expect that you would have this answer—how many applications to government were made, how many were approved and how many were not approved? Are you are happy to take that on notice?.

Mr Jeffrey: Yes, we would need to take that on notice in terms of the specifics.

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

Discretionary Fund – How many applications were there? How many were approved and how many were unsuccessful?

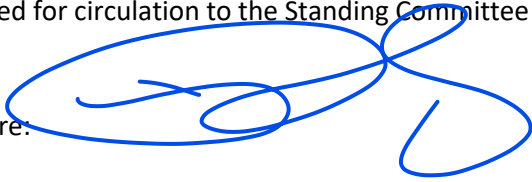
In 2022-23 nine official approaches were made to the Minister’s office for discretionary funding and two approaches received support.

Approach	Request	Response
ACT Handball	Event assistance	Referred to Events ACT
Swimming English Channel	Individual sponsorship request	Not supported – inadequate justification for funding consideration
Name withheld – request by individual	Funding for a cycling program	Information provided on opportunity to apply to Sport and Recreation Investment Scheme
Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund	Request for donation	Not supported – referred to other suitable support available in ACT
Touch Football Aus	Assistance request for disability team to go to nationals	Supported - \$500 provided
Name withheld – request by individual	Assistance for Paralympic career	Referred to ACT Academy of Sport

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ACT Bandits Baseball Club	Support for match day expenses due to Aranda Oval issues	Supported - \$1,500 provided
Canberra Bike Polo	World Bike Polo Championships assistance	Not supported – inadequate justification for funding consideration
Nicole Lawder MLA	Lanyon Parkrun assistance	Information provided on opportunity to apply to Sport and Recreation Investment Scheme

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Signature:



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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA