

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Australian Sport Commission

Select Committee on Administration of Sports Grants

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

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Withdrawal of Sport Australia brief

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Senator: Janet Rice

Question:

Mr McCann: My understanding is that at 8.42 am on 25 January Sport Australia sent a brief for approval of 204 projects to the Department of Health to be provided to the minister. At 9.02 am the same day, Sport Australia contacted the Department of Health to withdraw this brief as Sport Australia had just been informed by the minister's office that there may be a late change.

Senator RICE: Okay. Who made the decision to pull that brief 20 minutes after it had already been submitted?

Mr McCann: The director of the program would be my understanding, Senator.

Senator RICE: Can you check that that was the case?

Mr McCann: Yes, we can take that on notice.

Answer:

The decision was made by the senior official responsible for the CSI program at the ASC.