

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 3 – Sport and Recreation

Topic: Sporting Schools - Funding for 3 Terms Only

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Farrell, Don

Question:

a) Concerns have been raised with me that some schools are only able to access funding for three terms, whereas under the Active After-School Communities Program schools could access funding all year – are there criteria that could mean that some schools might not be eligible for funding for every term?

b) If so, why is that the case?

Answer:

The Sporting Schools funding model was initially designed to offer funding to primary schools for up to three terms in a school year. Additionally, schools would be offered access to free resources and support to continue activity in the unfunded term.

However, in October 2016 the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) allowed primary schools to apply for funding across all four terms in a school year. The ASC will continue to offer this option to primary schools in 2017-18.