

**Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport**

**Additional Estimates 13 – 16 February 2012**

**Question: 43**

**Topic: Bellerive Oval**

**Asked By: Senator BUSHBY**

**Type of Question: RRA&T 135**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 30 March 2012**

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**Question:**

**Mr Eccles:** The office for sport was asked for some advice by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on the status of the plans for the redevelopment of Bellerive Oval.

**Senator BUSHBY:** What date were you asked for that advice?

**Mr Eccles:** I would need to check on the date.

**Answer:**

The Office for Sport was asked for background information on the status of the proposed redevelopment on 9 January 2012 and provided the information on the same day.

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**Question: 44**

**Topic: Bellerive Oval – Discussions with PM**

**Asked By: Senator BUSHBY**

**Type of Question: RRA&T 137**

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**Senator BUSHBY:** I am particularly interested though in whether you had between 11 January and 16 January, inclusive, discussions with the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister's office regarding—

**Senator Arbib:** I had no discussion with the Prime Minister about it.

**Senator BUSHBY:** Or your office? Anybody in your office?

**Senator Arbib:** I will need to check.

**Senator BUSHBY:** If you could take that on notice, it would be appreciated

**Answer:**

The Department has been advised that staff in the office of the former Minister for Sport had discussions with the Prime Minister's Office.

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**Question: 45**

**Topic: \$16.5 Million to FFA**

**Asked By: Senator BERNARDI**

**Type of Question: Written**

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**Question:**

With regard to the \$16.5 million (GST inclusive) in grants provided to FFA to support football in the lead-up to the Asian Cup:

1. Exactly how has the grant money been used by FFA? (i.e. player payments, administrative costs, equipment, etc)
2. What accountability processes are in place to ensure the grants are used for the purpose for which they are intended?
3. Was payment of the second grant of \$8.25 million contingent on FFA attaining particular benchmarks in relation to the first \$8.25 million grant?
4. Will FFA receive further grants of this nature in the lead-up to the Asian Cup?
5. Does the Government intend to provide similar levels of financial support for other professional sporting bodies in the lead-up to other major international tournaments, e.g. the cricket World Cup, etc?

**Answer:**

1. The \$16.5 million (GST inclusive) of grant funding is being provided to the FFA as sustainability funding, it is not allocated to a specific program or purpose. The first \$8.25 million was provided contingent on the FFA agreeing to a review of their operations. This review was undertaken in 2011, led by the Hon Warwick Smith AM. Mr Smith's report, titled *Building Australia's Football Community*, was publicly released on 1 December 2011 and is available on the Internet. The second \$8.25 million is linked to milestones demonstrating implementation of the Smith Review's recommendations.

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2. There is a funding agreement in place that requires the FFA to report to the Government on their implementation of the Smith Review's recommendations.
3. The second grant of \$8.25 million is to be paid in three instalments linked to demonstrated implementation of the Smith Review's recommendations.
4. There are no plans to provide FFA with any further additional support of this nature to support the Asian Cup.
5. There have been no decisions about provision of funding to Cricket Australia or the Cricket World Cup Local Organising Committee, nor in relation to other major events.

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**Question: 46**

**Topic: Redevelopment of the SCG**

**Asked By: Senator BERNARDI**

**Type of Question: Written**

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**Question:**

With regard to the announcement by the Prime Minister that the Australian Government will provide \$50 million toward the redevelopment of the SCG:

1. Was advice requested from the Office for Sport in relation to the proposal to fund the redevelopment of the SCG?  
If so:
2. When was advice first sought in relation to the proposal?
3. What was the nature of the advice requested?
4. When was the advice provided?
5. Which Department requested the advice from the Office for Sport?

**Answer:**

1. Yes.
2. 18 October 2011.
3. The advice covered a range of matters.
4. 27 October 2011.
5. At the time of the request the Office for Sport was part of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The request for advice came from the Prime Minister's Office to the Department.

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**Question: 47**

**Topic: London Olympic Travel**

**Asked By: Senator BERNARDI**

**Type of Question: Written**

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**Question:**

With regard to overseas travel in relation to the London Olympics:

1. How many trips to Europe have been taken by the Minister, the Minister's staff, ASC employees, and Departmental employees in the past 12 months? Please note the date and duration of each trip, the participants of each trip, and the specific purpose/s of each trip.
2. How many trips to Europe by the Minister, Minister's staff, ASC staff, and/or Departmental staff are planned in the lead-up to the Olympics in London?
3. Will the Minister for Sport be attending the Olympic Games in London? If so, how many ministerial staff, ASC staff, and/or Departmental Staff will accompany the Minister?
4. Will staff from the Minister's office or the Department be attending the Games in an official capacity separate to any involvement by the Minister?

**Answer:**

1. No trips to Europe have been taken by the Minister, the Minister's staff, or Departmental employees in relation to the London Olympics. ASC staff trips to Europe in relation to the London Olympics in the past 12 months (30 January 2011 – 31 January 2012) are as follows:

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Dates of Travel</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Specific Purpose of Trip</b>
David Martin	2 April – 18 April 2011	17 days	Supporting Olympic pursuit cycling team, AIS Jayco scholarship holders - altitude training camp, sport science support and Olympic preparation
David Martin	19 June – 12 July 2011	24 days	Olympic track cycling pursuit camp, pre London course review, meetings and conferences, PHD student induction

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Philo Saunders	24 June – 25 July 2011	32 days	Supporting AIS race walkers, conducting research project on altitude and heat training for world champs and preparation for London Olympics
Shona Halson	30 June – 11 July 2011	12 days	Visit the AOC recovery centre in London (2-3 Jul). Visit site to plan for Olympics. Course profiling for cycling road race and time trial in preparation for Olympics (3-4 July). Attend European College of sport science conference Liverpool (6-9 July).
Nicola Bullock	12 July – 8 September 2011	59 days	Sprint Kayak training Camp - SSSM coordination, Sprint Kayak world champs, London Olympic test event, visit British Sprint Kayak headquarters
Greg Cox	21 July – 10 August 2011	21 days	Supporting AIS Triathlon and Sprint Canoe. Undertake reconnaissance for upcoming World Championship Series Final in Beijing. Team servicing for sprint canoe (Varese) and Triathlon (Aix Les Bains, France) in Europe. Test event for London Olympics
Kitty Chiller	31 July – 19 August 2011	20 days	Planning visit as part of London 2012 Olympic committee executive (costs covered by Australian Olympic Committee).
Hamish Jeacocke	02 August – 17 August 2011	16 days	Conduct triathlon and cycling performance analysis services and innovative research including reconnaissance of London Olympics and course profiling for cycling and triathlon.
Hamilton Lee	08 August – 24 August 2011	17 days	Road Cycling team support and research project - course profiling of London 2012 road and time trial courses. Conference - attend international sport science sport medicine
David Martin	10 August – 23 August 2011	14 days	London Test Event - Road Cycling. Sport Science Meeting - Newcastle; Conference organisers pay for international trip
Liz Broad	19 August – 11 September 2011	24 days	Sport support APC (WC basketball gliders, WC rugby), site visit London, Cardiff and Vista conference
Jo Vaile	01 September – 14 September 2011	14 days	Support staff for Australian Wheelchair Rugby training camp, competition, and London site visit for 2012 Paralympic Games.
Emery Holmik	3 October – 14 October 2011	12 days	Attend Leaders in Performance Conference, meetings with UK Sport, NSOs, British Olympic and Paralympic Associations
Peter Sharpe	3 October – 19 October 2011	17 days	Attend Leaders in Performance Conference, meetings with UK Sport, NGBs, British Olympic Association re high performance
David Pyne	21 November – 29 November 2011	9 days	Keynote speaker to international sports medicine conference. Speak on topic of nutrition and immunology to showcase AIS work and to network with peers prior to London Olympics 2012
Greg Nance	26 February – 7 March	10 days	Planning visit as part of the London 2012 Olympic Committee Security Attache (costs covered by Australian Olympic Committee)
Kitty Chiller	31 July – 19 August 2011	20 days	Planning visit as part of London 2012 Olympic Committee executive (costs covered by Australian Olympic Committee).
Greg Nance	18 November – 2 December	15 days	Planning visit as part of the London 2012 Olympic Committee Security Attache (costs covered by Australian Olympic Committee)

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2. No trips are planned for the Minister, the Minister's staff, or Departmental employees to Europe in relation to the London Olympics during the lead-up period. The number of trips planned for individual ASC staff to Europe from 31 January 2012 to the lead-up to the London Olympics is dependent on team selections, support requirements and pre-Olympic events which are yet to be determined.
3. Under International Olympic Committee (IOC) rules, the Minister for Sport is entitled to receive IOC accreditation for the Olympic Games. Attendance of the Minister and any support staff will a decision by the Minister for Sport to be approved by the Prime Minister.
4. No.