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Senator BERNARDI-How does the funding of our sporting system in total compare with our competitors, per capita? Are we going backwards in comparison with, say, the UK who I know have quite a big investment program?

Mr Miller-I would have to take the per capita data on notice, but my sense is that, with the injection of high-performance money that was a part of Pathways to Success, that has steadied the ship in terms of our ability to compete and sustain. I think the Australian Olympic Committee has as good as said that they expect now to be able to sustain Australia's fifth place ranking as a result of the injection of that additional money.

Answer:

The Australian Sports Commission does not compare the funding of our sporting system on a per capita basis, against that of our competitors.