

## Response to question on notice

### Questions on Notice Paper No 12

**24 October 2025**

**Question No. 700**

**Thomas Emerson MLA: To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation**

1. Can the Minister provide year-on-year usage for the following ovals for the past four years: (a) Southwell Park, (b) Dickson Oval, (c) Gungahlin Enclosed Oval, (d) Harrison Oval, (e) Phillip Oval, (f) Belconnen Oval, (g) Higgins Oval, (h) Chifley Oval, (i) Gowrie Playing Fields and (j) Tuggeranong Oval.
2. Can the Minister provide year-on-year total government expenditure on maintenance for the following ovals for the past four years: (a) Southwell Park, (b) Dickson Oval, (c) Gungahlin Enclosed Oval, (d) Harrison Oval, (e) Phillip Oval, (f) Belconnen Oval, (g) Higgins Oval, (h) Chifley Oval, (i) Gowrie Playing Fields and (j) Tuggeranong Oval.
3. Can the Minister provide year-on-year total government expenditure on upgrades for the following ovals for the past four years: (a) Southwell Park, (b) Dickson Oval, (c) Gungahlin Enclosed Oval, (d) Harrison Oval, (e) Phillip Oval, (f) Belconnen Oval, (g) Higgins Oval, (h) Chifley Oval, (i) Gowrie Playing Fields and (j) Tuggeranong Oval.

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

1. (a) Southwell Park

Usage (Hours) FY 2021/22	Usage (Hours) FY 2022/23	Usage (Hours) FY 2023/24	Usage (Hours) FY 2024/25
4306	5670	5628	4787

(b) Dickson Oval

Usage (Hours) FY 2021/22	Usage (Hours) FY 2022/23	Usage (Hours) FY 2023/24	Usage (Hours) FY 2024/25
4387	5704	5719	6068

(c) Gungahlin Enclosed

Usage (Hours) FY 2021/22	Usage (Hours) FY 2022/23	Usage (Hours) FY 2023/24	Usage (Hours) FY 2024/25
386	479	358	402

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(d) Harrison Oval

Usage (Hours) FY 2021/22	Usage (Hours) FY 2022/23	Usage (Hours) FY 2023/24	Usage (Hours) FY 2024/25
3017	3573	3824	3266

(e) Phillip Oval

Usage (Hours) FY 2021/22	Usage (Hours) FY 2022/23	Usage (Hours) FY 2023/24	Usage (Hours) FY 2024/25
291	462	133	203

(f) Belconnen Oval

Usage (Hours) FY 2021/22	Usage (Hours) FY 2022/23	Usage (Hours) FY 2023/24	Usage (Hours) FY 2024/25
Not Bookable	Not Bookable	Not Bookable	Not Bookable

(g) Higgins Oval

Usage (Hours) FY 2021/22	Usage (Hours) FY 2022/23	Usage (Hours) FY 2023/24	Usage (Hours) FY 2024/25
587	740	543	1716

(h) Chifley Oval

Usage (Hours) FY 2021/22	Usage (Hours) FY 2022/23	Usage (Hours) FY 2023/24	Usage (Hours) FY 2024/25
Not Bookable – dryland oval			

(i) Gowrie Playing Fields

Usage (Hours) FY 2021/22	Usage (Hours) FY 2022/23	Usage (Hours) FY 2023/24	Usage (Hours) FY 2024/25
1767	1833	2210	2516

(j) Tuggeranong Oval

Usage (Hours) FY 2021/22	Usage (Hours) FY 2022/23	Usage (Hours) FY 2023/24	Usage (Hours) FY 2024/25
321	421	539	391

2. (a) Collection of this information is still under development. The Government does not currently disaggregate staffing and machinery costs each of its assets and is therefore unable to provide a reliable maintenance cost per oval.

3. (a) Southwell Park

Upgrade Expenditure FY 2021/22	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2022/23	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2023/24	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2024/25
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(b) Dickson Oval

Upgrade Expenditure FY 2021/22	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2022/23	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2023/24	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2024/25
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(c) Gungahlin Enclosed

Upgrade Expenditure FY 2021/22	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2022/23	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2023/24	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2024/25
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(d) Harrison Oval

Upgrade Expenditure FY 2021/22	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2022/23	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2023/24	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2024/25
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(e) Phillip Oval

Upgrade Expenditure FY 2021/22	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2022/23	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2023/24	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2024/25
		*See below	*See below

\*27/09/2023 – Executed Contract for \$325,283.95 for design works (source Tenders ACT)

\*05/06/2024 – Executed Contract for \$6,952,780.21 for construction of new Pavilion and club house (source Tenders ACT)

(f) Belconnen Oval

Upgrade Expenditure FY 2021/22	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2022/23	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2023/24	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2024/25
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(g) Higgins Oval

Upgrade Expenditure FY 2021/22	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2022/23	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2023/24	Upgrade Expenditure FY 2024/25
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(h) Chifley Oval

Upgrade Expenditure	Upgrade Expenditure	Upgrade Expenditure	Upgrade Expenditure

<b>FY 2021/22</b>	<b>FY 2022/23</b>	<b>FY 2023/24</b>	<b>FY 2024/25</b>
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(i) Gowrie Playing Fields

<b>Upgrade Expenditure FY 2021/22</b>	<b>Upgrade Expenditure FY 2022/23</b>	<b>Upgrade Expenditure FY 2023/24</b>	<b>Upgrade Expenditure FY 2024/25</b>
Nil	Nil	Nil	\$169,911 (Floodlights)

(j) Tuggeranong Oval

<b>Upgrade Expenditure FY 2021/22</b>	<b>Upgrade Expenditure FY 2022/23</b>	<b>Upgrade Expenditure FY 2023/24</b>	<b>Upgrade Expenditure FY 2024/25</b>
\$177,000 (FFU)	Nil	Nil	Nil

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

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Minister for Sport and Recreation

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