



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Sport and Recreation

Reference: Community Sport

Hearing: 31 July 2026

In relation to: Representative Body

Question received: 31 July 2026

Answer Due: 17 August 2026

MR THOMAS EMERSON MLA: The Community Sport Alliance has consistently called for a representative body to help coordinate and strengthen the relationship between government and community sporting organisations. Why wasn't such a body funded in this budget?

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The timing of the 2026-27 ACT Budget Community Consultation Submission from the Community Sports Alliance did not permit full consideration in the Budget process. The ACT Government would welcome any future Submission, including detail of the Alliance's governance and business model, in future Budget processes. Any proposal would need to demonstrate a sustainable operating model, with appropriate consideration given to how the organisation's core activities are funded.

Subject to meeting eligibility requirements, the Alliance, and other sports-based advocacy groups, are also eligible for program support from within the Sport and Recreation Investment Scheme.

Approved for circulation to the `Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

Signature:

Date:

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr Chris Steel MLA