

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Brown, Carol

Question:

Senator CAROL BROWN: That is sort of wrong, but anyway. Special Olympics Australia have closed the office in Tassie and they may be looking at closing other offices. Have Special Olympics Australia been in contact with anyone at the table about receiving extra funding, some assistance or any sort of other resource?

Ms Palmer: Not to my knowledge.

Senator CAROL BROWN: Mr Howes, you seem to know something.

Mr Howes: No. There are always conversations about funding and additional resources.

There have been no specific requests around this, although there have been some conversations with the Tasmanian sport and rec department about what sort of assistance can be provided in a local sense but they have not progressed any further than that.

Senator CAROL BROWN: But Special Olympics Australia have not come to you?

Mr Howes: I am not aware that they have. Can I take that on notice?

Answer:

The Australian Sports Commission has not received a request for additional investment or support from Special Olympics Australia.

Special Olympics Australia has advised the Australian Sports Commission it has no plans to close any other offices.