

**Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority

**Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia's Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019**

**Ref No: No 1**

**Topic: ASADA Education Resourcing**

**Type of Question:** Hansard, page 20

**Senator:** Malarndirri McCarthy

**Question:**

Mr Mullaly: On education, we were lucky enough to get extra resourcing approximately 18 months ago. We've actually doubled—or more than doubled, I should say—the resourcing that ASADA has spent in education.

Senator McCARTHY: So how much was that?

Mr Mullaly: I'd have to take on notice the actual figures, but currently we're well over \$1 million in what we spend as an agency in the education space. I can get you the specific figure on notice.

**Answer:**

ASADA received \$3.797m to fund an additional 26.33 ASL to enhance Intelligence, Investigative Capability, Anti-Doping Program Policy Compliance, Education, Engagement and Program Delivery Capability. The funding allowed ASADA to double the size of our Education team. In 2018/19 ASADA delivered 82 face to face education sessions. To date this financial year we have delivered 124.

Of the \$3.797m, the government provided \$0.428m to enhance ASADA's Education and innovation capability, bringing the total investment in Education to \$1.484m in 2019-20.

This is the direct cost of the education function and does not include corporate overheads.

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**Ref No: No 2**

**Topic: ASADA Clean Sport App**

**Type of Question:** Hansard, page 20

**Senator:** Malarndirri McCarthy

**Question:**

Mr Mullaly: We also have developed products such as the Clean Sport app, trying to engage with innovation and technology to better reach athletes across all levels where they can not only check their medications but also check batch tested supplements to try to reduce the risk of them inadvertently falling foul of the antidoping rules.

Senator McCARTHY: Are they picking that up?

Mr Mullaly: Absolutely.

Senator McCARTHY: How many?

Mr Mullaly: Thousands and thousands. Again, I can take on notice the number of downloads that we have had.

**Answer:**

Since the ASADA Clean Sport App was launched on April 10, 2018, it has been downloaded 28,120 times.

**By user type:**

Athlete – 20918

Coaches – 2136

Medical professional – 1478

Parent – 1508

General Public – 1627

Sport Administrator - 516

**By level:**

International – 5656

National – 8035

State – 7005

Recreational – 4085

Spectator – 3690

**Top sports:**

Rugby League

AFL

Athletics

Swimming  
Rugby Union  
Cycling

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**Ref No: No 3**

**Topic: ASADA Investigation Resourcing**

**Type of Question:** Hansard, page 22

**Senator:** Malarndirri McCarthy

**Question:**

Mr Mullaly: Correct. A portion of that \$3.8 million has been used to double our investment in education.

Senator McCARTHY: So that's where that's come from?

Mr Mullaly: It's that money. We've put a good solid portion of that into doubling our education efforts and education resources.

Senator McCARTHY: How much of that resourcing would go into the investigation side?

Mr Mullaly: I don't have that figure off the top of my head. I'd have to take that on notice. I can give you a breakdown of where we have invested that \$3.8 million. It's certainly enabled us to provide more services and better education for not just athletes but also athlete support personnel and other people—parents—that have to deal with the system.

**Answer:**

ASADA received \$3.797m to fund an additional 26.33 ASL to enhance Intelligence, Investigative Capability, Anti-Doping Program Policy Compliance, Education, Engagement and Program Delivery Capability. The funding allowed ASADA to double the size of our Education team.

Of the \$3.797m, approximately \$0.276m was invested into enhanced investigations capability, bringing the total budget for investigations to \$1.024m in 2019-20.

This is the direct cost of the investigations function and does not include corporate overheads.

To further breakdown how ASADA has utilised the \$3.797m:

Enhancing Intelligence and Investigative Capability \$1.760m

Enhancing Anti-Doping Program Policy Compliance \$0.439m

Enhancing Education, Outreach and Training Capability \$0.428m

Enhancing Sport Engagement and Testing Capability: \$0.555m

Enhanced program delivery capability (Corporate Support and Digital Capability) \$0.615m

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**Ref No:** No 4

**Topic: ASADA Investigations – Disclosure Notices**

**Type of Question:** Hansard, page 23

**Senator:** Malarndirri McCarthy

**Question:**

Mr Mullaly: We can't get to the reasonable belief standard to issue a disclosure notice for believing that someone has information in relation to the administration of the NAD scheme. We don't go and investigate someone who's bought Panadol. We have no power to do that. We have to link it to a prohibited substance. So we have to have information or evidence in relation to something being a prohibited substance.

Senator McCARTHY: Does that stop you now?

Mr Mullaly: Absolutely. If we don't have—

Senator McCARTHY: Sorry, Mr Mullaly. This is really important. You can take this question on notice: how many examples can you provide to the committee where you've been unable to pursue it because you haven't been able to have that extra length to go to actually investigate? Could you provide that to us?

Mr Mullaly: I will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

ASADA does not maintain statistics related to stalled, delayed or otherwise impeded matters.

However, in the time available to respond, ASADA has identified four significant cases in recent years in which the reasonable belief threshold was unable to be met however in our view reasonable suspicion would have been. The inability to reach the reasonable belief threshold delayed or otherwise prevented the progression of those matters. In all four of those matters the subjects were facilitators, suppliers or third party enablers of doping.

In addition, based on current intelligence holdings ASADA estimates that there are at least 10 instances of organisations or businesses being involved in the supply of performance and image enhancing drugs that ASADA has been unable to fully investigate using disclosure notices due to the current reasonable belief threshold.