



## Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022** **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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Asked by Ms Orr on 7 November 2022: Mr Daniel Iglesias took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

**MS ORR:** Okay. How much does—I mean, yes, okay. I will have my substantive then. I will change topics, just so I can get something else in. Can I get an update on the female friendly upgrades to pavilions and sports facilities and how that program is rolling through and what you expect to do over the next 12 months?

**Ms Berry:** Thanks, and we have around 65 pavilions across the ACT that are managed and maintained by TCCS, Transport Canberra, City Services and Sport and Rec. About 40 per cent of those have been upgraded and are now more inclusive and female friendly. We have just announced a further four pavilions at Higgins, Nicholls, Rivett and Kambah, which will also undergo those female friendly upgrades to make sure that they are more inclusive.

And we know that our sports fields in the past were built by men for men, without any understanding or thought that there would be women and girls participating in sport, particularly those more male dominated sports. Of course, that has changed, and it is continuing to shift with really high numbers of women and girls playing sport in the ACT, so making sure that their facilities meet their needs is really important, not just as far as putting toilets on doors and removing urinals, but also making sure that the lighting is in place that makes people feel safe when they are attending a sports field.

So it just makes them more inclusive, meets the needs of all sportspeople, but particularly makes them more safe and accessible for anybody who wants to use them. So we still have quite a number to upgrade and refit so that they meet that purpose, but we are getting through them and yes, another four announced in this year's budget.

**MS ORR:** Great, thank you. Just on Nicholls, what sort of upgrades are you looking at doing there?

**Ms Berry:** Specifically, I might ask Mr Iglesias.

**Mr Iglesias:** Nicholls? Listen, I might have to take that question on notice. Did I use the right words? We may have some—in fact, if you give me a couple of seconds, I could check.

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

The Female Friendly changeroom upgrades at Nicholls commenced on 1 November 2022 and is due for completion before the end of 2022. Nicholls will become the 30<sup>th</sup> Sportsground pavilion to be upgraded since the program's inception in 2017, bringing more community changerooms into line with the ACT Government's Female Friendly Change Rooms @ Sporting Facilities.

The scope of works includes:

- Removal of urinals
- Installation of additional toilet stalls to replace the removed urinals
- Installation of vanity mirrors
- Installation of wet area shelving
- Installation of additional wet area power outlets
- Upgrade external security lighting to LED
- Installation of baby change table

Additional works to improve the facility also include:

- Installing new epoxy floor to wet areas/ changeroom area
- Installation of new hand dryers
- Installation of new strip heaters
- Upgrade all internal lights to LED
- Installation of Braille door signage
- Painting of all internal walls in the changerooms

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