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Mr Tom Duncan  
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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letters of 30 November 2021 and 1 December 2021 relating to the petitions (23-21 and 48-21) lodged by Ms Emma Davidson MLA requesting 'the ACT Government invest in a multi-purpose sports stadium in Woden'.

I am pleased to advise the ACT Government is progressing a number of ACT Government school projects in Woden Valley in the coming years, which will see additional indoor sporting infrastructure made available for community use outside of school hours.

This is in addition to recently completed projects, including Evelyn Scott School in Denman Prospect, which includes a full-sized two-court gymnasium.

Funded projects to be delivered during the current election cycle include:

- Garran Primary School - In the 2021-22 ACT Budget, funding was allocated to prepare to modernise Garran Primary School. The redeveloped school is expected to be ready in 2024-25 and will include a single court gymnasium which will be available for community use outside of school hours.
- Further funding was also allocated in the 2021-22 ACT Budget for master planning and forward design works for new and expanded school capacity in the Molonglo and Woden area. Typically, new and expanded schools are master planned to include a

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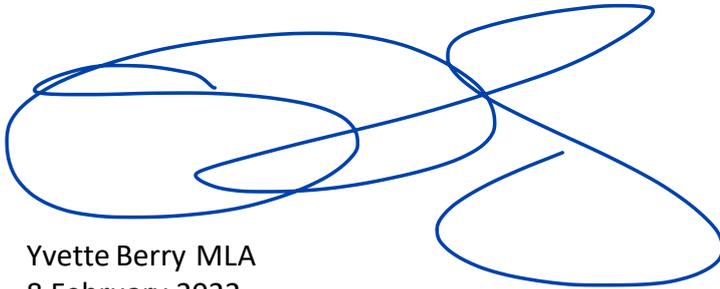
gymnasium with up to two indoor courts dependent upon budget funding. As a result of this work, it is anticipated additional indoor courts will be provided at new and refurbished ACT Government schools in Woden and the surrounding area in the coming years.

- Installation of adjustable height basketball rings at Melrose High School to support training for junior basketball teams.

The ACT Government does not own dedicated indoor sport court facilities, however there are dedicated indoor facilities under private ownership in the ACT. Alongside the initiatives outlined above, the private sector will continue to play an important role in providing indoor sport court facilities across the ACT.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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