

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013
GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO.2

Questions taken on notice for the Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Hon. Graham Annesley MP

QUESTION 1 (page 4 of transcript)

The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ: Okay, no worries. How often have the advisory councils for Newcastle and Wollongong venues met?

Mr GRAHAM ANNESLEY: They are meeting monthly.

The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ: They have met monthly?

Mr GRAHAM ANNESLEY: Yes.

The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ: How many meetings have they held since being constituted?

CHAIR: You can take the question on notice if you like.

The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ: I am happy for you to take that question on notice.

Mr GRAHAM ANNESLEY: Yes. I would have to come back to you on the specifics, but they are meeting monthly.

ANSWER:

The Hunter Local Venue Council has met six times and the Illawarra Local Venue Council has met five times.

QUESTION 2 (page 5 of transcript)

The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ: Okay. The 2011-12 budget papers outlined the full-time equivalent employees for Sport and Recreation as 404. On page 3-11 in current Budget Paper No 3 the number for full-time equivalent employees does not appear. In answer to a question on notice from me you answered that the number of full-time equivalent employees of the division of Sport and Recreation as part of the Office of Communities as at 13 June 2012 was 318.45. Can you explain why the FTE figures no longer appear in the budget papers and where these staff reductions have occurred?

Mr GRAHAM ANNESLEY: I might pass that question to the department.

The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ: That is fine.

Ms RYGATE: Without having the numbers in front of me, my assumption is that it depends whether the staff of the former Olympic venues—the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, the rowing centre at Penrith or the shooting centre—are actually counted in or out of the Sport and Recreation total. From the numbers you have quoted it sounds like that is the explanation as to whether they are counted in or out.

The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ: What would be the full-time effective staff number if they were counted in, given that it was 318.45 as at 13 June 2012?

Ms RYGATE: You are comparing that to a number from the 2011-12 budget papers?

The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ: From the 2011-12 budget papers.

Ms RYGATE: The safest thing for me to do is to take that question on notice so that I can give you accurate figures because you have the numbers in front of you and I have not.

ANSWER:

Budget Paper specifications are a matter for the Treasurer.

2011-12 Budget Paper 3 included FTE figures for the Sport and Recreation Services Group (inclusive of the Sport and Recreation division, ex-Olympic Venues and corporate support areas). This figure was an estimated average of FTE over the financial year.

The response to Question on Notice 1611 provided the actual FTE figures for the Sport and Recreation division (only) as at 14 June 2012.

QUESTION 3 (pages 5 & 6 of transcript)

The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ: Thank you. I return to the Combat Sports Authority, but not to the issue about which I have asked already. How many full-time effective positions in the department look after the Combat Sports Authority? How many looked after the authority when it was under the wrestling control Act? How many look after the authority now that it has been expanded to take in all combat sports? You can take that question on notice.

Mr GRAHAM ANNESLEY: I believe that it is currently a question on notice.

The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ: I think it is more expansive than the question already on notice. You can take it on notice.

Mr GRAHAM ANNESLEY: Okay.

ANSWER:

Two full-time positions regulated the boxing and wrestling industry under the Boxing and Wrestling Control Act 1986, and approximately 0.2% of another position provided support and administrative assistance to the Boxing Authority of NSW.

Four full-time positions regulate combat sports under the Combat Sports Act 2008, and approximately 0.2% of another position provides support and administrative assistance to the Combat Sports Authority.

QUESTION 4 (pages 7 & 8 of transcript)

The Hon. PAUL GREEN: Sorry, that was the wrong question. I refer to the Good Sports program—a national initiative of the Australian Drug Foundation—which helps sports clubs to change their culture to become more focused on young people and families and less focused on the high-risk consumption of alcohol. Are you aware of any government funding allocated to this initiative? If so, how much has been allocated and will you continue to support this program? Are any similar initiatives being implemented in rural communities? What plans do you have to expand this great initiative throughout New South Wales?

Mr GRAHAM ANNESLEY: My understanding is that that program is not funded through NSW Sport and Recreation; it is funded through another portfolio. Therefore, I will take the question on notice to provide an accurate answer. I have witnessed the program in action and I have been to a number of local sporting clubs that have participated in it. It is achieving excellent results and I certainly support it.

The Hon. PAUL GREEN: My point is that it is a great initiative and we should be investing in it. Given that the Sports Development Program aims to assist sporting organisations and peak industry bodies to develop sport and recreation at all levels in New South Wales, can you tell the Committee how much funding has been allocated to it, how many sporting organisations and peak bodies have applied for grants in the past financial year, and how many sporting organisations and peak industry bodies have received grants in the past financial year?

Mr GRAHAM ANNESLEY: Are you after a breakdown of the amounts?

The Hon. PAUL GREEN: How much funding has been allocated in total and how many sporting organisations and peak bodies have applied for grants?

Mr GRAHAM ANNESLEY: The payments from the Sports Development Program in 2011-12 amounted to \$2,776,613 and it was allocated to 107 different organisations. That included \$120,000 for the New South Wales Sports Federation, which was paid out of the strategic partnerships program.

ANSWER:

No funding was provided by Sport and Recreation in 2011/12.

I have been advised that the program has received funds from Roads and Maritime Services, Department of Transport.