

SPORTS AND RECREATION — BIOLOGICAL SEX

1960. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Minister for Women's Interests:

I refer to female sports, and I ask:

- (a) does the Minister support the separation of biological males and biological females in some sports;
- (b) can the Minister explain why biological males and biological females are separated in some sports;
- (c) what sports require the separation of biological sexes to ensure the physical safety of all participants and fairness in competition for biological females; and
- (d) does the Minister support the right of biological females to choose to participate in sports where they are not required to compete against biological males?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) This question is out of order under Standing Order 105 (1) (b).
- (b) This is determined by individual sporting governing bodies and federations and should be directed to them.
- (c) Please refer to the response provided at (b).
- (d) Please refer to the response provided at (a).