Question on Notice 472
Asked on Tuesday 15 April 2008

MR SPRINGBORG asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport (MS SPENCE) –

With reference to all of the Active Recreation Centres in Queensland (previously known as National Fitness Camps) -

(1) Will she list separately for each centre the (a) occupancy rates for 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and to 30 March 2008, (b) total actual cost of operation of each centre for 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and to 30 March 2008, (c) gross income received by each centre for 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and to 30 March 2008?

(2) What is the department's policy on the hiring of these centres by a club or organisation, private individual or community function and what type of activities/functions are permitted and what type of activities/functions are not permitted.

ANSWER:

(1) Occupancy information for the Active Recreation Centres is recorded on a financial year basis. Operating costs and gross income are similarly recorded on a financial year basis. Details on a financial year basis are outlined in **Attachment 1**.

(2) Sporting clubs, organisations, family groups, schools, corporate sand community groups are all able to access any of the Active Recreation Centres with the exception of Lake Julius, which was permanently closed in December 2007.

All Active Recreation Centres – including Storm King Dam and Leslie Dam which are both in the Member's electorate - have been promoted to their key target markets - schools and sport and active recreation organisations. The Centres have also been marketed to the broader community through the Department of Sport and Recreation's web site, at events such as the Royal Queensland Show, through the Department's regional and area offices and through tourism/community web sites.

Key policies specific to the Recreation Centres include:

- each client group is required to book a minimum of two nights and must have minimum booking numbers;
- minimum booking numbers vary across the centres from 11 at Christmas Creek to 24 at the larger centres (e.g. Tallebudgera); and
- a deposit and application form is required to confirm a booking. The balance payable is invoiced on completion of stay.

Activity program packages are being progressively implemented at the Tallebudgera, Currimundi, Lake Tinaroo, Leslie Dam and Yeppoon Active Recreation Centres. These centres have been determined as having the

infrastructure and functionality to deliver structured sport and active recreation programs.

The remaining centres have offered accommodation based camps for many years. All groups were welcome to make a booking, subject to the minimum numbers policies outlined above. Traditionally these centres have been used by a range of groups for low cost accommodation. There have been no restrictions on the activities that groups could undertake at these centres, provided the groups adhered to the rules of the relevant centre. Activity at these centres is unstructured.

At all of the Active Recreation Centres, groups are not permitted to:

- consume alcohol;
- sub-hire, transfer or assign any right or benefit under the Agreement to Hire, or any right to use or occupy all or part of the Centre; or
- engage third party providers to conduct structured activities (e.g. canoeing, surfing).

Groups are generally required to use existing catering services (although at some sites limited self catering has been permitted).

In the case of the centres identified for divestment, the Government will in the first instance, offer to transfer to local government the Trusteeship for the Reserves of these Active Recreation Centres (excluding Lake Julius, which is to be handed back to Sunwater as the land owner).

Communities where these centres are presently located will continue to benefit from Departmental programs such as the Minor Facilities Program, the Club Development Program, the Local Sport and Recreation Program and the Young Athlete Assistance Program – all of which more directly support opportunities for a wider range of people to get active through participating in sport and recreation.

In the case of some of the centres (such as Lake Julius, Christmas Creek and Fick's Crossing) local schools and sport and recreation organisations are not major users of these centres – preferring to travel to bigger centres in different areas of the State to gain a different experience.

Schools and clubs in Stanthorpe and surrounding areas should not be significantly affected by the closure of the Storm King Dam Active Recreation Centre. They will continue to be able to access the Department's centres at Leslie Dam (which is approximately 45 minutes drive from Stanthorpe) and Lake Perseverance (which is approximately 2.5 hours drive from Stanthorpe). Both of these sites offer a wider range of activities and facilities and a higher standard of accommodation than that which is available at the Storm King Dam Centre.

Active Recreation Centre	**Occupancy Rate**	**Revenue**	**Total Expenses**
2004-2005	**%**	**$**	**$**
Lake Julius	2.4	11,250	411,026
Magnetic Island	22.4	73,551	405,185
Lake Tinaroo	24.8	386,466	940,705
Seaforth	11.8	37,687	433,848
Yeppoon	17.6	52,309	589,115
Storm King Dam	11.7	16,829	237,469
Lake Perseverance	28.3	102,972	549,451
Leslie Dam	13.4	59,927	445,875
Ficks Crossing	10.7	14,195	167,458
Currimundi	33.5	835,626	2,190,687
Christmas Creek	1.2	1,900	152,766
Tallebudgera	44.3	2,396,375	4,273,135

Active Recreation Centre	**Occupancy Rate**	**Revenue**	**Total Expenses**
2005-2006	**%**	**$**	**$**
Lake Julius	1.7	15,402	237,177
Magnetic Island	17.6	59,226	409,731
Lake Tinaroo	22.7	617,211	1,150,651
Seaforth	10.5	42,532	500,000
Yeppoon	15.5	49,796	547,423
Storm King Dam	10.5	14,209	236,154
Lake Perseverance	19.8	88,423	492,856
Leslie Dam	13.8	63,389	619,875
Ficks Crossing	0.9	2,399	211,542
Currimundi	32	921,791	3,019,532
Christmas Creek	1.2	3,060	214,615
Tallebudgera	49	1,800,029	4,581,397

Active Recreation Centre	**Occupancy Rate**	**Revenue**	**Total Expenses**
2006-2007	**%**	**$**	**$**
Lake Julius	1.4	3,998	192,508
Magnetic Island	19.8	63,629	328,529
Lake Tinaroo *	24.7	511,750	2,081,578
Seaforth	9.7	36,877	478,102
Yeppoon *	14.3	127,899	992,453
Storm King Dam	9.9	13,890	168,731
Lake Perseverance	22.3	82,186	603,327
Leslie Dam*	10	64,866	1,272,956
Ficks Crossing	2	2,533	139,336
Currimundi*	32.5	1,207,656	3,614,926
Christmas Creek	1.6	2,467	171,713
Tallebudgera *	49.5	2,000,150	5,445,927

* Approximately $1.4M was expended on plant and equipment in this financial year to enable these centres to deliver structured activity

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2007-2008 (to 31 March)	**%**	**$**	**$**
Lake Julius	0	0	71,625
Magnetic Island	19.2	40,558	161,297
Lake Tinaroo	23	315,712	1,243,412
Seaforth	7	62,582	205,750
Yeppoon	9	95,924	651,246
Storm King Dam	8.3	9,799	106,947
Lake Perseverance	17.9	62,349	252,736
Leslie Dam	6.8	89,463	1,017,401
Ficks Crossing	0.7	1,564	61,177
Currimundi	29.6	1,064,595	2,067,517
Christmas Creek	0	0	63,888
Tallebudgera	48.9	1,777,408	3,675,298