

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 3 - Sport and Recreation

**Topic:** Sports Funding

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**Senator:** Farrell, Don

**Question:**

Senator FARRELL: Minister, can you tell us whether or not the government has had any discussions with the states or territories to ensure that they will not be cutting back any sports funding as a result of any income they receive from the lottery?

Senator Nash: I am not aware of specific discussions, Minister. I am happy to take that on—

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...Senator FARRELL: So you are saying that, when the minister says it is additional funding, that is also—

Senator Nash: No, I am saying that my expectation would be that it was. But I am clearly not the minister, so I have undertaken to take that on notice for you. I have simply made the comment that he has stated that it is additional funding.

Senator FARRELL: My question, obviously, is in relation to whether the states and territories think similarly.

Senator Nash: And clearly I cannot comment on that, Senator.

Senator FARRELL: No, but you are going to check it out.

Senator Nash: I will most certainly take it on notice for you.

**Answer:**

Discussions with states and territories, including the terms of their participation in a national lottery, should it proceed, will occur as the concept is further developed.