

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

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Funding for grants through Sport Australia

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Senator: Anthony Chisholm

Question:

CHAIR: When did the Department of Health first become aware that the government planned to provide the funding for grants through Sport Australia, rather than the department?

Ms Edwards: I don't know the answer to that. I'll take it on notice. I expect it would've been in the budget process. We're probably not able to respond in any event, if we became aware of it in the context of looking at budget proposals. We'll take it on notice.

CHAIR: Further to that, were there any discussions at that point about why the government was planning to have Sport Australia administer the grants rather than the department?

Ms Edwards: None that any of us are aware of, no.

CHAIR: Were you in roles at that time where you would have been aware?

Ms Edwards: No.

CHAIR: Is that something that you'd be able to take on notice, to have a look at as well?

Ms Edwards: We'll take it on notice. Having reviewed the records in preparation for today and so on, I'd be reasonably confident there is no such discussion that we are aware of, but we'll take it on notice to clarify and come back to you.

Answer:

Funding for grants to be provided through Sport Australia was considered in the 18-19 budget process and therefore subject to confidentiality.