

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Ludwig (L&C 109) asked:

There were soccer fields and sporting facilities at the Baxter Detention Centre. Were these facilities put out to tender, and was there an objective or purpose that was underpinning the tender? How much did it cost?

Answer:

The Sports Oval and associated works were put out to tender in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines.

The sports oval was constructed to maximise the quantity and variety of activities to enhance the health and wellbeing of the detainees.

The total cost for the Sports Oval and associated works was approximately \$590,000 (incl GST).