

Western Australian Institute of Sport —

Mrs L.A. Munday, Chair.

Dr A.D. Buti, Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation.

Mr S. Lawrence, Chief Executive Officer.

Mr D. Fitzpatrick, Manager, Corporate Services.

Mr G. Hamley, Chief of Staff, Minister for Sport and Recreation.

[Witnesses introduced.]

The CHAIR: This estimates committee will be reported by Hansard. The daily proof *Hansard* will be available online as soon as possible within two business days. Questions must relate to the operations and budget of the off-budget authority. The chair will allow as many questions as possible. Questions and answers should be short and to the point.

A minister may agree to provide supplementary information to the committee. I will ask the minister to clearly indicate what information they agree to provide and will then allocate a reference number. Supplementary information should be provided to the principal clerk by close of business Friday, 3 June 2022. If a minister suggests that a matter be put on notice, members should use the online questions on notice system.

The CHAIR: Member for Roe.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: I will be very brief, as I was last year. On page 580, we have the budgeted figure of \$143 000 for asset replacement cover for each year. Can the minister explain what this actually covers?

Dr A.D. BUTI: I will ask Mr Lawrence to answer.

Mr S. Lawrence: Each year we plan to replace some of the operational assets such as treadmills, cameras and other sports technology that is required to make a scientific assessments of the athletes.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: On page 565 the Western Australian Institute of Sport receives \$2.416 million each year from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. How many athletes does WAIS oversee?

Dr A.D. BUTI: I think it is 219, but I will ask Mr Lawrence if that is right.

Mr S. Lawrence: On direct scholarships, we have somewhere between around 210 to 250 athletes; it varies during the year because each sport has its own cycle. In addition to that, we support another 150 athletes in performance pathways leading up to scholarship programs. These are athletes who we work with in collaboration with state sporting associations. Our facilities are also used by the national hockey program that is based in Perth as well as various professional teams that are based on the precinct.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: How many FTE are there at the WA Institute of Sport?

Mr S. Lawrence: The current FTE is 53.6.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Has the institute modelled how participation rates may rise or fall based on access to major sporting events?

Dr A.D. BUTI: That is really not within the purview of the Western Australian Institute of Sport, so, no.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Does the minister think that hosting a major international sporting event such as the Commonwealth Games would actually improve participation rates in WA?

Dr A.D. BUTI: We are talking about the Western Australian Institute of Sport's role in the development and training of elite athletes. That question is not really relevant.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: Are they not the ones who go to the Commonwealth Games?

The CHAIR: Is that a question, member for North West Central?

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: I have a further question.

The CHAIR: Is that a different question, member for Roe?

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: I would have thought it was relevant considering a lot of the athletes who train at the Western Australian Institute of Sport aspire to go to the Commonwealth Games and the Olympic Games and the like.

Dr A.D. BUTI: What budget line item is the member referring to?

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: It is WA Institute of Sport, and \$2.4 million is budgeted. That is really where I am coming from, I guess. It is an aspirational thing flowing on from that, minister. Regardless of that, I think we will leave it at that and move on; if that is all right? Thanks, Mr Lawrence.

Dr A.D. BUTI: Actually, that was probably longer than last year.

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Chair; Mr Peter Rundle; Dr Tony Buti; Mr Vincent Catania

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: It was longer—I know.

The CHAIR: That completes the examination of the Western Australian Institute of Sport off-budget authority.