

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health

Select Committee on Administration of Sports Grants

Inquiry into the administration and award of funding under the Community Sports Infrastructure Grant Program

27 August 2020

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Approval of guidelines

Spoken

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Senator: Janet Rice

Question:

Senator RICE: I want to ask the same questions about the Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream Program guidelines: when the guidelines for that were developed and finalised, who the approver was under those guidelines, when you provided written advice to the approvers about those grants and whether that advice included the extent to which the projects met the selection criteria in the guidelines.

Ms Edwards: We're certainly happy to take them on notice. The answers to those questions are very similar, if not identical, to the ones we've already given, in relation to the—

Senator RICE: If you could take them on notice, thank you.

Answer:

- When the guidelines were developed and finalised?
 - Initial draft guidelines for the Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream Program were developed by the Department of Health in October 2019.
 - The current Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream Program guidelines, tabled at the 27 August 2020 hearing, were finalised on 28 February 2020.
- Who the approver was under those guidelines?
 - Refer to guidelines tabled at the 27 August 2020 hearing.
 - For projects less than \$2 million, the decision maker was the Assistant Secretary of the Health Grants and Network Branch.
 - For projects of \$2 million or more, the decision maker was the Minister for Youth and Sport.

- When you provided written advice to the approvers about those grants and whether that advice included the extent to which the projects met the selection criteria in the guidelines?
 - Advice to support the approvals was provided to the decision maker.
 - Approval dates for Community Development Grants Program projects - see IQ20-000603.
 - Approval dates for Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream projects:
 - A commitment approval for one project totalling \$0.462m was signed off on 24 October 2019.
 - A commitment approval for one project totalling \$1.100m was signed off on 26 November 2019.
 - A commitment approval for 27 projects totalling \$12.579m was signed off on 11 December 2019.
 - A commitment approval for 12 projects totalling \$118.0m was signed off on 1 July 2020.