

## **Speaking Notes for Mr. Jack Chambers T.D.**

### **Minister of State for Gaeltacht Affairs and Sport**

#### **2021 Further Revised Estimate – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Go raibh maith agat, a Aire.

Cuirim fáilte mhór roimh an deis labhairt leis an teach maidir le Meastacháin Bhreise Athbhreithnithe 2021 mar a bhaineann siad le mo réimse freagrachta maidir le Seirbhísí Spóirt agus Fóillíochta.

- I am delighted to announce a 2021 provision of €170.4m for Sports and Recreational services including €104.5m for Sport Ireland. Within this, the 2021 provision allows for a new round of the Sports Capital Programme. In addition, resources have been provided in 2021 to progress the first projects allocated funding under the new Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund.
- Current funding support for Sport Ireland programmes totals €91.91m, enabling Sport Ireland to ensure our athletes are supported to achieve their potential at the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, to ensure core grant funding for our sporting bodies to sustain them through the challenging months to come and to fund Sport Ireland participation programmes
- This is a very considerable investment in sport. The funding will allow grant funding for our sporting bodies to sustain them through this challenging period and I know clubs across the country have welcomed the Sports capital programme while the increase in Dormant Accounts funding will promote and sustain participation

in sport and physical activity, particularly in hard to reach communities.

Minister Martin and I are happy to take any questions Deputies may have now.

Go raibh maith agaibh.