




Speech By
Hon. Lance McCallum

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 **Hon. LR McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development) (10.09 am): The Miles Labor government's first budget delivers more relief for the owners and operators of more than 480,000 Queensland small businesses and helps protect the jobs of more than one million Queenslanders. We are delivering a range of short- and long-term measures through a \$250 million war chest of support funded in our new Queensland Small Business Strategy. It helps to lower costs and fight inflation.

Today I am very pleased to announce that we are going to open the next round of Business Boost for grants of up to \$20,000. These grants will support activities such as future planning, specialised and automated software, and workforce development. More than \$3 million is on the table, and the details are available online on our business website right now. Registration is from 24 June to 5 July this year. Businesses can register their interest in the latest funding round, which will continue until 5 July.

This Labor budget is delivering on what matters for both small businesses and their customers by providing the nation's biggest cost-of-living relief package. Only Labor has that nation-leading program that will put more money back into the pockets of Queenslanders and more revenue back into the bank accounts of our hardworking small businesses.