

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY****WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms J Carney

to Minister for Sport and Recreation

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**Participation and Development Programs**

1. Please explain the cut of \$2.404 million in the 2005/06 budget for Participation and Development programs. In 2004/05 this output area had a budget of \$12.798 million but blew out by \$6 million. Why?

**ANSWER**

The budget was not cut in 2005/06, but rather increased significantly over the course of 2004/05 by virtue of a number of one-off Capital Grants. The 2005/06 budget is in fact an increase of \$3.6m over the initial 2004/05 budget.

The following Capital Grants were approved during the 2004/05 financial year:

Palmerston Magpie Oval	\$2,000,000
Katherine Sports Ground	\$500,000
Traegar Park	\$2,944,000
Gove Country Club	\$150,000
NT Hockey	\$300,000
Capital grant to Optus Rugby Park	\$120,000
Alice Springs Swimming Pool	\$200,000