

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 Decrease - Participation

Type of Question: Written

Senator: Farrell, Don

Question:

What is the reasoning behind the biggest cuts being to the sports that are among those doing the most to support and boost participation?

Answer:

Due to increasing budget pressures the Australian Sports Commission 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.