

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE
Answer to Question Taken on Notice

Question Number: 7-5

Date: 13/07/2017

From: Mr Chansey Paech

To: Hon. Lauren Moss

Portfolio: Tourism & Culture

Agency: Tourism & Culture

Subject: Sports Vouchers

Answer

See attached

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Date: 21/06/2017

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Subject: Sports vouchers

QUESTION:

Can families and schools use sports vouchers for school swimming and water safety programs during school hours especially if their pools are not utilised?

ANSWER:

The Sport Voucher Scheme (the Scheme) provides every enrolled school child with \$200 per year to assist Territory families cover the cost of children getting involved in sport, recreation and cultural activities outside of school hours.

Families can use their sport vouchers for after school activity with any registered activity provider under the Scheme which includes swimming schools and clubs.

Learning to swim is a vital life lesson and families with toddlers under 5 have the opportunity to apply for two \$100 Learn to Swim Vouchers each year.

In addition to this the department funds Royal Life Saving Society of the NT (RLSSNT) to deliver the Water Safety Awareness Program which provides five free water safety lesson for parents and guardians of children under 5.

Through Government funding the RLSSNT also provide water safety education sessions during school hours to many schools to raise the awareness.

Under the Sport Voucher Scheme swimming is the highest funded activity.