

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 3 – Sport and Recreation

Topic: Funding Decrease - Major Participation Sports

Type of Question: Written

Senator: Farrell

Question:

Why has the vast majority of the reduction in participation funding come from major participation sports including cricket (\$403,500), Aussie rules (\$253,500), tennis (\$253,500), Rugby League (\$152,500) and netball (\$29,900)?

Answer:

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) has applied a 'means test' for participation investment for sports with annual revenue greater than \$250 million. Based on this, the AFL, Cricket Australia, NRL and Tennis Australia received less funding in 2016-17 than in 2015-16. Each of these sports has a large and growing revenue base due primarily to broadcasting and is well positioned to invest in participation.

In line with the ASC's Participation Categorisation Framework, as a Category A sport, Netball Australia was advised in June 2015 that funding would be reduced by \$29,900 in 2016-17 to \$950,000.