

**WA Institute of Sport —**

Mr S.J. Price, Chair.

Dr A.D. Buti, Minister for Sport and Recreation.

Ms L. Chopping, Director General.

Ms K. Ellwood, Executive Director.

Mr S. Lawrence, Chief Executive Officer.

Mr D. Fitzpatrick, Chief Financial Officer.

Mr M. Kavanagh, Senior Policy Adviser.

[Witnesses introduced.]

**The CHAIR:** This estimates committee will be reported by Hansard. The daily proof *Hansard* will be available the following day. Members may raise questions about matters relating to the operations and budget of the off-budget authority. Off-budget authority officers are recognised as ministerial advisers. It is the intention of the chair to ensure that as many questions as possible are asked and answered and that both questions and answers are short and to the point.

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 close of business Friday, 1 October 2021. 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.

Member for Roe.

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE:** We referred to this in the previous Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries division and the minister said that he would be happy to answer these questions when we came through to the WAIS section. I referred to page 561 at the time and asked about the recurrent funding.

[12.50 pm]

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** Okay. Chair, this is an interesting thing. The member cannot now go back to that. I do not know why opposition members requested the Western Australian Institute of Sport to come here for a start, but anyway, they have. Now we are dealing with operational matters of WAIS; we are not dealing with budget items. When we were dealing with the previous session, that was the department appropriating money to WAIS and we could have dealt with that issue. But the way that WAIS spends its money is an operational matter. As the member very well knows, I have answered this question in Parliament, and that is a different issue. The opposition asked WAIS to come today; I have no idea why. If we are going to deal with WAIS now, can we please deal with the budget item in front of us and not go back to things that have already been passed?

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE:** I refer to page 577 under community services. The program provides opportunities for talented Western Australian athletes to achieve excellence in elite sport with support from their home environment. How are things going in relation to the gymnastics inquiry?

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** Gymnastics is not part of the WAIS program. There is no funding in this budget for gymnastics.

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE:** I asked the minister a question in the Legislative Assembly. Can he enlighten me on what is his role as minister in relation to oversight of the board?

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** I cannot see a budget item, but I will answer that for the member. As I told the member in Parliament, I have the final say on the selection of board members. Mr Lawrence will correct me if I am wrong; I can only remove a board member with 75 per cent majority support of the existing board.

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE:** Will the minister indulge me slightly as to the time frames for board members; that is, for how many years are they appointed?

**The CHAIR:** Minister, as pointed out, this is probably not a budget-related question, but it is up to you if you would like to respond.

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** I really do think we should bring this to an end; it is pointless going on. They are appointed for two to three years.

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE:** What is the maximum number?

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** They can be reappointed, but usually they would be appointed for two or three years. There is a maximum of 10 years.

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE:** What does the total cost of the asset investment program of \$143 000 each year provide?

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** I will defer to Mr Lawrence.

**Mr S. Lawrence:** That is money that is spent on replacing operational assets within the high performance service centre itself. That is pieces of equipment over \$5 000 in value, of course, such as ergometers, treadmills, and gas analysis equipment that is used for assessing and testing athletes.

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE:** That is a mixture of both administration equipment and sporting equipment. Would that be the description?

**Mr S. Lawrence:** Yes, correct.

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

*Meeting suspended from 12.55 to 2.00 pm*