

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Support for Special Olympics in Tasmania

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Senator: Brown, Carol

Question:

Mr Howes: There are a range of different ways we actually support Special Olympics.
Senator

CAROL BROWN: I asked that question. Mr Howes: As part of the Sporting Schools program, we actually work closely with Special Olympics around providing support to special schools. There are a number of different things that we do, including providing broader levels of support for people with disability in general. Senator

CAROL BROWN: What do you do in Tasmania?

Mr Howes: Can we take that on notice?

Senator CAROL BROWN: Yes, it would be great if you could provide what you do in Tasmania.

Answer:

The Australia Sports Commission (ASC) provides funding to support national sporting organisations, the Australian Paralympic Committee and eight national sporting organisations for people with disability to provide opportunities to increase participation in sport. In 2016-17, more than \$21 million in participation funding has been allocated to these organisations for participation outcomes.

The ASC works with these sports to ensure participation investment is directed towards strategic outcomes, including where participation by particular segments is core business including disability. The ASC encourages all of these organisations to provide products and programs that are inclusive. These organisations utilise this funding to provide opportunities around Australia, including in Tasmania.

The Sporting Schools program offers funding to Special Schools and schools that cater for students with a disability. In Tasmania, the Southern Support School and the Northern Support School have both received Sporting Schools funding. Additionally, 127 primary schools in Tasmania have reported that 983 students with a disability have participated in the Sporting Schools program since it commenced in Term 2, 2015.