



Our Purpose



Lead and shape Australia's health and aged care system and sporting outcomes through evidence-based policy, well targeted programs, and best practice regulation



In 2015-16, we undertook activities which contributed to achieving Our Purpose, including under Outcome 10

Outcome 10

Sport and Recreation



Improved opportunities for community participation in sport and recreation, and excellence in high-performance athletes, through initiatives to help protect the integrity of sport, investment in sport infrastructure, coordination of Commonwealth involvement in major sporting events, and research and international cooperation on sport issues

Analysis of performance – **Outcome 10** Sport and Recreation

In 2015-16, the Department continued to work closely with the Australian Sports Commission, Australian Sports Foundation, Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) and States and Territories to ensure a coordinated, whole-of-government approach to sports policy. The Department supported strategies, policies and projects that: boost opportunities for all Australians to participate in sport and physical activity; optimise the performance of Australia's elite athletes; and deliver successful major sporting events.

The Department also worked to safeguard the integrity of sport domestically and on an international scale.

These activities have contributed to the Department's achievement of objectives under Outcome 10 and Our Purpose.

Key community benefits for Outcome 10 in 2015-16

	<p>Ensured the safe and successful delivery of the 2015 INF Netball World Cup</p> <p>Over 100,000 spectators safely enjoyed the 2015 INF Netball World Cup.</p>
	<p>Improved the safety of water and snow activities through education</p> <p>Parents and communities are better placed to prevent drowning and minimise snow injuries.</p>
	<p>Fulfilled Australia’s international anti-doping obligations, helping to safeguard the integrity of sport in Australia and internationally</p> <p>Safeguarding the integrity of Australian sport has health, economic, cultural and social benefits which flow to the community.</p>

Summary of performance criteria results for Outcome 10



Looking ahead

- In 2016-17, the Department will contribute to the staging of upcoming major international sporting events to be held in Australia, including:
 - the 2017 RLIF Rugby League World Cup (co-hosted with New Zealand);
 - the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games; and
 - the 2020 ICC World Cup Twenty 20.
- The Department will continue to develop and implement water and snow safety initiatives to support a 50 per cent reduction in drowning deaths by 2020.
- The Department will support Australia's participation on the World Anti-Doping Agency Executive Committee and Foundation Board.

Programs and program objectives contributing to **Outcome 10**

Program 10.1: Sport and Recreation

- Increase participation in sport and recreation
- Support for upcoming major sporting events
- Improve water and snow safety
- Protect the integrity of sport

Analysis of performance – Program 10.1: Sport and Recreation

The Department met all performance targets for Program 10.1: Sport and Recreation.

In 2015-16, the Department continued to work closely with other Government entities, including the Australian Sports Commission and Australian Sports Foundation, to implement initiatives to improve participation in sport and physical activity. The Department aims to encourage Australian adults and children to participate in sport and connect with community sport. Challenges to increasing participation include: the increase in sedentary behaviours and competition with other types of recreation; demographic changes, particularly an ageing population; improving the status of sport in education; changes in the sport consumer market; and funding for community sport and recreation facilities.

The Department coordinated and worked closely with organisers and other Government entities to ensure the 2015 INF Netball World Cup was delivered safely and securely. The same collaborative approach continues to be implemented in preparation for upcoming sporting events held in Australia – the 2017 RLIF Rugby League World Cup and 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. Safe and successful major sporting events provide the community with social benefits and enhance Australia's reputation as a host of major sporting events.

The Department continued to deliver initiatives to protect the integrity of sport, working closely with the States and Territories, sporting organisations, the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority, Australian Sports Commission and international partners. Improved sports integrity capacity provides a protective function against integrity compromises, maintains community confidence in Australian sport, and ensures Governments are better able to confront modern sports integrity threats, such as criminal infiltration of sport and increased sophistication of doping activity.

Increase participation in sport and recreation

Coordination across Government to support the development, implementation and promotion of strategies, policies and projects to support increased participation in sport and physical activity.

Source: 2015-16 Health Portfolio Budget Statements, p. 159

2015-16 Target	2015-16 Result
<p>Strategies, policies and projects are implemented in consultation with relevant Australian Government agencies, the Australian Sports Commission, the States and Territories and other relevant stakeholders. Strategies, policies and projects support increased participation, encompass health outcomes and deliver whole-of-government objectives.</p>	<p>The Department continued to work closely with the Australian Sports Commission and States and Territories to ensure a coordinated, whole-of-government approach to the implementation of strategies, policies and projects that support the increased participation in sport and physical activity.</p> <p>Result: Met </p>

The Department worked with relevant Australian Government entities, including the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Sports Foundation. This work included continuing to implement the *Play.Sport.Australia* strategy which is the Australian Sports Commission’s blueprint to drive increased participation, and the Sporting Schools program.

The Department also worked closely with States and Territories through the Committee of Australian Sport and Recreation Officials, which reports to the Meeting of Sport and Recreation Ministers, to increase participation under the auspices of the National Sport and Active Recreation Policy Framework.

Support the development and implementation of strategies and policies to increase participation in sport at a community to elite level, and improve safety and health outcomes for people involved in sport through the provision of advice to Government entities and delivery of sport infrastructure projects.

Source: 2015-16 Health Portfolio Budget Statements, p. 160 & 2015-16 Corporate Plan, p. 16 (abridged)

2015-16 Target	2015-16 Result
<p>Participation strategies, policies and projects reflect whole-of-government and broader health objectives. Strategic policy advice provided to Government on matters relating to participation in sport, physical activity and recreation.</p> <p>Sport infrastructure projects deliver on the Government’s objectives around increasing participation in sport, physical activity and recreation.</p>	<p>At the community level, programs were implemented to increase participation, including Sporting Schools.</p> <p>At the elite level, Australia’s Winning Edge continues to guide our approach to high performance. The Department provided \$70,000 to support a joint initiative between the Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian Medical Association on sport-related concussion.</p> <p>One-off sport infrastructure projects continued to be delivered to provide high quality, accessible community sport and recreation facilities.</p> <p>Result: Met </p>

The Concussion in Sport website brings together contemporary evidence-based information for athletes, parents, teachers, coaches and medical practitioners and seeks to ensure that all members of the public have rapid access to information to increase their understanding of sport-related concussion and to assist in the delivery of best practice medical care.

The Department manages funding agreements for a small number of one-off sport and recreation infrastructure projects. Funded projects range from small community facilities in regional and urban areas, to major sporting venues. Projects are located throughout Australia and directly benefit those involved in a range of sports including hockey, swimming, soccer, netball, tennis, softball and rugby league.

Support for upcoming major sporting events

Coordination across Government entities to facilitate the implementation of strategies and policies which support the hosting of major international sporting events in Australia, including the 2015 INF Netball World Cup, the 2017 RLIF Rugby League World Cup and the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

Source: 2015-16 Health Portfolio Budget Statements, p. 159

2015-16 Target	2015-16 Result
<p>Strategies and policies are implemented in consultation with stakeholders, including State and Territory Governments, the New Zealand Government and event organising committees.</p> <p>Strategies and policies contribute to the Australian Government's security plan to deliver a safe and secure event environment for athletes and spectators.</p>	<p>The Department worked closely with organisers, State Governments, and Commonwealth entities to develop strategies and implement arrangements for the safe and secure delivery of the 2015 INF Netball World Cup, and is continuing preparations for the 2017 RLIF Rugby League World Cup (joint hosted with New Zealand) and 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>Result: Met </p>

Policies and strategies covered a wide array of activity: customs, immigration, biosecurity and aviation screening at airports; the importation of medical kits; the registration of team medical professionals; intellectual property rights protection; legacy, trade and tourism; and security.

Well-coordinated preparation for the safe and successful delivery of the 2015 INF Netball World Cup, the 2017 RLIF Rugby League World Cup and the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

Source: 2015-16 Health Portfolio Budget Statements, p. 160

2015-16 Target	2015-16 Result
<p>Safe and secure delivery of the 2015 INF Netball World Cup. Continued preparation to support planning for the 2017 RLIF Rugby League World Cup and 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>Post event analysis of completed major events including analysis on whether trade, tourism, diplomatic and community objectives were achieved.</p>	<p>The Department supported the safe and secure delivery of the 2015 INF Netball World Cup. The Department continued to support preparation for the 2017 RLIF Rugby League World Cup and 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>Result: Met </p>

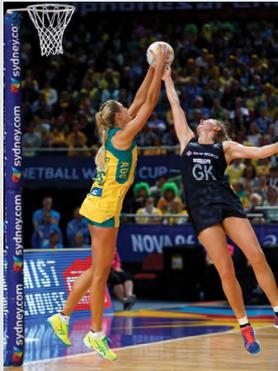
In the lead up to the 2015 INF Netball World Cup, the Department worked in collaboration with organisers, State Governments, and Australian Government entities to develop strategies and implement activities to ensure the delivery of a safe and secure event.

In August 2015, Netball Australia, with the assistance of the Australian and New South Wales Governments, staged a highly successful tournament at Sydney Olympic Park. 2015 INF Netball World Cup matches were attended by 102,674 spectators, and the final broke the world record for a crowd at a netball match (16,849).

With financial assistance from the Australian Government, tourism objectives were achieved through the 2015 INF Netball World Cup hosting the world’s largest netball clinic during the tournament, which saw over 550 primary school children from across New South Wales participate in fun netball based drills and exercises led by the Australian Diamonds.

Additionally, diplomatic objectives were achieved through the Australian Government funding \$300,000 to ensure the participation of Zambia, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Malawi, Papua New Guinea and Botswana. These nations were at risk of not being able to attend the 2015 INF Netball World Cup due to funding constraints.

The Australian Government is continuing to support preparations for the 2017 RLIF Rugby League World Cup and 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.



The 2015 INF Netball World Cup shoots for healthy living

The 2015 INF Netball World Cup was an outstanding success, both on the court and off it. Over 100,000 spectators from around Australia and the world converged on Sydney Olympic Park for the ten day tournament. In the final, a world record sell-out crowd of 16,849 witnessed the Australian Diamonds win their eleventh (and third consecutive) world title.

Netball has one of the highest participation rates in Australia amongst women, particularly girls. The 2015 INF Netball World Cup was the ideal opportunity to communicate effectively to this demographic. With funding from the Department of Health, Netball Australia not only delivered a memorable world cup, but also staged the *World's Biggest Netball Clinic* on day four of the tournament. Over 550 primary school students from all over New South Wales attended the event which included participation in netball related drills, discussions regarding healthy and active living, and a Q&A session with the Australian Diamonds.

The *World's Biggest Netball Clinic* combined with fan engagement activities led International Netball Federation President Molly Rhone to comment that, "Sydney organisers took the whole fan experience to another level."

Activities such as the *World's Biggest Netball Clinic* effectively complement other Departmental initiatives, most notably the *Girls Make Your Move* Campaign and the Australian Sports Commission's *Sporting Schools* program that aim to educate and inspire young Australians to be more active, more often, developing healthy habits for life.

Image credit: David Callow

Improve water and snow safety

Develop and implement water and snow safety strategies, programs and projects to support a 50% reduction in drowning deaths by 2020.

Source: 2015-16 Health Portfolio Budget Statements, p. 160

2015-16 Target	2015-16 Result
<p>Water and snow safety programs and projects reflect whole-of-government and broader health objectives.</p> <p>Strategic policy advice provided to Government on matters relating to water and snow safety.</p> <p>Increased water and snow safety awareness, as reported by water and snow safety organisations.</p>	<p>Policy advice provided to Government on water and snow safety matters.</p> <p>An independent review was undertaken on the National Recreation Safety Program and Saving Lives in the Water Element 1 which advised that these programs are an efficient and effective use of Government funding.</p> <p>Result: Met ✓</p>

Throughout 2015-16, the Department continued to support key participation initiatives and strategies, including: water and snow safety organisations and projects through the National Recreation Safety Program; the Savings Lives in the Water (Element 1 and Element 2) initiative; and the Water Safety: Reduce Drownings program.

Protect the integrity of sport

Implement initiatives and facilitate stakeholder interaction with Government entities to build resilience of sporting organisations and their capacity to deliver integrity measures.

Source: 2015-16 Health Portfolio Budget Statements, p. 159

2015-16 Target	2015-16 Result
<p>Regular Australian and Jurisdictional Sports Integrity Network meetings are initiated and convened with sporting organisations, State and Territory Governments, industry stakeholders, and relevant entities.</p> <p>Sports integrity education platforms are developed and supported.</p>	<p>Five Sports Integrity Network meetings were held during 2015-16.</p> <p>A new Illicit Drugs in Sport online education program, specifically designed for athletes and sports officials, was developed and launched in April 2016. The program has over 250 registered sports users, with component modules accessed over 400 times.</p> <p>Result: Met ✓</p>

The Australian and Jurisdictional Sports Integrity Network meetings provided regular collaborative fora for Governments, national and jurisdictional sporting organisations, and relevant stakeholders to coordinate responses to key sport integrity threats.

Australia's sports integrity effort was further strengthened through ongoing usage of the 'Keep Sport Honest' match-fixing online education module, with over 9,000 registered users, and the April 2016 launch of the Illicit Drugs in Sport online education program.

Implement an Australian anti-doping legislative framework that fulfils Australia's international anti-doping obligations.

Source: 2015-16 Health Portfolio Budget Statements, p. 159

2015-16 Target	2015-16 Result
<p>Australian anti-doping arrangements are compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code. Participation in the 5th Conference of Parties on the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport is supported.</p>	<p>WADA identifies Australia as operating a Code-compliant anti-doping framework. Australian officials attended the 5th Conference of Parties on the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport.</p> <p>Result: Met ✓</p>

Australia tabled a key resolution to improve harmonisation of the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport and the revised World Anti-Doping Code, to support a more effective global anti-doping effort. This was endorsed in 2015.

Increased capacity of Australian sporting organisations to address sports integrity issues.

Source: 2015-16 Health Portfolio Budget Statements, p. 161 & 2015-16 Corporate Plan, p. 16

2015-16 Target	2015-16 Result
Ongoing assessment of integrity vulnerabilities of priority national sporting organisations and delivery of support for relevant sports integrity initiatives.	<p>Five individual Sports Integrity Threat Assessments were undertaken in 2015-16.</p> <p>Two Probity Checking training courses were delivered.</p> <p>Ongoing advice and support was provided for national sporting organisations on integrity matters.</p> <p>Result: Met </p>

In 2015-16, the Department undertook five individual integrity assessments of sports organisations. Assessments informed specific funding initiatives with individual sports to address vulnerabilities.

Specialised training courses to improve probity checking arrangements were conducted for national sporting organisations.

Delivery of internationally compliant Australian anti-doping arrangements.

Source: 2015-16 Health Portfolio Budget Statements, p. 161 & 2015-16 Corporate Plan, p. 16

2015-16 Target	2015-16 Result
Effective operation of Australian anti-doping arrangements to address doping in the contemporary sports environment.	<p>WADA identifies Australia as operating a Code-compliant anti-doping framework. A revised National Anti-Doping Framework was endorsed.</p> <p>Result: Met </p>

The revised National Anti-Doping Framework⁶⁷ was endorsed 1 October 2015 by Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers responsible for Sport. The Framework now provides for cooperation between jurisdictions on performance and image enhancing drugs; and supplements.

⁶⁷ Available at: www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/anti-doping-framework

Outcome 10 – Budgeted expenses and resources

	Budget Estimate ¹ 2015-16 \$'000 (A)	Actual 2015-16 \$'000 (B)	Variation \$'000 (B) - (A)
Program 10.1: Sport and Recreation²			
<i>Administered expenses</i>			
Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Act No. 1)	21,948	20,617	(1,331)
Special accounts			
Sport and Recreation Special Account	378	421	43
<i>Departmental expenses</i>			
Departmental appropriation ³	9,906	9,252	(654)
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the current year ⁴	275	617	342
Total for Program 10.1	32,507	30,907	(1,600)
Outcome 10 Totals by appropriation type			
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<i>Departmental expenses</i>			
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Expenses not requiring appropriation in the current year ⁴	275	617	342
Total expenses for Outcome 10	32,507	30,907	(1,600)
Average staffing level (number)	59	55	(4)

¹ Budgeted appropriation taken from the 2016-17 Health Portfolio Budget Statements and re-aligned to the 2015-16 outcome structure.

² This Program excludes National Partnership payments to State and Territory Governments by the Treasury as part of the Federal Financial Relations (FFR) Framework.

³ Departmental appropriation combines 'Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Act No. 1)' and 'Revenue from independent sources (s74)'.

⁴ 'Expenses not requiring appropriation in the budget year' is made up of depreciation expense, amortisation, make good expense, operating losses and audit fees.