**No. 296**

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Tollner to Minister for Sport and Recreation.

**Sports Participation**

In relation to participation in sport across the Northern Territory and for each sport which is represented in the NT:

1. What sports are registered, and which sports are represented by incorporated associations.

2. How many individuals participate in each sport in the NT.

3. What is the breakdown in participation by the following groups:

(a) male under 18

(b) female under 18

(c) male over 18

(d) female over 18

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**NORTHERN TERRITORY** **SPORT PARTICIPANTS REPORTED IN 2010/11**

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport provides funding and support to 43 sports across the Northern Territory which are all represented by incorporated associations.

The table below lists each sport represented in 2010-11 with a breakdown of their participant numbers by gender and age group.

As the information about participation in each sport is provided to the Department by the relevant Northern Territory peak sporting body, there may be some inconsistencies in reporting and classifying of data.

It is also noted that volleyball, water polo and sepak takraw have inactive peak bodies which are not funded by the Northern Territory Government and no information is available from them.

In some cases, information about the age groups or gender of participants has not been made available so it is not possible to compile a total snapshot of gender and age group participation.

The total number of sports participants reported in 2010-11 was 76 268.

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| **SPORT** | **MALE** | **FEMALE** | **TOTAL** |
| **Under 18** | **Over 18** | **Under 18** | **Over 18** |
| Motorsports | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 3,203 |
| Basketball | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,800 |
| Football (Soccer) | 1,910 | 759 | 535 | 233 | 3,437 |
| Rugby Union | 1,886 | 894 | - | 66 | 2,846 |
| Hockey | 300 | 391 | 339 | 468 | 1,498 |
| Cricket | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 12,820 |
| Rugby League | 1,506 | 859 | 68 | - | 2,433 |
| Tennis | 517 | 427 | 406 | 381 | 1,731 |
| Touch Football | 423 | 989 | 337 | 865 | 2,614 |
| Netball | 18 | 38 | 1,618 | 1,020 | 2,694 |
| Baseball | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 648 |
| AFL | Both age groups 19,705 | both age groups 543 | 20,248 |
| Athletics | 522 | 1,572 | 666 | 1,943 | 4,703 |
| Royal Life Saving | 19 | 425 | 40 | 717 | 1,161 |
| Golf | Both Age groups 2,142 | Both age groups 344 | 2,486 |
| Softball | - | 51 | 21 | 201 | 273 |
| Swimming | 199 | 93 | 293 | 261 | 846 |
| Squash | 70 | 465 | 40 | 155 | 730 |
| Gymnastics | 420 | 20 | 968 | 18 | 1,426 |
| Bowls | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Surf Life Saving | 114 | 760 | 100 | 649 | 1,623 |
| Tenpin Bowling | 35 | 135 | 30 | 120 | 320 |
| Cycling | 49 | 139 | 15 | 34 | 237 |
| Triathlon | 69 | 147 | 40 | 115 | 371 |
| Judo | 96 | 40 | 34 | 14 | 184 |
| Yachting | Both age groups 1,095 | Both age groups 778 | 1,873 |
| Water Skiing | 15 | 136 | 8 | 89 | 248 |
| Polocrosse | 38 | 62 | 42 | 40 | 182 |
| Calisthenics | 2 | - | 250 | 25 | 277 |
| Boxing | 22 | 39 | - | - | 61 |
| BMX | 337 | 111 | 65 | 39 | 552 |
| Clay Target Shooting | 8 | 144 | 7 | 31 | 190 |
| Badminton | 28 | 80 | 10 | 21 | 139 |
| Pistol Shooting | 4 | 100 | 3 | 18 | 125 |
| Rifle Shooting | 2 | 57 | - | 5 | 64 |
| Bowhunters | 36 | 65 | 3 | 22 | 126 |
| Table Tennis | 59 | 88 | 8 | 6 | 161 |
| Equestrian | - | 1 | - | 100 | 101 |
| International Practical Shooting | 11 | 51 | 4 | 8 | 74 |
| Aussie Masters Swimming | - | 51 | - | 127 | 178 |
| Pony Club | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 374 |
| Darts | 8 | 146 | 4 | 42 | 200 |
| Weightlifting  | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| Volleyball | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Water Polo | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Sepak Takraw | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|  |  |  |  |  | 76,268 |

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