

## Response to question on notice

### Questions on Notice Paper No 10

19 September 2025

Question No. 625

**Ms Fiona Carrick MLA:** To ask the Minister for Sports and Recreation

Can the Minister provide the planning documents that informed the decision to locate the ice rink in Tuggeranong, including:

- (a) the problem definition,
- (b) the underpinning assumptions, including population forecasts used, demand for ice sports, and the capacity required,
- (c) the options identified, including upgrading the existing site,
- (d) the criteria used to assess the options,
- (e) the assessment of the options against each of the criteria,
- (f) the cost of each option,
- (g) the timeframes,
- (h) the identified risks,
- (i) the consideration of access by public transport and the travel times,
- (j) safety walking through the area at night, particularly to the bus interchange and
- (k) how was the \$16.5 million contribution determined.

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

- (a) The 2016 ACT Labor election commitment nominated Tuggeranong as the preferred location for a new ice sports facility. Following the election commitment, the ACT Government prepared the ACT Ice Sports Facility Options Analysis Report (refer to [ACT Ice Sports Facility – Options Analysis Report](#)). The Option Analysis Report explored the merit of three different options for a future ice sports facility in Canberra.
- (b) Refer to the Options Analysis Report.
- (c) Refer to the Options Analysis Report.
  - The Options Analysis Report did not include any site identification analysis.
  - Following the completion of the Option Analysis Report, the ACT Government conducted an Expression of Interest (EOI) process in 2019 to seek interest from suitably qualified and experienced parties to design, construct, own, operate and maintain a new ice sports facility in the ACT. The EOI documentation detailed any new facility must be located in

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the ACT and the Territory's preferred location for the facility was south of Lake Burley Griffin.

- The EOI process did not preclude the owners of the Phillip Swimming and Ice Skating Centre (PSISC) from submitting an EOI. An EOI was not received from the previous owners of PSISC.
- Following completion of the EOI process, potential site options were considered by the ACT Government through a Cabinet process in July 2020. The private sector proponents for the new ice rink facility (Cruachan Investments, Pelligra Holdings) agreed to progress the development of a Detailed Proposal for the nominated site in Greenway.

(d) Refer to the Option Analysis Report.

(e) Refer to the Option Analysis Report.

(f) Refer to the Option Analysis Report.

(g) The Option Analysis Report was completed in October 2018.

(h) A range of scenarios were incorporated into the Option Analysis Report given there was not a significant amount of data readily available relating to the potential annual patronage figures for any new ice sports facility.

(i) The Greenway site is located in close proximity (approximately 500 metres) from the Tuggeranong Bus Interchange.

(j) The Greenway site is located in close proximity to a range of other facilities, including a hotel, licensed club and a mix of sporting facilities (e.g. enclosed oval, bowling greens, tennis courts and hockey fields).

(k) The \$16.265 million contribution was approved by the Government following assessment of the Detailed Proposal submitted by private sector proponents (Cruachan Investments, Pelligra Group).

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**

**Yvette Berry MLA**  
**Minister for Sports and Recreation**

**Date:**

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