

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 & 30 May 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 3 – Sport and Recreation

**Topic:** Sporting Schools

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

**Senator:** Senator Don Farrell

**Question:**

a) Given the additional funding has been split to provide \$40 million in 2017-18 and about \$20 million for 2018-19, how will this expansion of the program be possible with the same or less annual funding than the program has had in previous years? b) What consultation, if any, was conducted with existing providers during the process of designing the program? c) Was any consultation done with schools? If so, what exactly was done?

**Answer:**

- a) The additional funding supports the extension of the Sporting Schools program until December 2018 and expands access to the program to a wider range of students. Currently, the Sporting Schools program is only open to primary schools and primary school aged students in combined and special schools. From 1 July 2017, secondary schools will be able to register and apply for funding for students in Year 7 and 8. Combined schools and special schools will also be able to apply for funding for students in Year 7 and 8.
- b) The ASC consulted extensively with 32 National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) in the process of designing the program. As the custodians of sport in Australia, NSOs continue to play an integral role in the design and implementation of the Sporting Schools program.
- c) The Sporting Schools program is an evolution of the former Active After-school Communities (AASC) program. Feedback from schools involved in the AASC program informed the design of Sporting Schools. The ASC continues to collect feedback from schools on the design and implementation of the program through a Program Delivery Survey distributed to all funded schools. Over 75% of schools respond to this survey and their feedback continues to shape the design and implementation of the program. Currently, over 90% of schools who have responded to this survey are satisfied with the Sporting Schools program overall.