



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

Mr James Milligan MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Andrew Braddock MLA: To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation:

Ref: CMTEDD - Economic Development

In relation to: Gender-specific swim times

- 1) How many patrons in total attended the Canberra Olympic Pool during the gender-specific swim times?
- 2) What is the breakdown in numbers of those who attended the women only sessions compared to those who attended the men-only sessions, for each session if possible, otherwise aggregate data.
- 3) How do these patronage numbers compare to patronage numbers during the same times outside of the trial?
- 4) Can you confirm the amount the ACT Government budgeted for the trial and what the final cost of the trial was?
- 5) Following the trial, was there an evaluation undertaken regarding the ongoing potential of the trial as referred to on the Canberra Olympic Pool website and if so, can you please provide a copy of this evaluation report?
- 6) Was the trial extended beyond the month of October 2019, and, if so, what were the dates of operation?

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

- 1) Over the trial period throughout October 2019, 408 patrons in total attended gender specific sessions held at Canberra Olympic Pool on Saturdays and Sundays.
- 2) 274 female swimmers attended the women only sessions on Saturdays from 5.30pm to 7pm and 134 male swimmers attended the men only sessions on Sundays from 5.30 to 7pm during the trial the period at Canberra Olympic Pool.
- 3) Numbers for patronage during the same times outside the trial timeframe differed, however, during the month of March 2020 numbers of patronage attending the pool during the same times equated to approximately 613 patrons. These figures were collated from the actual overall monthly numbers which equated to 22,986 patrons attending Canberra Olympic Pool during all operational hours.
- 4) As the trial period was conducted during normal operating hours, ACT Property Group did not contribute any funding towards the trial. The operator did, however, incur additional costs for an additional lifeguard and two learn to swim instructors for the female only sessions on Saturdays.

- 5) An informal evaluation of the trial program was conducted based on survey questions and attendance figures provided by the Canberra Olympic Pool operator.

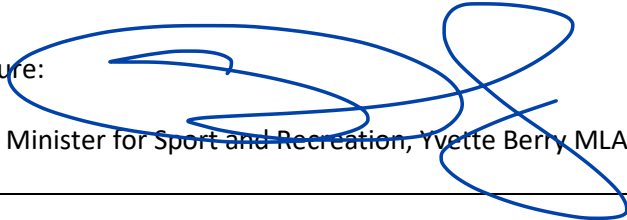
The Evaluation members consisted of representatives from Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate, ACT Property Group, Sport and Recreation and Communications and Engagement.

After considerations it was agreed that the program would not be extended at that time.

- 6) The trial was not extended beyond the month of October 2019.

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

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Yvette Berry', written over the printed name.

Date:

06/09/22

By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA