




Speech By
Hon. Shannon Fentiman

MEMBER FOR WATERFORD

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Further Answer to Question, Small Business Grants

 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development) (11.19 am): I rise to make a ministerial statement. In relation to the member for Maroochydore's question during question time today, I am advised by the director-general that no staff have been stood down in relation to small business grants. Some confidential issues were raised with the department in relation to the program and three employees involved with those concerns were directed to take leave with pay whilst the department reviewed those matters. There were no relevant findings to substantiate the concerns raised and the employees have since returned to work. I thank the staff of my department who have worked incredibly hard to deliver these grants to Queensland small businesses. I am proud of their work to support Queenslanders during COVID-19.