

Federal Budget Update

An update for Western Australian State Sporting Associations

You will be aware the Federal Government recently announced its future sport funding budget which included \$195m (over four years) additional funding to sport. Entitled 'Australian Sport: The Pathway to Success', the announcement outlines a 'whole of sport approach' underlined by key funding commitments of:

- \$7.2m for coaching and officiating
- \$7.6m for capability and capacity building in National Sporting Organisations (NSOs)
- \$4.9m to increase the NSO management capacity
- \$6.5m to expand and enhance the National Talent Identification and Development Program
- \$7.3m to boost international competition opportunities
- \$4.2m to support NSOs to strengthen domestic competition
- \$6.4m to boost training support for elite athletes
- \$2.9 m to increase and expand training grants to elite athletes
- \$1.3m to support applied research

The Federal Government's Department of Health and Ageing is currently overseeing three national policy working groups, directly and/or through the Australian Sports Commission:

- National Sport and Active Recreation Policy Framework that is tasked with defining an agreed national framework and policy for sport and recreation.
- Sports Institutes Technical Advisory Group that is tasked with better aligning the high performance program of Australia.
- Indigenous Sport Program review.

The process and parameters for how the Government funds will be allocated has been broadly been predetermined by the Federal Cabinet and will be implemented by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).

As a State Sporting Association (SSA) it is important to know that current funding levels have been maintained for all NSOs for 2010/11 and beyond. The ASC is now working with the National Elite Sports Council to identify NSOs that will be invited to submit high performance plans to bid for further high performance funding.

The ASC is also initiating a process for the allocation of resources for investment in participation outcomes.

Proposed key dates are:

30 prioritised invited to be part of the bids process	21 June
Sports prepare and submit bids	28 June–23 July
NSOs notified	End of August

The WA Department of Sport and Recreation and the Western Australian Institute of Sport will actively support the ASC matters to effectively invest these funds to improve Australian sport.

As an SSA, it is important that you are aware of this process. You should speak to your NSO and discuss their plans and how WA can benefit from this process.

If you have any queries, please phone your consultant at the Department of Sport and Recreation.



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