

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – BUDGET ESTIMATES COMMITTEE HEARING

QUESTION ON NOTICE: GAMING AND RACING

On 17 October 2008, the Hon Robyn Parker asked a question of the Minister for Gaming and Racing and Minister for Sport and Recreation, during Budget Estimates Committee Hearings which was taken on notice.

Additional Questions from Transcript: Cameron Review

The Hon Robyn Parker:

Minister, I am unaware of this report. I was wondering what the cost of the report is? The consultancy cost et cetera? Also, the dispersal of those costs?

Answer:

The report of the Review has not yet been finalised. The final cost of the consultancy will not be known until the report is completed and provided to me.

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Minister for Gaming and Racing
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Additional Questions from Transcript: Disability Sport Program

Ms Lee Rhiannon:

Can you outline what programs this funding is being applied to and what percentage of the overall department budget the funding represents? If you could give details of that it would be appreciated.

Answer:

The \$1 million grant, which is being applied to the Disability Sport Assistance Program, is provided across four years at \$250,000 per year. This represents 0.04% of the Department's 2008/09 grants and operating expenditure budget.

The Disability Sports Assistance Program supports a wide range of projects across NSW that involve providing sport and physical activity programs and services to people with a disability.

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Additional Questions from Transcript: Sport Rage

Ms Lee Rhiannon:

What funding has the Department assigned for educational campaigns on sports rage to educate parents about the negative impacts of violent and abusive spectator behaviour?

I was particularly interested in one of your previous campaigns entitled, “Remember, dummy spits are for babies. Sports rage? Act your age.” Has it been evaluated to gauge its effectiveness? If it was evaluated what were the findings?

Answer:

NSW Sport and Recreation has developed a suite of sport rage prevention resources to educate sporting participants and spectators on appropriate behaviour. Key initiatives are the sport rage prevention kits developed for NSW sporting clubs and associations, the ground announcement "Dummy Spits are for Babies" and the Coloured Vest Program developed to assist beginner referees learn their skills in a tolerant and supportive environment. The total cost for sport rage prevention initiatives from 2006-2008 has been \$320,000.

“Dummy Spits are for Babies” is a televised ground announcement that is screened at key sporting events to maximize opportunities for reaching sports audiences and the broader sporting community.

With the support of the major football codes, the announcement was screened free of charge during the NRL final series in 2006-2007, at A-League Football matches in 2006-2007, during the Super 14 Rugby Union competition in 2007, and at Sydney Swans AFL home matches in 2006.

Whilst there has been no formal evaluation of this initiative, anecdotal feedback from the football codes has been very positive, with many sporting groups incorporating the announcement in training programs and development forums.

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Additional Questions from Transcript: Hilltop Rifle Range

Ms Lee Rhiannon:

How much of that has already been spent? [Asked in relation to the Minister's response that \$5.3M is the estimated total development cost of the regional sporting complex]

Answer:

As of 30 September 2008 expenditure totalled \$490,000.

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Additional Questions from Transcript: Shooting Sporting Complexes

Ms Lee Rhiannon:

I am interested to know what shooting complexes you have on the books to be developed in 2009?

What other shooting complexes are on the books? Has money been allocated for them? If so, how?

Do I take it from your response that you have no other applications on your books for shooting complexes elsewhere in New South Wales?

Answer:

There are no other shooting complexes similar to Hill Top proposed nor are there any other applications for shooting complexes elsewhere in New South Wales.

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Additional Questions from Transcript: Shooting Programs

Ms Lee Rhiannon:

When you have distributed that money do you have the figures as to how much of that money goes on to sporting shooting activities?

Answer:

This question was rephrased during the Estimates hearing and has been responded to in the paper under the title Shooting Sporting Complexes.

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Additional Questions from Transcript: Surfers' Code

Ms Lee Rhiannon:

What ongoing work is the department doing on the surfers' code? Does the department have evidence that the code is assisting in reducing injuries and surf craft-related incidents?

Answer:

The Central Coast '*Surfers' Code*', launched in January 2007, is designed to educate and inform the surfing community about the dangers and customs associated with surfing. Over 10,000 brochures and 2,000 posters containing the '*Surfers' Code*' were distributed to school children, novice surfers, tourists, surf stores, surf club members, surfboard hirers and surf school students in the 2007-08 summer.

As an educational tool, the code has received high praise from surf school instructors who have incorporated it as a resource in learn-to-surf programs. The major project partners have supported a reprint of brochures for distribution in the 2008-09 summer.

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Additional Questions from Transcript: Auburn Football Cultural Diversity Program

Ms Lee Rhiannon:

Is the funding for the Auburn Football Cultural Diversity Program in this year's budget? Could you tell us about that program?

Answer:

The Auburn Football Cultural Diversity Project is an initiative supported by the Australian Government's *Living in Harmony* program. The project, announced in November 2006 assists football clubs in the Auburn district to support members of the community who otherwise would not be involved in their football club to become involved. The project, which uses football to bring newly arrived migrants and refugees and other residents together, is aimed at children from 6 years old through to adults who have arrived in Australia in the last five years.

No funding was provided to the Auburn Football Cultural Diversity Project in this year's budget.

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