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**SPORT, MULTICULTURALISM, SENIORS AND VETERANS**

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## SPORT, MULTICULTURALISM, SENIORS AND VETERANS

### Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)

10 world cups in 10 years

1. What is the status of the government's plan to bid for 10 world cups over 10 years?

**Answer: The NSW Government has been successful in securing nine World Cups, including:**

- Rugby League Nines World Cup 2019
- ATP Cup Group Stage (2020 – 2025) and Finals (2020-2023)
- ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020
- ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2020 (postponed to 2022 due to COVID-19)
- UCI Road World Cycling Championships 2022
- FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2022
- World Athletics Cross Country Championships (postponed to 2023 due to COVID-19)
- FIFA Women's World Cup 2023
- Netball World Cup 2027

**The bid process for the Rugby World Cup 2027 is currently underway and the bid process for the Rugby League World Cup 2029 has not yet commenced.**

2. What was the total visitor spend at the ATP Cup 2020 in:
  - (a) Sydney?
  - (b) Brisbane?
  - (c) Perth?

**Answer: Visitor spend in NSW is a matter for the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney. Visitor spend in Brisbane and Perth is a matter for the Queensland and Western Australia governments respectively.**

3. What was the total visitor spend at the Rugby League World Cup 9s 2019 in Sydney?

**Answer: This is a matter for the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney.**

#### **Motor Vehicle Sports (Public Safety) Act 1985**

4. What is the status of the review of the Motor Vehicle Sports (Public Safety) Act 1985 review?
5. Will the submissions to the review be made publicly available?
6. When will the report of the review be finalised?

**Answer (4 – 6):**

**I am advised the review is due to be finalised in 2022. Finalisation was delayed due**

**to the COVID-19 Delta outbreak.**

7. How many licences for meetings for motor vehicle racing were issued under s4 of the Motor Vehicle Sports (Public Safety) Act 1985 in each of the past 5 years?

**Answer:**

**I am advised:**

- **2021: 115 (up to 26/11/2021)**
- **2020: 141**
- **2019: 155**
- **2018: 189**
- **2017: 191**

### **Combat Sports Act 2013**

8. What is the status of the Combat Sports Act 2013 review?
9. Will the submissions to the review be made publicly available?
10. When will the report of the review be finalised?

**Answer (8-10)**

**I am advised the report is due to be finalised in 2022. Finalisation was delayed due to the COVID-19 Delta outbreak.**

11. How many combatants are registered in each class under the s10 of the Combat Sports Act 2013?

**Answer: I am advised:**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Registrations (Persons)</b>
<b>Combatant Amateur Boxing</b>	<b>3411</b>
<b>Combatant Amateur Kick Boxing</b>	<b>1194</b>
<b>Combatant Amateur MMA</b>	<b>966</b>
<b>Combatant Amateur OMA</b>	<b>534</b>
<b>Combatant Professional Boxing</b>	<b>307</b>
<b>Combatant Professional Kick Boxing</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>Combatant Professional MMA</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>Combatant Professional Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>49</b>

**Note: Data as at 29/11/21. An individual may hold more than one combatant class.**

12. How many industry participants are registered in each class under s20 of the Combat Sports Act 2013?

**Answer:**

**I am advised:**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Registrations (Persons)</b>
<b>Judge Amateur Boxing</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Judge Amateur Kick Boxing</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Judge Amateur MMA</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Judge Amateur Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Judge Professional Boxing</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Judge Professional Kick Boxing</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Judge Professional MMA</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Judge Professional Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Manager Amateur Boxing</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Manager Amateur Kick Boxing</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Manager Amateur MMA</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Manager Amateur Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Manager Professional Boxing</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Manager Professional Kick Boxing</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Manager Professional MMA</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Manager Professional Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Matchmaker Amateur Boxing</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Matchmaker Amateur Kick Boxing</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Matchmaker Amateur MMA</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Matchmaker Amateur Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Matchmaker Professional Boxing</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Matchmaker Professional Kick Boxing</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Matchmaker Professional MMA</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Matchmaker Professional Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Promoter Amateur Boxing</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Promoter Amateur Kick Boxing</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Promoter Amateur MMA</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Promoter Amateur Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Promoter Professional Boxing</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Promoter Professional Kick Boxing</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Promoter Professional MMA</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Promoter Professional Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>34</b>

<b>Class</b>	<b>Registrations (Persons)</b>
<b>Referee Amateur Boxing</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Referee Amateur Kick Boxing</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Referee Amateur MMA</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Referee Amateur Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Referee Professional Boxing</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Referee Professional Kick Boxing</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Referee Professional MMA</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Referee Professional Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Second Amateur Boxing</b>	<b>562</b>
<b>Second Amateur Kick Boxing</b>	<b>369</b>
<b>Second Amateur MMA</b>	<b>355</b>
<b>Second Amateur Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>287</b>
<b>Second Professional Boxing</b>	<b>459</b>
<b>Second Professional Kick Boxing</b>	<b>320</b>
<b>Second Professional MMA</b>	<b>317</b>
<b>Second Professional Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>257</b>
<b>Timekeeper Amateur Boxing</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Timekeeper Amateur Kick Boxing</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Timekeeper Amateur MMA</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Timekeeper Amateur Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Timekeeper Professional Boxing</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Timekeeper Professional Kick Boxing</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Timekeeper Professional MMA</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Timekeeper Professional Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Trainer Amateur Boxing</b>	<b>750</b>
<b>Trainer Amateur Kick Boxing</b>	<b>465</b>
<b>Trainer Amateur MMA</b>	<b>429</b>
<b>Trainer Amateur OMA</b>	<b>341</b>
<b>Trainer Professional Boxing</b>	<b>588</b>
<b>Trainer Professional Kick Boxing</b>	<b>401</b>
<b>Trainer Professional MMA</b>	<b>380</b>
<b>Trainer Professional Other Martial Arts</b>	<b>306</b>

**Note: Data as at 29/11/21. An individual may hold more than one combatant class.**

### **Sporting Bodies' Loans Guarantee Act 1977**

13. How many guarantees are current under the Sporting Bodies' Loans Guarantee Act 1977 for each of the following:

- (a) the acquisition of land, or land and buildings thereon?
- (b) the construction, improvement or alteration of buildings?
- (c) the acquisition of items of plant or equipment that have or are to become fixtures?

**Answer:**

**I am advised:**

- (a) None (0)**
- (b) One (1)**
- (c) None (0)**

### **Staffing**

14. What is the total number of FTE staff in the Office of Sport?
- (a) What is the number of FTE staff in each division of the Office of Sport?
  - (b) What is the total number of FTE staff?
  - (c) How many positions were advertised in each division of the Office of Sport over the last 12 months?
  - (d) How many FTE positions are currently vacant in each division of the Office of Sport?

**Answer (a – d):**

**I am advised Information relating to staffing is publicly available online in the Office of Sport Annual Report.**

15. What is the total number of FTE staff in Venues NSW?
- (a) What is the total number of FTE staff?
  - (b) How many positions were advertised over the last 12 months?
  - (c) How many FTE positions are currently vacant?

**Answer (a – c):**

**I am advised information relating to staffing is publicly available in Venues NSW Annual Reports online.**

16. What is the total number of FTE staff in the Combat Sports Authority?
- (a) What is the total number of FTE staff?

- (b) How many positions were advertised over the last 12 months?
- (c) How many FTE positions are currently vacant?

**Answer (a – c):**

**I am advised the Combat Sports Authority does not employ staff.**

17. What is the total number of FTE staff in the State Sporting Venues Authority?

- (a) What is the total number of FTE staff?
- (b) How many positions were advertised over the last 12 months?
- (c) How many FTE positions are currently vacant?

**Answer (a - c):**

**I am advised information relating to FTE staff in the State Sporting Venues Authority is publicly available through the Annual Report published online.**

18. What is the total number of FTE staff at Sport and Recreation Centres?

- (a) What is the total number of FTE staff?
- (b) How many positions were advertised over the last 12 months?
- (c) How many FTE positions are currently vacant?

**Answer (a – c):**

**I am advised information relating to staffing for Sport and Recreation Centres is publicly available online in the Office of Sport Annual Report.**

19. What is the total number of FTE staff in Sydney International Equestrian Centre?

- (a) What is the total number of FTE staff?
- (b) How many positions were advertised over the last 12 months?
- (c) How many FTE positions are currently vacant?

**Answer (a – c):**

**I am advised Information relating to staffing is publicly available online in the Office of Sport Annual Report.**

20. What is the total number of FTE staff in Sydney International Regatta Centre?
- (a) What is the total number of FTE staff?
  - (b) How many positions were advertised over the last 12 months?
  - (c) How many FTE positions are currently vacant?

**Answer (a – c):**

**I am advised Information relating to staffing is publicly available online in the Office of Sport Annual Report.**

21. What is the total number of FTE staff in Sydney International Shooting Centre?
- (a) What is the total number of FTE staff?
  - (b) How many positions were advertised over the last 12 months?
  - (c) How many FTE positions are currently vacant?

**Answer (a – c):**

**I am advised Information relating to staffing is publicly available online in the Office of Sport Annual Report.**

22. What is the total number of FTE staff in Southern Highlands Regional Shooting Centre?
- (a) What is the total number of FTE staff?
  - (b) How many positions were advertised over the last 12 months?
  - (c) How many FTE positions are currently vacant?

**Answer (a – c):**

**I am advised Information relating to staffing is publicly available online in the Office of Sport Annual Report.**

**Active Kids vouchers**



23. How many applications for Active Kids vouchers were received in 2020?
- (a) How many applications were successful?
  - (b) What is the total value of vouchers approved?
  - (c) What is the total value of vouchers redeemed?
  - (d) How many applications were not successful?
  - (e) Why were the applications in (d) not successful?
  - (f) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the successful applicants in (a) by local government area?
  - (g) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the unsuccessful applicants in (d) by local government area?

**Answer (a – g):**

**I am advised information relating to the Active Kids program is publicly available through the Office of Sport website.**

24. How many applications for Active Kids vouchers were received in 2021?
- (a) How many applications were successful?
  - (b) What is the total value of vouchers approved?
  - (c) What is the total value of vouchers redeemed?
  - (d) How many applications were not successful?
  - (e) Why were the applications in (d) not successful?
  - (f) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the successful applicants in (a) by local government area?
  - (g) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the unsuccessful applicants in (d) by local government area?

**Answer (a – g):**

**I am advised information relating to the Active Kids program is publicly available through the Office of Sport website.**

## Grants

25. How many applications to the NSW ATP Cup Tennis Legacy Fund were not successful?  
(a) What are the reasons for why they were not successful?

### Answer:

**I am advised 48 projects have been funded through the NSW ATP Cup Tennis Legacy Fund.**

**40 applications received under the NSW ATP Cup Tennis Legacy Fund Rounds One and Two were unsuccessful.**

**In competitive grant programs applications must meet all eligibility criteria and are then assessed on merit against the Fund's criteria.**

**Where eligible application funding requests exceed available funding, allocation of funding occurs based upon a project ranking formed through the merit assessment scoring.**

26. How many applications to the NSW 2022 UCI Road World Championships Wollongong Legacy Partnership Program were not successful?
- (a) What are the reasons for why they were not successful?
- (b) Which organisations were invited to apply by the Office of Sport?
- (c) Which organisations were invited to apply by the minister's office?
- (d) Will the route for the championships be announced before the opening of round 3 of the grants?
- (e) Does the Office of Sport consider equity across local government areas when it determines successful applications for the grant?
- (f) Was there any difference between the Round 1 grants recommended by the Office of Sport and the grants approved by the Minister?
- (g) Was there any difference between the Round 2 grants recommended by the Office of Sport and the grants approved by the Minister?
- (h) Were applications for Round 1 assessed by the Office of Sport and ranked in order to be funded?
- i. Were all of the highest ranked projects funded?
- ii. What criteria were used to determine the ranking?

- iii. If all of the highest ranked projects were not funded, why not?
- (i) Were all assessments in Round 1 undertaken by the Office of Sport in accordance with NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines Paper TPP17-03 “NSW Government Guide to Cost-Benefit Analysis”?
- (j) Were applications for Round 2 assessed by the Office of Sport and ranked in order to be funded?
  - i. Were all of the highest ranked projects funded?
  - ii. What criteria were used to determine the ranking?
  - iii. If all of the highest ranked projects were not funded, why not?
- (k) Were all assessments in Round 2 undertaken by the Office of Sport in accordance with NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines Paper TPP17-03 “NSW Government Guide to Cost-Benefit Analysis”?

**Answer (a – k):**

**I am advised 14 projects were successful under the NSW 2022 UCI Road World Championships Wollongong Legacy Partnership Program Rounds One and Two.**

**10 applications were unsuccessful.**

**Guidelines are available publicly online. The NSW 2022 UCI Road World Championships Wollongong Legacy Partnership Program was open to any eligible organisations located in the Illawarra region, which consists of the Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Wollondilly and Wingecarribee and Shoalhaven Local Government areas.**

**The Office of Sport did not make recommendations and the Minister for Sport did not approve grants under this program.**

27. How many applications to the Surf Club Facility Program were not successful?

- (a) What are the reasons for why they were not successful?

**Answer:**

**I am advised 30 projects were successful in receiving funding under the Surf Club Facility Program 2020-21.**

**3 applications received under the Surf Club Facility Program 2020-21 were**

**unsuccessful.**

**In competitive grant programs applications must meet all eligibility criteria and are then assessed on merit against the Fund's criteria. Where eligible application funding requests exceed available funding, allocation of funding occurs based upon a project ranking formed through the merit assessment scoring.**

28. How many applications to the Her Sport Her Way were not successful?

(a) What are the reasons for why they were not successful?

**Answer:**

**I am advised 51 projects have received funding through the Her Sport Her Way Program.**

**34 applications to the Her Sport Her Way Program 2020-21 were unsuccessful.**

**In competitive grant programs applications must meet all eligibility criteria and are then assessed on merit against the Fund's criteria. Where eligible application funding requests exceed available funding, allocation of funding occurs based upon a project ranking formed through the merit assessment scoring.**

29. How many applications to the Regional Sport Facility Fund were not successful?

(a) What are the reasons for why they were not successful?

**Answer:**

**I am advised 47 applications were successful through the Regional Sport Facility Fund in 2020-21 (Round One).**

**170 applications received under the Regional Sport Facility Fund in 2020-21 (Round One) were unsuccessful.**

**In competitive grant programs applications must meet all eligibility criteria and are then assessed on merit against the Fund's criteria. Where eligible application funding requests exceed available funding, allocation of funding occurs based upon a project ranking formed through the merit assessment scoring.**

30. How many applications to the Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund were not successful?

(a) What are the reasons for why they were not successful?

**Answer:**

**I am advised 44 applications were successful under the Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund in 2020-21 (Round One).**

**66 applications received under the Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund in 2020-21 (Round One) were unsuccessful.**

**In competitive grant programs applications must meet all eligibility criteria and are then assessed on merit against the Fund's criteria. Where eligible application funding requests exceed available funding, allocation of funding occurs based upon a project ranking formed through the merit assessment scoring.**

31. How many applications to the 2019/2020 Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program were not successful?

(a) What are the reasons for why they were not successful?

**Answer:**

**I am advised 261 applications were successful under the 2019-20 Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program.**

**Four applications received under the program were unsuccessful. The applications did not meet the eligibility criteria for the program.**

### **Community Sport Recovery Package 2020**

32. What was the total expended?

(a) How many applications were received from State Sporting Organisations (SSOs), State Sporting Organisations for people with disabilities (SSODs), and Regional Academies of Sport?

(b) How many applications were successful?

(c) How many applications were not successful?

(d) Why were the applications in (c) not successful?

(e) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the successful applicants in (B)?

(f) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the unsuccessful applicants in (C)?

**Answer:**

**I am advised this information is publicly available through the Office of Sport Annual Report 2019-20.**

### **Sport and Recreation Recovery and Community Rebuild Package 2021**

33. What is the total expended to date?
- (a) How many applications were received from State Sporting Organisations (SSOs), State Sporting Organisations for people with disabilities (SSODs), and Regional Academies of Sport?
  - (b) How many applications were successful?
  - (c) How many applications were not successful?
  - (d) Why were the applications in (c) not successful?
  - (e) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the successful applicants in (b)?
  - (f) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the unsuccessful applicants in (c)?
  - (g) What proportion of the \$7.8 million to support sporting organisations and peak bodies has been paid?
  - (h) What proportion of the \$1 million for grants to support marketing and promotional activities for outdoor and active recreation providers has been paid?

**Answer:**

**The Community Sport Recovery package, incorporating the Sport and Recreation Support Program, Grassroots Sport Fund and Cross Border Sport Fund opened 10 November 2021. Data is not yet available.**

### **COVID-19 Financial assistance for sporting organisations in 2021**

34. How many inquiries were received from grassroots organisations for COVID-19-related financial support each month in 2021?

**Answer:**

**The NSW Government regularly met and consulted with sporting organisations throughout 2021. We were proud to deliver a \$25 million Community Sport Recovery Package, announced in October 2021.**

35. What is the total value of COVID-19-related financial support each month in 2021 provided by the Office of Sport?

**Answer:**

**COVID-19 related financial support was provided through the Community Sport Recovery Package 2021 grants, announced in October 2021.**

**Sport development grants**

36. How many applications were received in 2020?
- (a) How many applications were successful?
  - (b) How many applications were not successful?
  - (c) Why were the applications in (b) not successful?
  - (d) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the successful applicants in (a)?
  - (e) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the unsuccessful applicants in (b)?

**Answer:**

**I am advised this information is publicly available in the 2019-2020 Office of Sport Annual Report.**

**Business cases assessment**

37. Other than applying Treasury guidelines, what other internal processes are adopted by the Office of Sport in relation to cost benefit analysis?

**Answer:**

**I am advised assessment criteria for Office of Sport programs include project costs, intended outcomes, and identification of beneficiaries.**

38. What is the process if an application is received by the Office of Sport for a project which it decides not to fund?
- (a) Would applications usually be referred to other agencies for consideration?

**Answer:**

**I am advised all applicants are advised by letter of the outcome of their application.**

39. Over the past twelve months how many projects were funded by the Office of Sport whose Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) was less than 1?

**Answer:**

**I am advised the Office of Sport received numerous applications under various infrastructure programs between 2019 and 2021. The applications were assessed against guidelines or approved criteria.**

40. Michael Toohey has said that he did not believe the grant to the Australian Clay Target Association in Wagga Wagga stacked up, and said it would have been “absolutely” relevant to know that the MP championing it was in a relationship with the then Treasurer. Have you conducted a review of the Office of Sport’s involvement in this process?
41. Michael Toohey said he couldn’t see how the ACTA grant wasn’t “anything but a conflict of interest” so what changes have you made as a result of his evidence?
42. Given responsibility for the ACTA project was passed from the Office of Sport to the Department of Regional NSW, what processes have been established to ensure that the Office of Sport’s assessment of projects is made known to other agencies when funding responsibility is transferred?

**Answer (40-42):**

**It is inappropriate to comment on an ongoing ICAC investigation.**

43. Do you agree Taxpayers expect the “distribution of public funds will be fair”?

**Answer: Yes.**

44. Do you believe sports grants in the past have met taxpayers’ expectations that the “distribution of public funds will be fair”?

**Answer:**

**Since becoming Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans I have ensured the Office of Sport maintains robust and proper processes, procedures and templates in relation to grant funding.**

45. What actions have been taken within the Office of Sport to ensure the future distribution of public funds is fair?

**Answer:**

**I am advised the Office of Sport distributes public funds in accordance with relevant Government guidelines.**



46. Did the Premier consult you before he announced he had asked the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Productivity Commissioner to review how grants should be administered and assessed?

**Answer:**

**The Premier and I speak regularly on a range of matters.**

47. What lessons have been learnt by the Office of Sport which you intend will be passed on to the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Productivity Commissioner as part of their review?

**Answer:**

**The Office of Sport is available to assist in the review.**

48. How many business cases for projects were provided to the Office of Sport for assessment in 2019?

(a) How many business cases were assessed by the Office of Sport with a benefit: cost ratio of less than 1?

(b) What were those projects?

49. How many business cases for projects were provided to the Office of Sport for assessment in 2020?

(a) How many business cases were assessed by the Office of Sport with a benefit: cost ratio of less than 1?

(b) What were those projects?

50. How many business cases for projects were provided to the Office of Sport for assessment in 2021 to date?

(a) How many business cases were assessed by the Office of Sport with a benefit: cost ratio of less than 1?

(b) What were those projects?

**Answer (48 – 50):**

**I am advised the Office of Sport received numerous applications under various infrastructure programs between 2019 and 2021. The applications were assessed against guidelines or approved criteria.**

**Benefit cost analyses**

51. How many project proposals valued at over \$10 million were assessed by the Office of Sport in 2014?
  - (a) How many of those were provided with funding from the NSW Government?
52. How many project proposals valued at over \$10 million were assessed by the Office of Sport in 2015?
  - (a) How many of those were provided with funding from the NSW Government?
53. How many project proposals valued at over \$10 million were assessed by the Office of Sport in 2016?
  - (a) How many of those were provided with funding from the NSW Government?
54. How many project proposals valued at over \$10 million were assessed by the Office of Sport in 2017?
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57. How many project proposals valued at over \$10 million were assessed by the Office of Sport in 2020?
  - (a) How many of those were provided with funding from the NSW Government?
58. How many project proposals valued at over \$10 million were assessed by the Office of Sport in 2021 to date?

**Answer (51 – 58):**

**I am advised the Office of Sport has received numerous applications under various infrastructure programs between 2014 and 2021. Details of funding from the Office of Sport towards sport infrastructure projects are available in the respective annual reports.**

**Benefit cost analyses**

59. Were all assessments undertaken by the Office of Sport in the questions above undertaken in accordance with NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines Paper TPP17-03 “NSW Government Guide to Cost-Benefit Analysis”?

(a) Which assessments were not?

(b) Why not?

**Answer:**

**I am advised the Office of Sport has received numerous applications under various infrastructure programs between 2014 and 2021. Details of funding from the Office of Sport towards sport infrastructure projects are available in the respective annual reports.**

**Stadium Australia**

60. Did the NSW Government buy back ANZ Stadium for \$220 million in 2016?

**Answer:**

**I am advised this is detailed in the final report from the Legislative Council Public Works Committee inquiry into the Sydney stadium strategy.**

61. What works are planned to maintain and upgrade the stadium?

**Answer:**

**The 2021/22 Budget included \$81.4 million over three years (FY21-23) for critical capital works.**

62. Former Sports Minister Graham Annesley previously said “If we didn't invest in the former Olympic stadium by the time it came back to us in 2031, we would have been taking back an asset which was ready for the bulldozer.” What was the rationale of the buyback?

**Answer:**

**I am advised this is detailed in the final report from the Legislative Council Public Works Committee inquiry into the Sydney stadium strategy.**

63. What plans does the Minister have for the future ownership of Stadium Australia?

**Answer:**

**Stadium Australia is owned by the NSW Government and is part of the Venues NSW network.**

**Stadium**

64. What is the status of the proposal to build Parramatta PCYC on the land immediately to the north of the stadium?

**Answer:**

**It is unclear which Stadium this question refers to.**

**Sydney Olympic Park sports facilities**

65. Since Sydney Olympic Park hosted a vaccination hub at Qudos Bank Arena until 7 November, when will all sports resume at Sydney Olympic Park?

**Answer:**

**This is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Sydney Olympic Park Authority.**

**Women's participation in sport**

66. Given the former Minister for Sport said in the Her Sport Her Way Year One Action Plan "A key feature of the Her Sport Her Way - Year One Action Plan is a strong focus on initiatives that reduce barriers to participation and promote inclusive sport experiences that reflect what women and girls want" what targets have been set to improve participation?

**Answer:**

**This information is available online through the Her Sport Her Way strategy.**

67. By how much has women's participation increased since the release of the Her Sport Her Way strategy?

**Answer:**

**I am advised AusPlay data shows that women's participation in sport and active recreation three times per week (age 15 years and over) has increased from 65.6% in 2018 (prior to strategy launch) to 67% in the 2020 calendar year.**

68. Please itemise the \$162.3 million in initiatives to support women and girls in sport?

**Answer:**

**\$162.3 million is made up of:**

- **Active Kids vouchers redeemed by girls - \$54 million**
- **Greater Cities and Regional Sport Facility Fund funding for 91 sporting infrastructure projects which included a priority focus on female friendly facility design - \$54 million**
- **Stronger Country Communities Fund funding for projects that enhance female sporting facilities and increase female participation in sport - \$50 million**
- **Funding for projects and initiatives that reduce barriers and grow participation for women and girls by State Sporting Organisations, grassroots sport clubs, peak bodies and universities - \$4.3 million**

### **Stronger Country Communities Fund**

69. Of the \$50 million for projects that enhance female sporting facilities and increase participation please provide an itemised list of the funded projects?

**Answer:**

**This program is overseen by the Deputy Premier.**

70. What involvement in the assessment and approval of the grants does the Office of Sport have?

**Answer:**

**The Stronger Country Communities Fund was administered by the Department of Regional NSW and the Office of Sport had a staff member on the grant assessment panel.**

### **Grants for public swimming pools**

71. Since March 2011 please list the location in regional areas, name of grant stream and grant value for public swimming pools that were provided NSW Government grants?

**Answer:**

**I am advised the Office of Sport does not hold information about all government grants provided for public swimming pools since March 2011.**

72. Since March 2011 please list the location in metropolitan areas, name of grant stream and grant value for public swimming pools that were provided NSW Government grants?

**Answer:**

**I am advised the Office of Sport does not hold information about all government grants provided for public swimming pools since March 2011.**

**Centres of excellence fund**

73. What assistance will be provided to smaller NSW based sporting clubs and associations to prepare comprehensive applications to the fund?

**Answer:**

**I am advised the Fund website includes Guidelines, supporting documents and templates, Frequently Asked Questions and refers organisations to Treasury guidelines on how to prepare an appropriate business case. Public information sessions are provided through video conferencing.**

74. What advertising or stakeholder engagement will be undertaken in languages other than English to ensure multicultural sporting clubs and associations are aware that applications are now open to the fund?

**Answer:**

**I am advised the Office of Sport provides assistance to provide language services as required for potential grant applicants.**

**COVID-19 roadmap**

75. In relation to your comment that "... reopen first and then for competition ... and we were very active with the Minister for Health to try to push for that to happen as quickly as possible", in what format was that advice was provided to NSW Health and/or the Minister for Health and Medical Research and/or Chief Health Officer?
- (a) Was the advice accepted initially by NSW Health and/or the Minister for Health and Medical Research and/or Chief Health Officer?
  - (b) Did NSW Health and/or the Minister for Health and Medical Research and/or Chief Health Officer provide any health advice inconsistent with the advice from the Office of Sport?
  - (c) Was the advice discussed by Cabinet?
  - (d) Was the advice discussed by Crisis Cabinet?

**Answer:**

**The Minister for Sport wrote to the Minister for Health and Medical Research on this matter.**

**(a) and (b) These are matters for the Minister for Health and Medical Research.**

**(c) and (d) Matters discussed by Cabinet and its sub-committees are Cabinet in Confidence.**

76. In relation to your answer about the Office of Sport making representations to Health to seek the return of community sport at 70 per cent double dose vaccination that "... the answer is emphatically yes", in what format was that advice provided to NSW Health and/or the Minister for Health and Medical Research and/or Chief Health Officer?

- (a) What justification was provided by the Office of Sport in relation to reopening at 70 per cent?
- (b) Did NSW Health and/or the Minister for Health and Medical Research and/or Chief Health Officer provide any health advice inconsistent with the advice from the Office of Sport?

**Answer:**

**I am advised the Office of Sport and NSW Health staff had a number of discussions. Community Sport recommenced on 18 October 2021.**

77. Will you table a copy of the letter and plan referred to during the hearing?

**Answer:**

**The letter outlines the plan that was presented to Cabinet and therefore both are Cabinet in Confidence.**

**Gyms and dance classes**

78. In relation to your comment regarding the reopening of gyms and dance classes "Again, those decisions are made by NSW Health on health advice. Certainly, while I am very keen, and I think the Premier is very keen, to see gyms reopened ... they were matters for the health officials to make those decisions ..." was any advice provided to NSW Health and/or the Minister for Health and Medical Research and/or Chief Health Officer?

- (a) Was the advice accepted initially by NSW Health and/or the Minister for Health and Medical Research and/or Chief Health Officer?

- (b) Did NSW Health and/or the Minister for Health and Medical Research and/or Chief Health Officer provide any health advice inconsistent with the advice from the Office of Sport?
- (c) Was any letter or plan to enable the reopening of gyms and dance classes provided to NSW Health and/or the Minister for Health and Medical Research and/or Chief Health Officer?
- (d) Was the advice discussed by Cabinet?
- (e) Was the advice discussed by Crisis Cabinet?

**Answer:**

**(a) and (b) These questions should be directed to the Minister for Health and Medical Research.**

**(d) and (e) Discussions held in Cabinet and its Sub-Committees are confidential.**

**National Redress Scheme**

79. Please clarify which sporting organisations are required to sign up to the National Redress Scheme?

- (a) Which sporting organisations are yet to sign up?
- (b) For those that are yet to sign up what is the Office of Sport doing to encourage them to do so?

**Answer (a – b):**

**I am advised there are no sporting organisations currently in existence in NSW that were either named in the Royal Commission and/or in an application made to the Scheme and failed to meet this requirement.**

**The Office of Sport has included a clause in all grant guidelines that organisations are not eligible for funding if they have been named by the National Redress Scheme and not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme.**

**Sporting Venues Authorities Act 2008**

80. In relation to the Sporting Venues Authority:

- (a) How many sporting grounds, sporting facilities and recreational facilities are managed?
- (b) How many sporting competitions were held at facilities in:
  - i. 2017-18?
  - ii. 2018-19?



iii. 2019-20?

iv. 2020-21?

(c) How many community facilities are managed?

(d) What commercial and retail activities and facilities are undertaken?

**Answer:**

**I am advised this information is publicly available through the State Sporting Venues Authority Annual Report 2020-21.**

81. In relation to the Venues NSW:

(a) How many sporting grounds, sporting facilities and recreational facilities are managed?

(b) How many sporting competitions were held at facilities in:

i. 2017-18?

ii. 2018-19?

iii. 2019-20?

iv. 2020-21?

(c) How many community facilities are managed?

(d) What commercial and retail activities and facilities are undertaken?

(e) What subsidiaries have been established?

**Answer:**

**I am advised information relating to stadium operations is publicly available in Venues NSW Annual Reports online.**

**NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS)**

82. What sports currently have programs at NSWIS?

**Answer:**

**I am advised NSWIS currently has 15 Sport Programs, including individual scholarships for athletes who are in non-NSWIS sports, covering a total of 25 different sports.**

83. Is consideration being given to including other sport programs at NSWIS?

**Answer:**

**I am advised every four years (aligned with the Olympic/Paralympic quadrennial) NSWIS undertakes a review of sporting programs delivered by NSWIS.**

84. What plans are there to increase the proportion of athletes selected to the Australian Olympic team from NSWIS above 21.6%?

**Answer:**

**I am advised the 2022 NSWIS Business Plan has set a target of above 25% representation of national teams each year for the sport programs it supports.**

85. What plans are there to increase the proportion of athletes selected to the Australian Paralympic team from NSWIS above 24.6%?

**Answer:**

**I am advised the 2022 NSWIS Business Plan has set a target of above 25% representation of national teams each year for the sport programs it supports.**

86. What targets has NSWIS set in order to measure achievement towards the purpose (as set out the Corporate Plan) of supporting Australian athletes to become the world's best?

(a) What progress is being made to achieve that purpose?

87. What targets has NSWIS set in order to measure achievement towards the vision (as set out in the Corporate Plan) of more NSW athletes representing Australia and winning medals?

(a) What progress is being made to achieve that vision?

**Answer (86 – 87):**

**I am advised NSWIS establishes annual targets within the NSWIS Business Plan across key performance areas aligned with the Corporate Plan.**

**Reporting against organisational targets is publicly available within the NSWIS Annual Report.**

88. What NSW based National Training Centres are currently supported by NSWIS?

**Answer:**

**I am advised there are 10 National Training Centres/Satellite Hubs supported by NSWIS:**

**Wheelchair Track & Road (Hub)**

**Diving (Hub)**  
**Swimming - Sydney Olympic Park (Hub)**  
**Swimming - Northern Metro (Hub)**  
**Canoe Slalom NTC**  
**Narrabeen (Satellite Site)**  
**Rowing (Women) NTC**  
**Winter Sport NTC**  
**Sailing NTC**  
**Surfing NTC**

89. In relation to performance networks and partnerships, what progress has been made to the following 2024 targets:
- (a) 25% of national team members at Olympic / Paralympic and Benchmark events (BMEs) are NSWIS (annually)
  - (b) > 10 NSW based National Training Centres (NTC)/Hubs supported by NSWIS
  - (c) number of NSWIS staff in national lead/NTC or national roles
90. In relation to world class daily training environments, what progress has been made to the following 2024 targets:
- (a) Number of medals / number of medallists at BMEs and Olympic and Paralympic Games (annually)
  - (b) > 10 NSW based NTC/Hubs and satellite sites are supported by NSWIS
  - (c) Number of NSWIS staff contributing to NTC, NSWIS Hubs and satellite site operations
  - (d) > 5 FTE allocation of sport physician, physiotherapy and soft tissue therapists
  - (e) > 90% of training and competition days are completed without medical interruption (within priority campaigns)
91. In relation to sport investment and sustainability, what progress has been made to the following 2024 targets:
- (a) Sustainable investment with our sport partners committed through sport program partnership agreements

- (b) Financial reserves of no less than \$1m are maintained to meet potential fluctuations in sport partner funding that occur during the Olympic/Paralympic cycle and to ensure flexibility for emerging performance related projects
  - (c) NSW Government base funding maintained (CP Indexed) and key projects supported
  - (d) Achievement of annual commercial strategy revenue targets
92. In relation to best practice with people and operations, what progress has been made to the following 2024 targets:
- (a) 75% or above performance team effectiveness rating across sport programs
  - (b) > 80% People Matter Survey engagement score
  - (c) > 70% People Matter Survey leadership score
  - (d) 3-4 data science led projects completed annually (informing strategic decision making)
  - (e) 85% of NSWIS sport programs achieving KPI's
  - (f) 70% of our coaches are actively involved in our coach development/ learning programs and initiatives
93. In relation to athletes and pathways, what progress has been made to the following 2024 targets:
- (a) Systems and processes developed to identify and track emerging talent in NSW
  - (b) NSWIS athletes progressing across scholarship categorisation
  - (c) Completion of 1-2 talent identification projects annually
94. In relation to engagement, communication and education, what progress has been made to the following 2024 targets:
- (a) Number of total NSWIS development days delivered by NSWIS (to staff and coaches)
  - (b) Continued growth against key digital strategy and media metrics
  - (c) Applied research projects are undertaken with NSWIS sports with a clearly identified athlete performance impact

(d) Performance against annual internal communications survey benchmarks

**Answer (89 - 94):**

**Reporting against organisational targets is publicly available within the NSWIS Annual Report**

**Institute of Sport Act 1995**

95. How many elite training squad programs are currently provided by NSWIS?

**Answer:**

**I am advised NSWIS currently has 15 Sport Programs, including individual scholarships for athletes who are in non-NSWIS sports, covering a total of 25 different sports.**

96. How many programs for coaches are currently provided by NSWIS?

**Answer:**

**I am advised NSWIS does not operate coach programs.**

97. Which sport science, sport medicine, sports management, career, education and program support services are currently provided by NSWIS?

**Answer:**

**I am advised NSWIS provides the following services:**

- **Physiology**
- **Biomechanics**
- **Strength and Conditioning**
- **Nutrition**
- **Performance Analysis**
- **Research**
- **Sport Management (Program Management)**

- **Sport Intelligence**
- **Information Technology**
- **Athlete Wellbeing and Engagement**
- **Massage**
- **Physiotherapy**
- **Medical**
- **Marketing and Commercial**
- **Finance**
- **People and Culture (Human Resources services)**

98. Which facilities are currently maintained by NSWIS?

**Answer:**

**I am advised the NSWIS Facility at Sydney Olympic Park.**

99. In the past four years how many commercial or co-operative ventures relating to research into sport, including sports medicine and sports technology have been entered into by NSWIS?

**Answer:**

**I am advised NSWIS has no commercial partnerships that are directly targeted towards research.**

**NSWIS has undertaken three PhD scholarship agreements in the past four years.**

100. How many scholarships are being provided by NSWIS?

**Answer:**

**I am advised 397 are currently being provided by NSWIS.**

101. What commercial operations have commenced in the last four years to raise money for NSWIS?

**Answer:**

**NSWIS is funded by the NSW Government.**

102. What commercial arrangements have been entered into by NSWIS for the training of sportspeople from another State or from a Territory or from any other country?

(a) Which other State, Territories or countries?

**Answer:**

**I am advised NSWIS does not have commercial relationships with athletes.**

103. How many sports events did NSWIS conduct in:

(a) 2017-18?

(b) 2018-19?

(c) 2019-20?

(d) 2020-21?

**Answer: (a – d)**

**I am advised NSWIS does not run sports events (competitions).**

104. On how many occasions have formal or informal directions under s16 of the Act been issued by the Minister in:

(a) 2017-18?

(b) 2018-19?

(c) 2019-20?

(d) 2020-21?

**Answer (a – e)**

**I am advised no directions have been made under s16 of the Act during the periods identified above.**

**Australian Clay Target Association Grant**

105. Was a Cost-Benefit Analysis assessment undertaken by the Office of Sport of a proposal for the Australian Clay Target Association for a project in Wagga Wagga?

**Answer: It would be inappropriate to comment on an ongoing ICAC investigation.**

106. Did the Office of Sport apply the NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines Paper TPP17-03 “NSW Government Guide to Cost-Benefit Analysis”; or the superseded Treasury Policy and Guidelines Papers “NSW Government Guidelines for Economic Appraisal”(TPP07-5) and “Economic Appraisal – Principles and Procedures Simplified” (TPP07-6)?

107. Was the Office of Sport analysis consistent with the GHD analysis that scored the project 2.31?

108. Was the Office of Sport analysis consistent with the April 2017 Department of Industry analysis that scored the project 0.88?

109. Was the Office of Sport analysis consistent with the revised Department of Industry analysis which upgraded the score for the project to 1.1?

110. What score did the analysis of the Office of Sport find for the project?

**Answer (105-110):**

**It would be inappropriate to comment on an ongoing ICAC investigation.**

### **Greater Cities Sport and Regional Sport Facility Fund**

111. Other than requirements concerning location, are the eligibility criteria and fund guidelines the same for Greater cities facilities applications and Regional facilities applications?

(a) If not, what are the differences?

**Answer:**

**Yes.**

112. Other than requirements concerning location, are the assessment processes the same for Greater cities facilities applications and Regional facilities applications?

(a) If not, what are the differences?

**Answer:**

**Yes.**



113. How much grant funding is available for metropolitan projects?

**Answer:**

**Up to \$50 million is available under the Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund.**

114. How much grant funding is available for regional projects?

**Answer:**

**Up to \$50 million is available under the Regional Sport Facility Fund.**

### **Cross Border Sport Fund**

115. How many recipients of 2020 Cross Border Sport Fund grants also received 2020 Grassroots Sport Fund grants?

**Answer:**

**I am advised none.**

116. Are recipients of 2021 Cross Border Sport Fund grants also eligible for 2021 Grassroots Sport Fund grants?

**Answer:**

**No.**

### **Organisation Support Program grants**

117. How many applications were received in 2019?

- (a) How many applications were successful?
- (b) How many applications were not successful?
- (c) Why were the applications in (b) not successful?
- (d) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the successful applicants in (a)?
- (e) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the unsuccessful applicants in (b)?
- (f) What is the total amount of funding provided?

118. How many applications were received in 2020?

- (a) How many applications were successful?
- (b) How many applications were not successful?

- (c) Why were the applications in (b) not successful?
- (d) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the successful applicants in (a)?
- (e) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the unsuccessful applicants in (b)?
- (f) What is the total amount of funding provided?

**Answer (117 – 118):**

**I am advised this information is publicly available in the 2019-2020 Office of Sport Annual Report.**

119. How many applications were received in 2021?
- (a) How many applications were successful?
  - (b) How many applications were not successful?
  - (c) Why were the applications in (b) not successful?
  - (d) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the successful applicants in (a)?
  - (e) Please provide a spreadsheet listing the unsuccessful applicants in (b)?
  - (f) What is the total amount of funding provided?

**Answer:**

**The program is not yet completed. Information about successful applicants will be published in the Office of Sport Annual Report.**

120. What assessment has been undertaken about the appropriateness of the current levels of funding provided to State Sporting Organisations and State Sporting Organisations for people with Disability, Peak Bodies and identified organisations?

**Answer: The total funding for State Sporting Organisations and State Sporting Organisations for people with Disability, Peak Bodies and identified organisation is a set amount from funds allocated to the Office of Sport.**

**\$600,000 to support regional talent pathways in the lead up to the Brisbane 2032 Olympics**

121. How will the \$600,000 be allocated for regional talent pathways?

**Answer:**

**I am advised the NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) is finalising potential projects with the Regional Academies of Sport and State Sport Organisations.**

122. Will similar funds be allocated for metropolitan talent pathways?

**Answer:**

**The NSWIS Talent Unit will be a state-wide initiative that will positively impact athlete and coach development and identification in regional and metropolitan areas.**

123. What targets are being set to measure the success of the \$600,000 to be allocated for regional talent pathways?

**Answer:**

**Project specific targets will be developed for the NSWIS Talent Unit and reporting against these targets will be publicly available within the NSWIS Annual Report.**

#### **COVID-19 pandemic**

124. During the 2021 COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, how many local government areas waived costs for sporting fields and facilities rental?

125. What discussions did the Office of Sport have with local government areas about waiving costs for sporting fields and facilities rental?

126. Was any funding provided to local government areas to assist in waiving costs for sporting fields and facilities rental?

**Answer (124 – 126):**

**This is a matter for the Minister for Local Government and the Office of Local Government.**

127. What actions were taken by the Office of Sport to ensure the survival of community sporting clubs during the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders in LGAs of concern?

128. What actions were taken by the Office of Sport to ensure the survival of community sporting clubs in June-October 2021 in regional LGAs?

**Answer (127 – 128):**

**The Office of Sport provided all stakeholders including recognised State Sporting Organisations, industry bodies and other sporting organisations such as sporting clubs in areas of concern in NSW with regular updates in**

**relation to COVID-19 public health requirements and advice. These included direct email messages to the sector immediately following each announcement and change to the Public Health Order together with a dedicated webpage on the Office of Sport website with COVID-19 updates and support available.**

**One of the resources developed by the Office of Sport was to consolidate information that was available on the all the sources of relevant COVID-19 financial assistance available to sport clubs from both the NSW and Commonwealth Governments.**

**In addition, the Office provided a dedicated email address where sector organisations could direct questions about COVID-19 restrictions and rules as well as resources and support available. The Minister for Sport and the Office of Sport provided regular livestream updates to State Sporting Organisations and other key sector stakeholders for them to disseminate information and advice to their clubs.**

**On 23 October 2021, the NSW Government announced the \$25 million Sport and Recreation Recovery and Community Rebuild Package, which included up to \$12.5 million for the Grassroots Sport Fund, targeted at local sporting clubs and associations affiliated with recognised State Sporting Organisations. This will provide payments of \$1,000 to sport clubs to assist them with recovery from the impacts of COVID-19 and the recommencement of community sport.**

**\$3.1 million to support participation initiatives focused on areas most affected by restrictions, including south-western Sydney and regional NSW**

129. How will the \$3.1 million be allocated to support participation initiatives?  
130. Will specific participation initiatives be targeted for funding?

**Answer (129 – 130):**

**I am advised the \$3.1 million is to support a range of participation initiatives focused on areas most affected by restrictions, including south-western Sydney and regional NSW, which will be delivered by the Office of Sport and sport and recreation sector organisations, and will prioritise individuals or groups who**

**traditionally have less access to physical activity opportunities.**

131. What proportion of the \$3.1 million will be allocated to Fairfield LGA and Cumberland LGA in Western Sydney?

**Answer:**

**I am advised the planning of events and confirmation of locations is currently underway.**

132. Will the funding for regional NSW be allocated only to those LGAs to which lockdowns applied?

**Answer:**

**I am advised the planning of events and confirmation of locations is currently underway.**

133. Which organisations will be invited to apply for funding?

134. Will organisations which successfully apply for a grant to support participation initiatives also be able to apply for other grant streams which also encourage participation initiatives?

135. Will funding be provided through the Local Sport Grants program or will a new grant stream be established?

**Answer (133 – 135):**

**I am advised these activities are not delivered as application-based grant programs.**

136. What targets are being set to measure the success of the \$3.1 million be allocated to support participation initiatives?

**Answer:**

**I am advised targets are being set as part of the detailed planning for events and locations.**

**Working with Children Checks (WWCC)**

137. Is the Office of Sport aware of how many paid employees and volunteers of sporting organisations are required to have WWCCs?

(a) How many employees and volunteers have WWCCs?

**Answer:**

**I am advised this information is not held by the Office of Sport as they are not the employer for sporting organisations.**

138. How many employees within the Sports portfolio are required to have WWCCs?

(a) How many employees have WWCCs?

**Answer:**

**236.**

**(a) 475 including casual staff.**

139. Did the Office of Sport provide any advice for any submission to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse concerning recognition of interstate WWCCs?

**Answer:**

**No.**

140. Did the Office of Sport provide any advice for any submission to the Statutory Review of the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012?

**Answer:**

**Yes.**

#### **National standard for sport science**

141. As a member of the National Institute Network, is the NSW Institute of Sport required to ensure all of its sports science staff are accredited by Exercise & Sports Science Australia ESSA?

(a) If so, how many NSWIS staff are required to be accredited?

(b) If so, how many and what percentage of NSWIS sports scientists, including biomechanics, performance analysts, physiologists, skill acquisition specialists and strength scientists are accredited with Exercise & Sports Science Australia?

- (c) If so, how many and what percentage of NSWIS strength and conditioning coaches are accredited with the Australian Strength and Conditioning Association?
- (d) What is the system of compliance NSWIS uses to ensure that all its sports science staff and strength and conditioning coaches are accredited?
- (e) Will an audit be undertaken to confirm that NSWIS is in compliance with its obligations?

**Answer (a - e):**

**I am advised NSWIS sport science essential requirements are aligned with AIS minimum standards including relevant degree and ESSA Level 1. NSWIS further requires a degree with honours.**

**All NSWIS strength & conditioning staff must be accredited with an Australian Strength and Conditioning Association accreditation.**

**100% of NSWIS sports scientist staff are accredited with Exercise and Sports Science Australia.**

**100% of NSWIS strength and conditioning coaches are accredited with the Australian Strength and Conditioning Association.**

**Upon offering a position within the NSWIS sport science team (which includes both sports scientists and strength and conditioning coaches), the NSWIS People & Culture team request evidence of all relevant qualifications and accreditations. These requirements are then also followed up annually to ensure they are not expired.**

**Employees are contacted prior to accreditation expiration dates and are led through the renewal process by a member of the People and Culture department.**

**The NSWIS People and Culture Team monitor the accreditation expiration dates regularly to ensure NSWIS complies with the relevant accreditation standards.**

**Veterans' Strategy**

142. How long did the veterans' strategy take to complete?

**Answer:**

**I am advised the strategy took approximately 14 months to complete. This**

**included research, consultation, development and production.**

143. How much did the veterans' strategy cost to complete?

**Answer:**

**I am advised this is available in the 2019/20 Budget papers.**

144. How many employees from the Office for Veterans Affairs were involved with formulating the strategy?

**Answer:**

**I am advised three staff from the Office for Veterans Affairs were involved with formulating the strategy.**

145. In regards to the online focus groups:

- (a) When was each focus group held?
- (b) Where was each focus group held?
- (c) How many people attended each focus group?

**Answer (a – c):**

**I am advised sixteen forums were held during August and September 2020 with 140 participants across a wide variety of NSW locations, including both regional and metro locations.**

146. How many family members of veterans were surveyed as part of the veterans' strategy?

**Answer:**

**I am advised 2,243 individuals completed the online survey including veterans, current serving Australian Defence Force personnel, partners, spouses and family members as well as supporters.**

147. Will there be a review carried out in relation to the 57 actions that stemmed from the veterans' strategy?

- (a) If so, when will that review take place?



(b) When will the results of that review be made public?

**Answer (a – b)**

**I am advised a progress report on the action plan will be provided to the NSW Parliament.**

### **Veterans Employment Program**

148. How many veterans were employed as part of the Veterans Employment Program in the following financial years?

- (a) 2015/16
- (b) 2016/17
- (c) 2017/18
- (d) 2018/19
- (e) 2019/20
- (f) 2020/21

**Answer:**

**I am advised figures are not collected for the financial year.**

149. How many of those veterans employed in 2015/16 are still employed in the public service?

- (a) How many of those veterans employed in 2016/17 are still employed in the public service?
- (b) How many of the veterans employed in 2017/18 are still employed in the public service?
- (c) How many of those veterans employed in 2018/19 are still employed in the public service?
- (d) How many of those veterans employed in 2019/20 are still employed in the public service?
- (e) How many of those veterans employed in 2020/21 are still employed in the public service?
- (f) How many veterans have been employed as part of the Veterans Employment Program so far in the 2021/22 financial year?

**Answer:**

**(a - e) I am advised this information is not available.**

**(f) I am advised that in the last 6 months from 1 April to 30 September 2021,**

**130 veterans were employed as part of the Veterans Employment Program.**

### **Veterans Education Program**

150. How many veterans applied for round 1 of the 2019/20 Veterans Education Program?

(a) How many were successful?

(b) What was the total amount in funding provided to successful applicants?

**Answer (a – b):**

**I am advised there were 19 applications for the 2019/20 Veterans Education Program.**

**There were 17 successful applications. (Of the two unsuccessful applicants one withdrew as they were approved a fee free place. The other was not recommended due to the program guidelines.)**

**The total amount of funding awarded for 2019/20 Veteran Education Program was \$49,110.**

How many veterans applied for the Veterans Education Program in 2020/21?

(c) How many were successful?

(d) What was the total amount of funding provided to successful applicants?

**Answer (a – b):**

**I am advised there were seven applications for the 2020/21 Veterans Education Program.**

**All applicants were successful.**

**The total amount of funding awarded for 2020/21 was \$20,640.**

**Note: The program was closed in June 2021 due to the announcement of the Department of Education Veteran Skills Program. This program gives veterans access to fee free training at approximately 360 registered training organisations across the state, allowing veterans (and their spouse/partner) more flexibility in their choice of organisation to study.**

### **Office of Veterans Affairs**

151. What is the number full time equivalent of employees in the Office of Veterans Affairs currently?

- (a) What was the number full time equivalent of the Office of Veterans Affairs on June 30 2021?
- (b) What was the number full time equivalent of the Office of Veterans Affairs on June 30 2019?
- (c) What was the number full time equivalent of the Office of Veterans Affairs on June 30 2018?
- (d) What was the number full time equivalent of the Office of Veterans Affairs on June 30 2011?

152. How many actual employees are there currently in the Office of Veterans Affairs?

- (a) How many actual employees were there in the Office of Veterans Affairs were there on June 30 2021?
- (b) How many actual employees were there in the Office of Veterans Affairs on June 30 2020?
- (c) How many actual employees were there in the Office of Veterans Affairs on June 30 2019?
- (d) How many actual employees were there in the Office of Veterans Affairs on June 30 2018?
- (e) How many actual employees were there in the Office of Veterans Affairs on June 30 2011?

**Answer (151 – 152):**

**I am advised 13 are currently employed.**

**(a) 12**

**(b) 12**

**(c) 12**

**(d) The Office for Veterans Affairs (OVA) was part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) and OVA functions were supported by DPC.**

153. What is the budget for the Office of Veterans Affairs in 2021/22?

- (a) What was the budget for the Office of Veterans Affairs in 2020/21?
- (b) What was the budget for the Office of Veterans Affairs in 2019/20?
- (c) What was the budget for the Office of Veterans Affairs in 2018/19?
- (d) What was the budget for the Office of Veterans Affairs in 2011/12?

**Answer:**

**I am advised \$7,082,203.**

**(a) \$6,866,480**

**(b) \$6,461,237**

**(c) \$6,520,225**

**(d) The Office for Veterans Affairs (OVA) was part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC).**

### **Seniors Social Isolation Grants**

154. In 2021, the NSW Government awarded \$600,000 in funding for projects to reduce social isolation for seniors. What was the financial amount each of the following organisations awarded for the following initiatives under the “Reducing Social Isolation for Seniors” Grant Program?
- (a) CaLD Men Connected operated by 3Bridges Community?
  - (b) Living Older Visibly Engaged (LOVE) Club for LGBTQ+ Seniors Goes Regional operated by ACON?
  - (c) Inviting Our Disadvantaged Seniors to Start Living and Be Included operated by Australian Foundation for Disability?
  - (d) Creating Connections operated by Bathurst Regional Council?
  - (e) Words and Music: A Seniors Social operated by Bega Valley Shire Council?
  - (f) The Golden Oldies Program operated by Bridge Housing?
  - (g) Your Vintage Film Club operated by Clarence Valley Council (Clarence Regional Library)?
  - (h) DanceWell - Community Dance Classes for Seniors operated by Dance Health Alliance?
  - (i) Beat-It In-Language operated by Diabetes NSW & ACT?
  - (j) Graceades Indigenous Oldies operated by Graceades Community Cottage?
  - (k) Rhythm is Life: Together We Move, Together We Connect operated by Heartdancers?
  - (l) Sconeversations operated by Holbrook & Walla Walla Meals & Social Support Services?
  - (m) Seniors Connect Coffee and Wellness Club operated by Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre?

- (n) Age Well, Live Well - Social Support Clubs for Link Housing Residents operated by Link Wentworth Housing?
- (o) Lismore Library Activity Hub operated by Lismore City Council (Lismore City Library)?
- (p) Tovertafel 'Magic Table', Bringing People Together operated by Lithgow City Council?
- (q) Seniors on Tour operated by Liverpool City Council?
- (r) Let's Get Together operated by Melkite Catholic Welfare Association?
- (s) Active Senior Empowerment (ASE) operated by Mission Australia Housing?
- (t) Connecting Across Country - Elders Gatherings operated by Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation?
- (u) Hungry for more operated by NovaCare Community Services?
- (v) D Caf Ryde operated by Rotary Club of Ryde?
- (w) Senior Organic Gardening Team operated by SCRAP (School Communities Recycling All Paper) Ltd?
- (x) Connection for Carers operated by Stride Mental Health Services?
- (y) Wagga Women's Shed Garden operated by The Wagga Wagga Women's Shed?
- (z) Reducing Social Isolation For Male Carers From CaLD Backgrounds operated by Wesley Community Services Ltd (Wesley Mission)?

**ANSWER**

**I am advised information relating to the individual projects is publicly available online.**