

Questions taken on notice and further information agreed to be supplied at the hearings.

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Relevant text:

Can we have a look at the outcomes and numbers related to the fair access policy and Change our Game program?

Answer:

The Office for Women in Sport and Recreation was established in 2017 to deliver on the recommendations of the Inquiry into Women and Girls in Sport and Active Recreation (2015).

Since 2016, the Allan Labor Government has committed more than \$18 million to deliver a suite of Change Our Game initiatives and policies to advance gender equality in sport and active recreation. This investment included \$11.57 million over four years from the 2021-22 State Budget.

Since 2021-22, Change Our Game program outcomes include:

- Delivering the Fair Access Policy Roadmap, a leading national policy working with local governments to ensure community sports infrastructure is equally accessible by women and girls. Since December 2024, 100% of Victorian local councils and Alpine Resorts Victoria have an acceptable adopted policy in place.
- Delivering Victoria's Balance the Board policy, which has supported more than 90% of funded Victorian state sport and active recreation bodies to have a minimum of 40% representation of women on boards.
- Delivering the Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program to improve participation, build capability and celebrate the role of women and girls in sport and active recreation. More than 470 grants for community clubs and organisations have been supported with more than \$2.6 million in funding.
- Delivering professional development programs, including the Change Our Game Professional Development Scholarships and Women in Sports Media programs. This has supported more than 480 professional development opportunities for individuals.
- Delivering the Change Our Game Research Grants program, supporting 11 projects with Victorian university researchers to undertake tangible research relating to women and girls in sport and active recreation, including enhancing pathways for women coaches and officials in community sport.

- Building an evidence base to inform policy, including the 2023-24 The Conversation of Sport report to continue direct engagement with sport and media organisations to address the underrepresentation of women in sport news coverage in Victoria. In 2023-24, 20% of all sports news stories were focused on women's sport, an increase from 15% in 2022-23.
- Delivering Change Our Game campaign and sector engagement to support and advocate for increasing opportunities in participation, in leadership, and the visibility of women and girls across all areas of the sector.

Alongside this, the Victorian Government has a long history of supporting initiatives to level the playing field for women and girls in sport and active recreation and will continue to prioritise women and girls and other underrepresented cohorts.

Since 2014, more than \$1 billion has been invested in more than 1,840 community sports infrastructure projects that benefit women and girls. Additionally, during that same period approximately \$24 million has been provided through community sport participation programs to directly support women and girls' participation including Together More Active, Sporting Club Grants, Aboriginal Sport Participation Grants, and Get Active Kids Vouchers.

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Question: Why was there a reduction in funding for the Basketball High Performance hubs from \$14.7m in 2024-25 to \$1.4m in 2025-26?

Supplementary Question: Which specific projects were allocated under the 2024-25 Basketball High Performance Hubs program?

Answer:

The funding for Basketball Victoria's High Performance Hub Program has not changed, with \$0.3 million provided in 2024-25 and \$0.3 million provided in 2025-26.

The funding has been provided as part of different initiatives each year.

In the 2024-25 Victorian Budget (Budget Paper 3: Service Delivery, pages 58 and 62), funding for basketball hubs was part of the \$17.5 million over 3 years provided for **Delivering community sports infrastructure and basketball hubs**, which included:

- Local Sports Infrastructure Fund
- Country Football and Netball Program
- Basketball hubs
- Community sport and recreation projects.

In the 2025-26 Victorian Budget (Budget Paper 3: Service Delivery, pages 61 and 66), funding for basketball hubs is part of the \$20.3 million over 2 years provided for **Improving access to community sport and recreation**, which includes:

- Get Active Kids Voucher Program
- Reclink Australia's ActiVIC and Future Active programs
- Basketball hubs.

The funding provided for Basketball Victoria's High Performance Hub Program will support the delivery of a high-performance training development program for talented basketballers at High Performance Hubs across the State. The Hubs are currently located in Broadmeadows, Werribee, Ballarat, Bendigo, Shepparton, Traralgon and Geelong. Since initial funding in 2019-20, the Hubs have provided nearly 1,000 participants and 150 coaches with high performance training and holistic development opportunities.