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Senator Crossin asked on 2 June 2005, EWRE Hansard page 14.

Question:

[please provide] information regarding the Australian Institute of Sports Active After School Communities Program

Answer:

Active After-School Communities Program

DEST agreed to provide information on the *Active After-School Communities Programme* (the programme), which is managed by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). The ASC is an agency in the portfolio of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts. The following details are provided for Senator Crossin's information:

- The ASC has \$90 million over four years for a structured physical activity and health programme.
- 3,250 primary schools and Child Care Benefit approved Out of School Hours Care Services (OSHCS) will be able to participate in the programme by the end of 2007. This will involve an estimated 150,000 children.
- 20 pilots of the programme were launched by the ASC in Term 1, 2005.
- The programme is being rolled out in phases, and 900 schools/approved OSHCS commenced in Term 2, 2005. An additional 250 schools/approved OSHCS will commence each term until Term 3, 2007 to reach the target of 3,250.
- Participating schools/approved OSHCS can apply to the Australian Sports Commission for a grant to help contribute to the delivery costs of the programme.
- Sporting organisations, sporting clubs, local community organisations and private providers have been invited to deliver quality physical activity programmes in the after-school hours time slot of between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.
- These organisations and individuals must first be registered with the *Active After-School Communities Programme*. This will be a condition of any grant.
- Organisations or individuals interested in participating can obtain further information by contacting the Australian Sports Commission on 1 800 664 564 or by visiting the Healthy Active website at www.healthyactive.com.au. The contact at the Australian Sports Commission is Ms Judy Flanagan on telephone (02) 6214 1805.
- Local community involvement is seen to be the key to the success and sustainability of the programme.
- Expressions of interest for schools and OSHCS for 2006 are now open and will close in August 2005.