

Division 65: Sport and Recreation -

Question: Hon Louise Pratt MLC asked: What information does the department have on the impact of the GST on either peoples ability to participate in sport, volunteer as a coach or assist in club administration?

Answer: Prior to the implementation of GST, the Department of Sport and Recreation was proactive in scheduling Statewide more than 100 information and education briefings to encourage preparations for introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST). A close working relationship was forged with Sport Australia, the Western Australian Sports Federation and local governments to assist in a smooth transition to the introduction of the GST. There is clearly additional administrative responsibilities on volunteer treasurers, and management of clubs is more complex. There is anecdotal evidence to suggest that volunteer treasurers are getting harder to recruit.