

Estimates A – June 27, 2008

SASI – Vacswim – grants lists

Mr PEDERICK: I refer to Budget Paper 4, Volume 1. Can the minister update the committee on the overall state of SASI at the current time? I take note of his previous answer, but the opposition is keen to know if there have been any funding cuts to SASI because it has been advised that five high performance coaches may lose their positions.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The advice that I have received is that there are no planned cuts, but, having said that, the budget does need to be finalised and the distribution of the funds is still to occur.

Mr PEDERICK: I refer again to Budget Paper 4, Volume 1. Can the minister update the committee on the status of VACSWIM? We have discussed previously that the number of children attending this important program has decreased in recent years. Has the decline continued, and is the same contractor still running this program?

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: My advice is that, roughly speaking, we will have about the same numbers. I can tell the committee that in VACSWIM 2008, 18,922 young people participated at 152 locations across the state. This is an increase from 18,798 who participated in 2007—a marginal increase. If I remember correctly, there was a period prior to that where the numbers were down a bit. That is probably what the member is referring to. We expect the numbers to be roughly the same. Is the same contractor still running it? My advice is that LeisureCo will run the whole contract.

Mr PEDERICK: I refer to Budget Paper 4, Volume 1, page 1.37. I appreciate that this may be a question on notice. Could the minister provide a list of clubs and community groups that received grants in 2007-08?

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: We could give that information now, but it would take longer than the time we have available so we will get the information to the honourable member. I will give a snapshot so that the honourable member is at least aware of what we are looking at.

The advice I have been given is that approved grants for active recreation and sporting organisations for the 2007-08 financial year across all programs are as follows:

- Active Club Program: 187 approved in the first round for an amount of \$1,083,815;
- Community Recreation and Sports Facilities Program (to which I have referred a couple of times during the course of the morning): 20 approved for an amount of \$1,496,293.50;
- Move It: 24 approved for an amount of \$359,057;
- Inclusive Recreation Inclusive Sport—Top Up: six approved for an amount of \$100,000;
- Inclusive Recreation Inclusive Sport—Minor Projects: 19 approved for an amount of \$65,248;
- Inclusive Recreation Inclusive Sport—Major Projects: 18 approved for an amount of \$334,752;
- Statewide Enhancement Program—Stream 1: 80 approved for an amount of \$4,017,000;
- Statewide Enhancement Program—Stream 2: 74 approved for an amount of \$1,184,800;
- Statewide Enhancement Program—Stream 3: 21 approved for an amount of \$1,403,800;
- Statewide Enhancement Program—Emergency Funding: three approved for an amount of \$12,000.

In total 452 were approved for \$8,972,950. We will get the breakdown for the member.