

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 – 2017, 1 March 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 3 – Sport and Recreation

**Topic:** ASC Grants Targeting Women and Girls' Participation

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Rice, Janet

**Question:**

Does the ASC provide funding to sporting bodies for the express purpose of increasing the participation of girls and women in sport? If so, please supply details. If not, why not?

**Answer:**

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) expects all sports to work to increase the participation of girls and women in sport and encourages all national sporting organisations (NSO) to provide products and programs that are inclusive in order to increase overall participation:

- In 2016-17, more than \$21 million in participation funding has been allocated to NSOs.
- The ASC works with sports to ensure participation investment is directed towards strategic outcomes.

From July 2017 the Sporting Schools program will include a specific focus on the participation of girls in years 7 and 8.