



SELECT COMMITTEE ON COST OF LIVING PRESSURES IN THE ACT
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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by DAVIS on 12 April 2023: Frances Crimmins took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: Are there incidences where your organisation has supported the cost for women and their children to accessing community sport?

Ms Crimmins: I would have to take that on notice, but we do have a brokerage fund that when we house women and their children who have been homeless is available for a range of supports, so that is led by the women and children who we are housing. So, if that is what they needed and that is what the team identified was a key element in their recovery and establishing them back into their community, that would be something that brokerage would absolutely be able to cover.

YWCA Canberra: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

During the last 12 months, YWCA Canberra's Tenancy Support and Community Development team have received requests to assist 27 children aged six months to 17 years to access sporting and recreational activities.

Of these applications, 10 families (21 children) have been supported to attend swimming and dance lessons, obtain gym memberships, and join rugby and netball teams. In one case, a 10-year-old girl we supported with initial registration has received ongoing support from her netball club due to being seen to be flourishing in the sport and community – exhibiting increased self-esteem and wellbeing.

Unfortunately, during this same period, a small number of families were not approved for funding. In the majority of these cases, this is due to the funding allocation already being exhausted.

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YWCA Canberra

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