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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Questions on Notice Paper No 1**

**4 December 2020**

**Question No. 71**

**MRS KICKERT MLA:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) How does the ACT Government support disability in sports.
- (2) What government initiatives support disability in sport.
- (3) What groups and organisations in the ACT support sports for people living with disability.
- (4) What disability sports groups and organisations are supported by the ACT Government and what is the nature of the support provided.
- (5) What percentage of people living with disability in the ACT are known to be engaged in community sport.
- (6) What concerns have been identified by the ACT Government in relation to disability sports, and what measures will the Government take to improve and/or resolve these concerns.

**MS BERRY MLA -** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

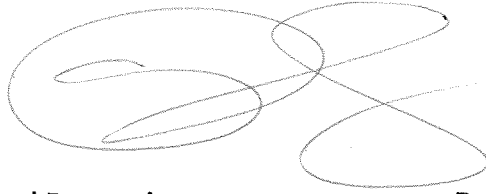
- (1) The ACT Government works with the sporting sector to promote and support inclusion in sports, including for people with a disability. Through funding and facilities provision, sports can deliver targeted programs for people with disability, often in partnership with disability support groups to help reach the intended audience.
- (2) Disability participation is supported through available funding categories within the Sport and Recreation Grants Program including the Inclusive Sport Grants Program. Disability Inclusion Grants are also available through the Community Services Directorate, with sporting participation an eligible funding outcome.

- (3) Many clubs and state sporting organisations provide participation opportunities through inclusion in mainstream activities or more targeted/specialised initiatives, while specific disability groups also deliver some programs. Examples of these include:
- Canberra District Rugby League’s Wheelchair Rugby League Program;
  - Basketball ACT’s Ivor Burge program for people with Intellectual Disabilities;
  - Table Tennis ACT’s Para Table Tennis Activities;
  - Cycleabilities Cycle skills program targeted at children with Autism/Asperger’s; and
  - Capital Football’s Powerchair and Canberra United All-Abilities Academy.
- (4) In 2020 and 2021 the following activities targeting sports participation for people with a disability have been funded by the ACT Government:

Directorate	Recipient	Project title	Amount
CMTEDD	ACT Little Athletics Association	All Abilities Athletics - Come and Try & club/centre, coach and officials education	\$2,700
CMTEDD	Pedal Power ACT	Expansion of Fitability Inclusive Cycling Program	\$5,200
CMTEDD	ACT Tenpin Bowling Association	Development of disability bowling program	\$15,000
CMTEDD	Cyclabilities	Move-Abilities - ride and road safety disability program	\$15,000
CMTEDD	Deaf Sports ACT	Together More Active - Deaf sport program	\$15,000
CMTEDD	Royal Life Saving ACT	WaterAbilities - Swim and survive pilot project for children with autism	\$15,000
ACT Health	Warehouse Circus	Circus for Health - Schools Spin Out Program	\$109,094
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CSD	Table Tennis ACT	Development of disability action plan and volunteer inclusion training	\$4,500
CSD	Rowing ACT	Equipment for Para Indoor Rowing Program	\$2,600

- (5) According to the most recent AUSPLAY data (released 30 October 2020), 80.2% of respondents (aged over 18) with a disability that “restricts life in some way” were physically active at least once per week. Available AUSPLAY data does not break this physical activity data into organised sport and non-sport.
- (6) The ACT Government is currently discussing the opportunities to develop a more strategic approach to the provision of sector support with a number of disability sports stakeholders and other jurisdictions. Several areas need to be considered including funding models, sustainable program development, facility access and enhancement to communications to ensure available program opportunities reach the intended audience.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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Minister for Sport and Recreation

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