

OFFICE OF SPORT

QUESTION ON NOTICE

INQUIRY INTO CHILDHOOD OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY

QUESTION

The Hon Dr Peter Phelps to Dr Hamdorf -

How much money does the New South Wales Government directly provide to the maintenance and upkeep of suburban fields or give to local governments for the purpose of maintaining an upkeep of suburban fields? –

ANSWER

There is no ongoing allocation to local governments for the upkeep and maintenance of sporting fields.

Councils and sports clubs are able to apply for funding for works at suburban sports fields through the Government's *Community Building Partnership Program* which is offered annually.

Sports clubs are able to apply for grants to upgrade playing surfaces, install watering systems, increase lighting and improve amenity at Council managed sport facilities through the Office of Sport's *Local Sport Grant Program*.

Liquor and Gaming NSW offers *Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Grants* to sports clubs and councils to help them deliver important new and upgraded sports infrastructure projects.

In 2016 and 2017, football (soccer) clubs are able to apply for funding through the *NSW Asian Cup 2015 Legacy Fund* to improve the quality, availability and standard of their facilities. These grant programs are competitive and therefore the amount provided for field maintenance and upgrades changes from year to year.

As part of the Government's Stronger Councils/Stronger Communities initiative, each newly formed council formed will receive up to \$15 million to invest in community projects such as junior sporting facilities, playgrounds and pool upgrades.

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