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Dear Chair

### **APPROPRIATION BILLS 2026-27**

Thank you for your letter dated 1 June 2026, requesting additional information following examination of my portfolio by the House of Assembly Budget Estimates Committee 'B'. Please find the requested information below for noting.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF STATE GROWTH Output Group 5 – Cultural and Tourism Development 5.6 Sport and Recreation**

##### **1. What is the breakdown of the spending on AFL versus other sporting codes per region over 2026-27 to 2029-30?**

Funding for sporting codes in Output 5.6 and the Capital Investment Program for the Sport portfolio is managed as operational or infrastructure allocations. In preparing this data funding attributed to AFL includes commitments to the Tasmania Devils, AFL Tasmania and projects that have an AFL sport focus.

Given the point in time nature of this data there is the potential that a portion of funding from future grant programs such as the Tasmanian Active Infrastructure Grants Program may be allocated to the sport of AFL when these are completed.

Operational funding is not allocated on a regional basis as this is used on a statewide basis and therefore this level of detail cannot be provided. Another consideration with operational funding is that funding for agreements that expire across the forward estimates are usually considered as part of the development of future State Budgets.

Operational funding for the sport of AFL represents 30.6% of the funding for sport in Output 5.6 Sport and Recreation in the 2026-27 Budget and across the Forward Estimates.

The infrastructure allocation can be identified on a regional basis with the exception being the Tasmanian Active Infrastructure Grants Program where future grants will be allocated on a statewide basis. It is noted that to support the entry of the Tasmania Devils into the national AFL competition there is a need for an initial once-off investment for the development of the training and administration facility.

Infrastructure funding for the sport of AFL represents 51.7% of the total infrastructure funding included in Output 5.6 Sport and Recreation and the Capital Investment Program for the Sport Portfolio in the 2026-27 Budget and across the Forward Estimates.

Details on the regional infrastructure allocation for AFL and other sporting codes are outlined in the table below.

**Infrastructure allocations**

	<b>AFL</b>	<b>Other sporting codes</b>
South	46.5%	31.2%
North		8.6%
North West	5.2%	3.1%
Statewide		5.4%

Yours sincerely



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