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Division 37: Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries — Service 5, Sport and Recreation, \$133 113 000 —

Ms L.L. Baker, Chair.

Mr M.P. Murray, Minister for Sport and Recreation.

Mr D. Ord, Director General.

Ms S. Sherdiwala, Director and Portfolio Chief Financial Officer.

Ms K. Ellwood, Executive Director.

Mr R. Thomson, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Investment.

Mrs E. Ramage, Chief of Staff, Minister for Sport and Recreation.

[Witnesses introduced.]

The CHAIR: This estimates committee will be reported by Hansard. The daily *Hansard* will be available the following day. The Chair will ensure that as many questions as possible are asked and answered and that both questions and answers are short and to the point. The estimates committee's consideration of the estimates will be restricted to discussion of those items for which a vote of money is proposed in the consolidated account. Questions must be clearly related to a page number, item, program or amount in the current division. Members should give these details in preface to their question. If a division or service is the responsibility of more than one minister, a minister shall be examined only in relation to their portfolio responsibilities.

The minister may agree to provide supplementary information to the committee rather than asking that the question be put on notice for the next sitting week. I ask the minister to clearly indicate what supplementary information he agrees to provide and I will then allocate a reference number. If supplementary information is to be provided, I seek the minister's cooperation in ensuring that it is delivered to the principal clerk by Friday, 30 October 2020. I caution members that if a minister asks that a matter be put on notice, it is up to the member to lodge the question on notice through the online questions system.

The member for Kalgoorlie.

Mr K.M. O'DONNELL: I refer to page 564 of budget paper No 2, volume 2. The fifth line from the bottom is "West Australian Football Commission". It is budgeted for \$11.8 million this year, an increase of practically half a million dollars from the 2019–20 budget. It was revealed in the media this year that \$9 million of the \$11.8 million was paid as wages for 134 staff, of whom 23 were apparently getting at least \$100 000. One part-timer was alleged to be getting \$1 000 an hour, and four staff were allegedly paid more than \$200 000 each. As of today, how much of this budget of \$11.8 million —

The CHAIR: Member, is this the subject of an inquiry at the moment?

Mr K.M. O'DONNELL: I do not know if that is —

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I will give a brief answer, if the member likes.

The CHAIR: Is the minister allowed to, if there is an inquiry?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: No, I was going to tell him about the inquiry.

The CHAIR: Sorry to interrupt; go ahead.

Mr K.M. O'DONNELL: As of today, how much of this budget of \$11.8 million will be used for staff wages for the next year, knowing that they used \$9 million last year?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I am going to be very, very brief in my answer because of the inquiry that is on and because of people in this chamber who are party to that inquiry. I think it would be totally unfair to ask those questions in here, and I would not try to put words in other people's mouths. I will say that the WA Football Commission is investigating internally, and I applaud that.

Mr K.M. O'DONNELL: That is great. Further to that, I was going to ask if the minister could comment on what procedures are being put in place to ensure that this is managed better.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: The member is going to have to wait until the inquiry hands down its recommendations. I note that government does not have control of the WA Football Commission; it is an independent body. I think it would be foolish for the commission to ignore or not even look at the recommendations that come out of this inquiry.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: I refer to page 564 and the table under "Details of Controlled Grants and Subsidies". I would like some clarification on the lines "Kidsport" and "Lotterywest Back to Sport COVID-19 Relief Program". I noted the other day the announcement of, I think, a \$150 grant for kids to go back into sport, and how it was badged as

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a new program. I would like some clarification on when the Kidsport program first came on the scene, because it is my understanding that a previous sports minister, Tuck Waldron, actually initiated this fantastic initiative. It is also my understanding that the grant was then \$200, not the \$150 that the minister is advocating at the moment.

Can the minister provide some clarity? I was unsure whether he said it was a new program, knowing that it is actually not a new program.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: No, KidSport has been around for a time, and I acknowledge that a former minister started it off.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: Is it still \$200, or has the minister reduced that?

[8.40 pm]

Mr M.P. MURRAY: It has been reduced, yes, to \$150. Because the government was left with a huge debt of \$43 billion, we were asked to reduce our costs. I looked at that, and there were some suggestions that we get rid of it, but I would not entertain that idea whatsoever. I brought it down by \$50 so that it could be spread out further. It is now a \$4 million program. It is still very well received by the sporting public, especially parents who are doing it a bit tough. As the member talked about and as was in the press release the other day, it has been so well received that even the media, although they would sometimes call it a small issue, has been very interested in the program.

There is another side. I was talking on radio a couple of weeks ago when a mother rang up to say that her four kids would not be playing sport except for the \$150. There were four kids in one family on a Health Care Card. If the books had not been damaged by the previous government and we had not had to correct it, we might not have had to do it. We brought it forward so that a lot of the kids were paid up for the start of winter sport, and so that they can pay for summer sport and get back into the system. The WA Little Athletics program is just starting up after the winter break. The parents I met there were very pleased that they would be able to apply for it again.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: I will make sure that I send this transcript to Hon “Tuck” Waldron!

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I certainly acknowledge Tuck Waldron for the work that was done. The east coast has the same system but a different set of rules. This is targeted directly at sport and I think that is great.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: The minister said that they are bringing forward the next lot of funding because of the subscription in this financial year. Can I clarify that KidSport is not a new policy announcement by the minister or government, as was portrayed by the minister in the media statement? This is an existing policy that has been around for six years. It started under the previous government. This is not new money; it is money being brought forward to cater for growth, and the subsidy has been reduced from \$200 to \$150. Am I correct in saying what I just said?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I have read some stories about the member in *The West Australian* and, when I have asked him about them, he has said they were not true! Not everything we read in the paper is 100 per cent right but, in this case, there is \$4 million for the kids. We have factored in that around 25 000 children will get that subsidy for playing sport. That is remarkable. It is such a good program. I do not want it to be belittled because people are trying to play games. I am not about that. It is about getting money to the grassroots level—something I have prided myself on over the last four years.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: The problem is that the minister’s media statement says it is a new policy that is part of the COVID-19 recovery plan. That is what upsets me because that is playing politics, given that the program is six years old. I want clarification that it is not a new program.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I will pass to the director general.

Mr D. Ord: I will pass to Ms Ellwood in a moment. The press release related to additional money that was being provided through the Lotteries Commission.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: The minister said it was brought forward.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: Yes.

Mr D. Ord: It is additional funds, but I will defer to Ms Ellwood who can give the member the details.

Ms K. Ellwood: Absolutely. I will acknowledge that the program commenced in 2012. It is such a popular program and demand has been so high that the minister has been able to leverage additional funding of \$4 million through Lotterywest, which was reported in the paper, to enable another 24 500 kids to participate in sport. Another line in the budget mentions \$6 624 million and that is the \$4.624 million over the forward estimates plus the underspend from last financial year due to COVID when sport could not go ahead. Through Treasury and the minister, we have been able to bring forward that money to make it available to the kids in this financial year as well.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: Is the minister able to provide a breakdown of KidSport by regions—the Kimberley, Gascoyne and Pilbara, and the metropolitan region? Is the minister able to give us a breakdown of how many kids have applied for the funds?

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Mr M.P. MURRAY: Before I pass the question to the DG, I will make a comment; I have to be very careful about how I put it. Under the previous government, KidSport money in one particular town was not checked as hard as it should have been. In one town, more vouchers went out than there were children in the area.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: Do I know that one?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I will talk to the member at another time; I will get into trouble if I say it here. In one town, because health records were used to get the names, a bloody dog was getting the money! There was a police inquiry, which is why I have been very careful about what I have said. Along with staff, I have worked very hard to make sure that the spread of that money is going into regions that really need it. I understand that. I have been up in the Carnarvon area and sometimes they do not apply for the money. We cannot help that but I think we have some figures, so I will defer to Mr Ord.

Mr D. Ord: I will defer to Ms Ellwood, who can outline how we record the various vouchers into which regions.

Ms K. Ellwood: We are able to provide a full list of every region. We break down every region into the number of kids who have applied, and also take demographics, including Aboriginality, culturally and linguistically diverse figures, and disability, as well as every sport that is registered. We have a full database and can quite easily provide infographics, through the minister, if the member would like.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: If I could have that as supplementary information, minister, it would be fantastic.

The CHAIR: We need to get that repeated in a succinct form so that I can allocate it a number. Could Ms Ellwood find a quick way of saying that? Then the minister has to say that he is putting it on the record.

Ms K. Ellwood: Could the member confirm whether he wants information on a specific region?

Mr V.A. CATANIA: No, could all the regions in regional Western Australia be broken down—the Kimberley, Pilbara, Gascoyne, goldfields and south west? It is a breakdown, by region, of where the KidSport funding has gone and the demographics like Aboriginality and which people are taking it up.

The CHAIR: Hopefully that is enough for the *Hansard*. Is the minister happy with that?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: Yes.

[*Supplementary Information No A14.*]

Mr K.M. O'DONNELL: I refer to the line item “Sports Lotteries Account” on page 564. What is the sports lotteries account? It is probably the same answer, but what will the \$19 million be spent on?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: Instead of butchering the answer, I will give it to the experts and ask the director general to answer.

[8.50 pm]

Mr D. Ord: The sports lotteries account makes up five per cent of the net revenue of the Lotteries Commission—Lotterywest. The act requires that five per cent of Lotterywest's net earnings goes into the sports lotteries account. Those funds are then provided, by way of the budget, through Treasury and then through the department. Those funds support the various state sporting clubs, associations and funds—essentially, the structure of community sport in Western Australia. The account is strongly focused on community participation. The sports lotteries account also supports the WA Institute of Sport.

Ms L. METTAM: I refer to the community sporting and recreation facilities fund on page 544 of budget paper No 2, part 8. The total for 2020–21 shows an inflated figure of \$18 million. It is inflated due to COVID projects. Why is the figure so significantly reduced in the out years, particularly in comparison with the amount contributed to this fund under the previous government?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I thank the member for the question. It is a reasonable question when we look at that line item, which often goes up and down. Every year, there are some carryovers. Some bodies hand their grant back because they are unable to complete or even start the building for which they applied for money. The figure jumps up and down but there are also the carryovers when business has not finished but the grant has not been fully paid out. I think it is paid out in three separate payments. It is carried into the next year. That is why the figure goes up and down. In one particular case—I will not mention the name—a shire handed back \$700 000 in one hit. Of course there is a spike because other bits and pieces have not been paid out. It certainly jumps up and down a bit. The grant program is very, very popular and is oversubscribed every year. Even if we were able to provide grants only once in a lifetime, we would use up the whole state budget because there are that many organisations that want new or upgraded facilities. For example—I am sure the member would be interested in this—grants are provided for swimming pools. Many swimming pools are 50 years old because they were built around the time of the Commonwealth Games—I think they measured 55 yards—and now they are starting to fall in. Money has to go into that area. We have provided a huge amount of money towards swimming pools.

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I have really been hard on bowling clubs. Some of them have used artificial turf for 10 years and still have not put any money away. They got rid of the greenkeepers but did not put any money away. They have realised they need sinking funds so that, in time, they can replace, renew or do whatever they like alongside that grant. It is something that was vaguely in place before, but now part of the contract is that organisations must have a sinking fund so that the local government and the community are not hit up for funds in the future because people have utilised the facility and not paid for it along the way.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: I refer to page 564 and the line item “Sports Lotteries Account”, with a budget estimate of \$19.628 million. Can the minister explain the process? As he knows, lotteries grants went through a process in which there was no potential political influence in the decision-making about where the lotteries grants would go. Now that lotteries grants have been split into various areas, sports and recreation being one, can the minister describe the process and the involvement he has as a minister on those receiving the sports lotteries grants?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: One of the better ways of raising funds for sports is through the Lotteries Commission. If we go back a little while, there was a move within the conservative government to sell off the lotteries account, along with the TAB.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: That is not true.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: It is true.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: No, it is not.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I will argue until the cows come home.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: No; TAB, but not lotteries, thank you.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: There was talk about it happening. It is one of the best programs around. On the east coast, the profits go to the shareholders and not to the community. It would be an absolutely absurd decision to get rid of it.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: I take a point of order, Madam Chair. The minister has misled Parliament by saying the previous government was going to sell off lotteries. That is completely untrue.

The CHAIR: Can we please stick to the division and the service, and, minister, the response to the question, thank you.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: On the sports lotteries account as such, we will agree to disagree. We have had the discussion in recent times during COVID about where the money can and cannot go, and where money can be allocated under the lotteries account. To get that absolutely spot on, I will defer to the director general.

Mr D. Ord: As I indicated earlier, the sports lotteries account primarily supports state sporting organisations. We publish a framework for how sports are supported. It is based on multi-factor criteria and is developed with the sporting industry itself. The last review of that was conducted last year and a new organisation investment program put in place, I think earlier this year, for a rolling three-year period. Because we have been able to secure more funding for sport and recreation, we have been able to offer multi-funding; in the past, it was annualised. That framework is essentially based on whether sports are active regionally and whether they have a large membership base, participation base and so on. It also picks up their activities around cultural diversity or engagement with Indigenous players, whether the sport is also played by women and men equally, and so on. They all fall into a multi-factor priority and there is a series of grading. Each grading aligns to a set sum of money that the government is prepared to provide in support of that particular sport. That framework is then completed. It is reported on annually by the sport, so it has to meet defined KPIs related to the funding, and it is reported to the minister. Ultimately, before the department approves the funding, the whole framework of funding agreements is put to the minister for final approval. The minister has never directed us to spend the money outside of the advice that he has been given under the assessment criteria for the fund.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: Does the minister have the final say on whether to approve that project?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: Yes.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: Previously, the final say was given by the Premier. Is that correct? Prior to COVID, did the Premier have the final tick-off under the normal regime prior to the money being allocated?

[9.00 pm]

Mr D. Ord: The Premier is not my minister, of course, but the Premier does the final sign-off on recommendations from the Lotterywest board. It is consistently applied, whether it is community grants directly from lotteries or not. Ultimately, the minister’s oversight is obviously related to his responsibilities to Parliament—to oversight the appropriate expenditure of funds. We prepare those disbursements, if you like, in an appropriate way for the minister to know that it has been done according to the processes that he agrees to under the funding scheme.

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Mr V.A. CATANIA: Regarding having a level playing field and spreading this valuable money to sporting organisations across the state, does the minister have a way of ensuring that it is spread across the state, not in certain pockets of the population or potentially seats that the government wants to win?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: Just to clarify a little, sports lotteries and Lotterywest are separate.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: Sorry, I did not hear that.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: That is a change, is it not! Sports lotteries and Lotterywest are two different accounts. The member has to remember that they are separate. Going back to his question about how moneys are divvied up, it is with great caution. I make sure that it is, firstly, based on needs, and certainly on the basis of each community being able to support what they get and maintain what they get, as much as anything else. If the member wished to take the time and look through the account, he will see that it is very evenly spread around the whole state.

Ms L. METTAM: I refer to page 545 of budget paper No 2, under the heading “Spending Changes”, with reference to business case funding as well as the state sporting infrastructure fund. Is there any allocation or commitment for a rebuild of the State Tennis Centre; and, if that is not the case, why not?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I think the member might be looking at the business case funding of Perth Concert Hall.

Ms L. METTAM: No; I am referring to the absence of the State Tennis Centre under “Spending Changes”. I am also referring to the line item “Business Case Funding” and asking whether there is a commitment to the rebuild of the State Tennis Centre. If this is not part of that, why is it not the case?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: Firstly, it is right on the board. I will try to get an answer, because the business case funding really goes to the Perth Concert Hall, His Majesty’s Theatre and areas such as that. In saying that, we have had many talks with WA tennis groups. Unfortunately, in the early part of discussions they were divided and two people from the political arena, who are in this room, were coming to me with different views. We sat down again with the tennis people and said, “For goodness sake, sort yourselves out before you start coming to us.” We are still doing that and even as recently as this week, when the last meeting with Tennis West was held, there was still some confusion about where it wants to go. Until it gives us an idea and a business plan, we cannot help it and are not able to do that at this stage. There is about \$2.5 million compensation on the books from when it had its tennis court area disrupted when the stadium was being built. We have offered that if it comes up with a reasonable business plan; that money can go forth and be spent. We still do not have a plan and recently it again asked where it might be able to go other than Burswood; that is, whether there are any other places to go. When we put Whiteman Park on the table, it rejected it out of hand. The other day it could not remember that. All I can say to Tennis West—but I cannot say it in my words—is to get its act together and come to us with a plan so that whichever government is in this place can move on. At the moment, it is not up to scratch to say that. I believe it has its annual general meeting very shortly, and maybe some changes will help that.

Ms L. METTAM: Can the minister confirm whether the government is still considering moving the State Tennis Centre to Whiteman Park, or is that no longer an option?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: No, it is not for us to say where it is going. We are offering parcels of land that may be suitable. My view is that if we are to have a tennis centre, we have it all in one area. That is my personal view. Tennis West does not have that view; it wants areas for training and areas that is a centre—the whole lot. It is not for me to make that decision. It is for Tennis West to make that decision and come forward.

Ms C.M. ROWE: On a point of order, I do not think this line of questioning is very specific to any budget line item.

The CHAIR: It is a fair call. I have given the member for Vasse a great deal of leeway with this. The minister said he was prepared to answer the question. I think we have probably come to the end of the discussion with what can get contributed to.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I cannot tell Tennis West what to do, but I can be told what to do!

Mr V.A. CATANIA: On a point of order, there is a line item that says “State Tennis Centre Redevelopment” for \$2.5 million. There was no funding.

Mr J.N. CAREY: That was not being referred to. Know the rules!

Mr V.A. CATANIA: I know the rules quite well.

The CHAIR: Member for Vasse, are you referring to that line item?

Ms L. METTAM: Yes, the \$2.5 million.

The CHAIR: Excellent. Can you just tell us where it is?

Ms L. METTAM: It is on page 564.

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The CHAIR: Excellent. Is there a further question, member for Vasse, that you wanted to ask?

Ms L. METTAM: Just to clarify in relation to the negotiations that the minister is undertaking with Tennis West, will the government commit any funds to the redevelopment of the State Tennis Centre, and when does the minister think there will be a final outcome?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: The State Tennis Centre business case should be completed in November; I am not saying that it will be. I think Tennis West had its last meeting late last week. The first option is the status quo—staying at Burswood. The second option is an upgrade of the State Tennis Centre at the existing Burswood site with a reduced scope. The third option is for a new State Tennis Centre constructed on an unspecified greenfield site located within 20 kilometres of the city centre with the full scope. That is what we would like to see, and that is the challenge that Tennis West has. It is well and truly in front of it to come out and understand what it has to do. This has been going on since I have been here! Tennis West knows that it has to do something, but it is unable to come forward with a plan and a business case that is satisfactory to the WA government.

[9.10 pm]

Mr V.A. CATANIA: Have some indicative costs been done on the options that the minister has just provided? Is it \$50 million or \$100 million? Surely the minister's department has been able to evaluate those sites. I am sure that part of the discussions by Tennis West were about what is and what is not affordable. Is there an indicative cost of those sites?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: Again, that is not our job. How long is a piece of string? How can I measure whether it will be a four-storey building or a 40-storey building?

Mr V.A. CATANIA: The minister is responsible for making sure that the sport functions.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I am not building the tennis centre; Tennis West is.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: But it is going to have to build it with taxpayers' money.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: Listen for a change. I heard the member. I got some figures back on what the land was worth over there, just to get an idea. The figures varied from between \$20 million and \$40 million. I thought, "That's pretty hard. If it was \$20 million, I might slip out and buy it myself." The member for Perth can come along and get a share of that, knowing how good Perth is going. When the tennis groups themselves drill down and get a position, we can work to that and then we can get some indicative figures.

The CHAIR: I think we have got to the end of this.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: Just one more question.

The CHAIR: Do not labour the same point, member. The minister has answered the question several times. Does the member have anything new on this issue?

Mr V.A. CATANIA: I just want to make the point that surely it is the government's responsibility and the minister's responsibility to ensure that we have a tennis centre.

The CHAIR: Do members have any further questions on this? I am going to put the question. We are dealing with division 37 and the question is that the appropriation be recommended.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: I have a further question.

The CHAIR: I have been asking members whether there are any further questions.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: Sorry. We have plenty of time. We do not want to go home early. There are plenty of questions to ask.

The CHAIR: I am attempting to keep things going, so please ask the question.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: I refer to the asset investment program on page 560 of budget paper No 2, volume 2. Paragraph 1.9 shows \$2 million for the state football soccer centre. I have not been able to find that budget allocation in the budget papers. All I could find for this in the budget papers was a figure of \$206 000 for the Football West relocation, but I could not find the \$2 million that the government has allocated under the asset investment program for the state football centre.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I will defer that to Mr Thomson.

Mr R. Thomson: There is a line item for \$32.5 million in spending changes that reflects the state football centre. That cash flow is subject to finalising negotiations with the commonwealth on its contribution of \$16.25 million. It will not necessarily show up immediately in the asset investment programs, as we have only just finished the project

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definition phase and started the design phase, so the building is not due to commence until about April next year. The cash flow will not show up as an asset at this time, but that money is allocated in the budget papers.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: The government has allocated \$32 million for the new football centre. Can the minister provide a time frame? Mr Thomson just said that the works would start next year. What is the completion date for the project? I find it strange that something that is about to be built still does not have a line item and a figure in the budget that clearly demonstrates that \$32 million has been allocated to it.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: The football centre itself has been well received in that area, as I am sure the member understands. Football is a growth sport. The department is in the process of delivering the centre at Queens Park. There has been a small hiccup over some very small environmental issues. The facility will be a centre of excellence and certainly something that we hope, when things get back to normal, will encourage teams from around the world to utilise. The facility itself will consist of two floodlit playing fields with match-day facilities, including change rooms, a sports and science component, and administration facilities for Football West. I am not trying to pad things out, but Football West has been very progressive in the way that it runs sport, especially the amount of women's sport it conducts, so I take my hat off to it.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: Does the minister have a completion date?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: In comparison with some of the other matters that we have talked about today, this is a well-thought out, well-planned centre of excellence that will be built there very quickly. The time line for delivery is mid-2023 to ensure that the state football centre is available to be used as a training venue for the FIFA Women's World Cup football tournament. There is a deadline to work towards to make sure that happens. I have quite a bit of other stuff here written in front of me, but it would be remiss of me not to mention that the commonwealth government has committed \$16 million towards this as well.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: Is that on top of the \$32 million?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: That is together.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: So half of it is actually from the federal government?

Mr M.P. MURRAY: It is in the budget under the line item "State Football (Soccer) Centre" on page 545 with a figure of \$32.5 million. It is needed and something for which the round ball football groups have been advocating for some time. With our mix and match of football people, it will certainly be welcome to have top-class games in that facility, which is something that we are struggling with at the moment.

Ms L. METTAM: I refer to the details of controlled grants and subsidies on page 563, and the Lotterywest back to sport COVID-19 relief program on page 564, which has \$5 million attached to it. I would like to know what the program is about, where the program has been delivered, and which locations have benefited.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I will defer to Mr Ord.

Mr D. Ord: The program is just beginning. We put in a submission to the Lotterywest board. The \$4 million is supporting the expansion of the KidsSport program that was referred to earlier, and another \$1 million is available for club assistance, including materials to help clubs meet their COVID safety plans and the like. That is where the \$5 million comes from.

Ms L. METTAM: This question may well be similar. I want to ask about the Lotterywest creative communities COVID-19 recovery program on page 564, for which \$5 million has been committed for 2020–21.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: Again, I defer to Mr Ord.

Mr D. Ord: That is Minister Templeman's portfolio.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: I refer to the COVID-19 WA recovery plan on page 545. I find it quite amazing that the COVID-19 recovery plan includes the WACA ground redevelopment, because I am pretty sure that it was announced prior to COVID-19, if I can remember correctly.

No? I refer to that \$20 million. Have any federal funds been allocated to the redevelopment of the WACA ground?

[9.20 pm]

The CHAIR: It is \$2 million

Mr V.A. CATANIA: Sorry; \$2 million, plus forward estimates.

The CHAIR: Plus 10—oh, forward estimates! Sorry.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I will defer again to Mr Ord.

Chair; Mr Kyran O'Donnell; Mr Mick Murray; Mr Vincent Catania; Ms Libby Mettam; Ms Cassandra Rowe; Mr John Carey

Mr D. Ord: State funds of \$30 million have been put aside for the WACA project. An amount of \$30 million had already been announced by the federal government. In addition to that, Cricket Australia is providing \$4 million and the WACA itself is providing \$11 million. There is the City of Perth project involving a community pool, with an estimated value of \$25 million.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: In terms of the money that is in this budget, it is shown on page 545 that there is \$2 million in 2020–21, \$10 million in 2021–22 and \$18 million in 2022–23. Is that state money that has been put in the budget? It does not include the federal funds or the WACA funds or the other funds that were just mentioned?

Mr D. Ord: Yes, that is correct. In comparison, because the member noticed the commonwealth money was there for the football, we are administering the project for football and all the funds are coming to the department, so it is in our budget. In the case of the WACA, we will be providing funds to the WACA to develop the project. This is the amount of state funds cashflowed across the period. We expect to be paying the money out for the project to be developed.

The appropriation was recommended.