

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

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

**Budget Estimates 24 May 2012**

**Question: 100**

**Topic: Active After-School Communities - Key Performance Indicators**

**Asked By: Senator BERNARDI**

**Type of Question: RRA&T 102**

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**Senator BERNARDI:** I would be interested in ongoing feedback in respect to this, because clearly we do not want to see fewer people doing it and we do not want to see the supervision diminished either, which I think is very important when kids are getting involved in sport. In the portfolio budget statement there is no key performance indicator for this program that sets a goal to get at least 60 per cent of the active after-school participants expressing interest in joining a sporting club or team, which was the case in the previous PBS. Why was this key performance indicator removed from this program?

**Answer:**

The key performance indicator related to Active After-school Communities program participants expressing interest in joining a sporting club or team was not included in the Australian Sports Commission 2012-13 PBS as an independent evaluation of the program to gather this data will not be conducted in this reporting cycle. It is anticipated this will occur in 2013. The transition of children from the Active After-school Communities program to sporting clubs and programs will continue to be a focus of the program in 2012-13.

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**Question: 101**

**Topic: Pathway to Success Projects**

**Asked By: Senator BERNARDI**

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**Senator BERNARDI:** You would know then the 25 projects you expect to have scheduled and complete in the next 12 months?

**Mr Hollingsworth:** The expert panel that we convene to determine that would be discussing those projects now. They may not have finally decided what they are but they certainly will be considering the future suite of projects.

**Senator BERNARDI:** Would you be able to advise us of those projects?

**Mr Hollingsworth:** I will have to take that on notice.

**Senator BERNARDI:** Yes, I expected you would. Can I just say for this purpose that if some of them are sensitive I do not want you to—

**Mr Hollingsworth:** You will appreciate that some of them are through a competitive bid process, so yes, the answer will be subject to that.

**Senator BERNARDI:** Now you have piqued my interest. I am interested in the cost of them if you can provide it.

**Mr Hollingsworth:** Sure.

**Senator BERNARDI:** But I am actually interested more generally in the areas in which the projects are being undertaken.

**Mr Hollingsworth:** What they are?

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**Senator BERNARDI:** Yes. You can take it on notice. I am interested in what areas of research you intend to undertake over the next 12 months. I understand there may be some sensitivity to that, given the competitive situation internationally and things of that nature, but I would broadly like to receive any information you can give.

**Mr Hollingsworth:** Yes, I would be happy to provide that on notice.

**Answer:**

AIS research projects are geared towards five broad themes.

1. Athlete Preparation - acquiring new knowledge to better prepare athletes for international competition.
2. Athlete Resilience - researching the wellbeing of athletes through injury and illness prevention, recovery and psychology.
3. Skill, technique and tactics - providing athletes and coaches with feedback and equipment to enhance performance and maximise skill acquisition.
4. Pathways for athletes and coaches - acquiring new knowledge about development pathways for high performance coaches and athletes.
5. Podium Preparedness - providing athletes and coaches with cutting-edge knowledge to enhance competition performance on the day.

AIS research projects involve a number of sport science and sport medicine disciplines including psychology, recovery, physiology, physical therapies, nutrition, biomechanics, skill acquisition and performance analysis. Some research projects are specific to science or clinical areas, whilst others can be multi-disciplinary.

A list of 49 applied research projects has been confirmed for the next 12 months. The AIS anticipates that at least 25 of these will be completed by 30 June 2013.

Examples of some research projects include:

- Recovery and performance: developing guidelines for hydrotherapy during intensive training – preparing for London 2012
- Impacts of concurrent heat acclimation vs. heat acclimation

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- The use of athlete tracking system and 3-Dimensional pole plant kinetics in the optimisation of elite pole vaulters
- On water measurement of Kayak stroke power and system efficiency
- Non-invasive extraction and quantification of performance parameters from video images using computer vision methods with application to elite track cycling
- Using a new concept in instrumented oars to enhance an individual rower's performance in training and racing towards the lead up to the London Olympics
- Marine current model prediction improvements through deployment and integration of current measurements
- Skill acquisition through the capture and analysis of aerial video footage from a remote controlled rotary wing aircraft
- Monitoring training load of elite AIS swimmers

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**Question: 102**

**Topic: ADF Involvement in the Paralympics Movement**

**Asked By: Senator FAWCETT**

**Type of Question: RRA&T 114**

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**Senator FAWCETT:** ...Could you describe to me what funding arrangements, if any, exist between Defence and yourselves in terms of the ADF involvement in training or the broader Paralympics movement.

**Answer:**

The arrangement exists directly between the Australian Defence Force and the Australian Paralympic Committee.

No Australian Sports Commission funding is provided to the Australian Defence Force Paralympic Sports Program and Association.

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**Question: 103**

**Topic: ADF Involvement in London Olympics**

**Asked By: Senator FAWCETT**

**Type of Question: RRA&T 115**

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**Senator FAWCETT:** I am quite concerned about the level of support not being provided in some cases to wounded soldiers, and this is a fantastic initiative, so I am keen to flesh out what degree of funding is there, who it is coming from and how we can make sure that continues. Could I also put on notice, because I am assuming you may not know off the top of your head, how many ADF people are likely through their involvement to also be on the actual Olympic team that ends up going?

**Mr Eccles:** Yes. We will speak with the Department of Defence, who I think is involved in that earlier issue that you just raised; but we will look into that as well.

**Answer:**

On 12 May 2010, the Australian Paralympic Committee in partnership with the Australian Defence Force (ADF) launched the ADF Paralympic Sports Program and Association. The aim of the program is to direct ADF members, who acquire a disability during their employment, into Paralympic sport. It is anticipated that no ADF member from this program will make the 2012 Australian Paralympic Team. However there are currently former members of the ADF who will be on the Team, however their involvement has been prior to the establishment of the relationship.

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**Question: 104**

**Topic: Funding for Australian Olympic Committee for London Paralympic and Olympic Games**

**Asked By: Senator FIFIELD**

**Type of Question: Written**

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1. How much Government funding has the Australian Paralympic Committee received for the 2012 London Olympic Games?
2. How much Government funding has the Australian Olympic Committee received for the 2012 London Olympic Games?
3. What, if any, breakdown of funding is prescribed? Is it earmarked for training, marketing, travel, etc.
4. If so, what is the breakdown, and who decides the amount?

**Answer:**

1. Since 2008-09 the Australian Sports Commission has provided \$44,408,100 funding to the Australian Paralympic Committee. This funding is to support preparation for the 2012 London Paralympic Games and the 2010 and 2014 Winter Paralympic Games. The funding also supports Paralympic sport programs and initiatives such as the Paralympic Education Program, classification, broadcasting for the 2012 London Paralympic Games, talent search and mainstreaming.
2. The Australian Government did not provide any grant funding to the Australian Olympic Committee for the 2012 London Olympic Games.
3. Government funding provided to the Australian Paralympic Committee is for high performance outcomes, as per the Australian Paralympic Committee's high performance plan endorsed by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).

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4. The ASC allocates high performance funding and it may be applied by the Australian Paralympic Committee for purposes such as international competition, training camps, coach and officials' development and national development programs. This funding is determined via the Annual Sport Performance Review conducted by the ASC in collaboration with the National Elite Sports Council. The ASC Board determines the funding allocation, but the final allocation of funding within the Australian Paralympic Committee is a matter for that organisation. ASC funding to the Australian Paralympic Committee can be viewed on the ASC Website at the following address;  
[www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/funding/system\\_partners/national\\_sporting\\_organisations](http://www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/funding/system_partners/national_sporting_organisations)



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**Question: 105**

**Topic: Funding Agreements with the Australian Institute of Sport**

**Asked By: Senator FIFIELD**

**Type of Question: Written**

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What, if any funding agreements are in place with the Australian Institute of Sport to develop;

- a. Olympic Talent
- b. Paralympic Talent

**Answer:**

The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) has partnership agreements in place with each national sporting organisation in which it delivers an athlete scholarship program. These agreements detail funding levels for the respective AIS scholarship program.

The AIS delivers scholarship programs in 15 Olympic and 3 Paralympic sports.

AIS Funding to all AIS funded sports can be found on the Australian Sports Commission website at the following address:

[www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/funding/system\\_partners/national\\_sporting\\_organisations](http://www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/funding/system_partners/national_sporting_organisations)

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**Question: 106**

**Topic: Funding agreements with Swimming Australia Ltd**

**Asked By: Senator FIFIELD**

**Type of Question: Written**

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What, if any funding agreements are in place with Swimming Australia Ltd to develop

- a. Olympic Talent
- b. Paralympic Talent

**Answer:**

Funding agreements with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and Swimming Australia are executed on an annual basis. Government funding is provided for both high performance and participation outcomes. The development of Olympic and Paralympic talent falls under the Swimming Australia high performance plan which is endorsed by the ASC. Performance against the sports high performance plan are monitored through the ASC's Pathways to Podium monitoring committee, as well as the Annual Sport Performance Review conducted by the ASC in collaboration with the National Elite Sports Council.

Government funding provided to the Australian Paralympic Committee is for high performance outcomes, as per the Australian Paralympic Committee's high performance plan endorsed by the ASC. The Australian Paralympic Committee has a funding agreement in place with Swimming Australia to administer the program for the development of athletes.

ASC funding to all national sporting organisations can be viewed at the ASC website at the following address:

[www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/funding/system\\_partners/national\\_sporting\\_organisations](http://www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/funding/system_partners/national_sporting_organisations)

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**Question: 107**

**Topic: Funding agreements with Athletics Australia**

**Asked By: Senator FIFIELD**

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What, if any funding agreements are in place with Athletics Australia to develop

- a. Olympic Talent
- b. Paralympic Talent

**Answer:**

Funding agreements with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and Athletics Australia are executed on an annual basis. Government funding is provided for both high performance and participation outcomes. The development of Olympic and Paralympic talent falls under the Athletics Australia high performance plan which is endorsed by the ASC. Performance against the sports high performance plan are monitored through the ASC's Pathways to Podium monitoring committee, as well as the Annual Sport Performance Review conducted by the ASC in collaboration with the National Elite Sports Council.

Government funding provided to the Australian Paralympic Committee is for high performance outcomes, as per the Australian Paralympic Committee's high performance plan endorsed by the ASC. The Australian Paralympic Committee has a funding agreement in place with Athletics Australia to administer the program for the development of athletes.

ASC funding to all national sporting organisations can be viewed at the ASC website at the following address:

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**Question: 108**

**Topic: Funding agreements with Football Federation Australia**

**Asked By: Senator FIFIELD**

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What, if any funding agreements are in place with the Football Federation to develop

- a. Olympic Talent
- b. Paralympic Talent

**Answer:**

Funding agreements with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and Football Federation Australia are executed on an annual basis. Government funding is provided for both high performance and participation outcomes. The development of Olympic and Paralympic talent falls under the Football Federation Australia high performance plan which is endorsed by the ASC. Performance against the sports high performance plan are monitored through the ASC's Pathways to Podium monitoring committee, as well as the Annual Sport Performance Review conducted by the ASC in collaboration with the National Elite Sports Council.

Government funding provided to the Australian Paralympic Committee is for high performance outcomes, as per the Australian Paralympic Committee's high performance plan endorsed by the ASC. The Australian Paralympic Committee has a funding agreement in place with Football Federation Australia to administer the program for the development of athletes.

ASC funding to all national sporting organisations can be viewed at the ASC website at the following address:

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**Question: 109**

**Topic: Role of the Minister in promoting Olympic and Paralympic Teams**

**Asked By: Senator FIFIELD**

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1. What is the role of the Minister in the promotion of the Olympic Team and its athletes?
2. What is the role of the Minister in the promotion of the Paralympic Team and its athletes?

**Answer:**

The Minister for Sport is responsible for promoting sport and active recreation at participation and elite levels. The Minister will represent Australia at the London Olympic and Paralympic Games, promoting the Australian Government's strong commitment to maintaining Australia's reputation for excellence and sportsmanship at the international level. While in London, the Minister will meet and represent the Government at formal functions, meet with foreign dignitaries and provide any support needed to Australian athletes.

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**Topic: Allocation of tickets for London Paralympics**

**Asked By: Senator FIFIELD**

**Type of Question: Written**

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What number of tickets have been allocated to Australia for the London 2012 Paralympic Games?

**Answer:**

The Australian Paralympic Committee has advised that as at 19 June 2012, 3920 tickets have been sold to Australians for Paralympic Ceremonies and sport events for the London 2012 Paralympic Games. The Authorised Ticket Reseller, Paralympics Australian Travel Office (part of General Travel Australia), has approximately 220 tickets remaining for sale. The 3920 tickets have been purchased by 843 people.

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**Question: 111**

**Topic: Update on Paralympic Ticket Sales**

**Asked By: Senator FIFIELD**

**Type of Question: Written**

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1. Has the London 2012 Paralympic Travel Committee updated the Office of the Minister on the Paralympic ticket sales to date?
2. What percentage of these tickets have been sold?
3. Who is responsible for advertising and promoting Paralympic ticket sales in Australia?

**Answer:**

1. The Minister's Office had not been updated on the Paralympic ticket sales as at 24 May 2012.
2. The Australian Paralympic Committee has advised that as at 19 June 2012, 3920 tickets have been sold to Australians for Paralympic Ceremonies and sport events for the London 2012 Paralympic Games. The Authorised Ticket Reseller, Paralympics Australian Travel Office (part of the General Travel Group), has approximately 220 tickets remaining for sale. Approximately 95 per cent of tickets allocated to Australians have been sold.
3. The Australian Paralympic Committee appoints a ticket reseller, who has an agreement to be the authorised ticket reseller in Australia. For the 2012 Paralympic Games, the ticket reseller is the Paralympics Australian Travel Office, part of General Travel Australia.