

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 – 2017, 1 March 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 3 – Sport and Recreation

**Topic:** Funding for Women's Big Bash

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Rice, Janet

**Question:**

Has the Commonwealth Government provided funding to Cricket Australia for the creation of its Women's Big Bash League, which has created marketable role models for girls who may now be encouraged to pursue cricket as a participation sport? If so, how much?

**Answer:**

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) has not provided funding directly to support the Women's Big Bash League.

The ASC is providing \$936,500 to Cricket Australia for participation outcomes in 2016-17. This includes \$200,000 linked to the extension of the Sporting Schools program into years 7 and 8. This funding will be used to target the participation of girls.