

**Question on Notice
No. 814
Asked on 17 August 2004**

MR HORAN asked the Minister for State Development and Innovation (MR McGRADY) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the Sugar Industry Innovation Fund —

- (1) Will he provide a detailed breakdown of the grants provided to date through the Sugar Industry Innovation Fund?
- (2) What level of grants funding is budgeted to be spent for each year over the next three years (reported separately)?
- (3) How many businesses does he anticipate assisting through this fund?

ANSWER:

- (1) Grants have been approved to:
 - Mossman Central Mill Company - \$123,000 towards development of new functional products and healthy sugar based ingredients.
 - Plane Creek Protection and Productivity Board - \$20,602 towards Harvest Sector Rationalisation.
 - Mackay Sugar Co-operative Association Limited - \$183,200 towards the development of a new market signals based system to reflect the value of sugar cane according to its range of constituents.
 - Maryborough Sugar factory Limited - \$58,671 towards the preliminary stages of a cane top harvesting and drying project to produce bulk animal feed products for export
- (2) The budget allocated for the program is:

2004-05	2005-06
\$2.8M	\$3.9M

The initiative only commenced in April 2004 following the enactment of the changes to the Queensland Sugar Act. Previously allocated funding has been carried forward for expenditure over the next two years.

- (3) There are some 30 projects in the development and processing pipeline under the Sugar Industry Innovation fund. Other projects are still being identified and will be considered in future.

Details of the projects are being finalised and they will be announced individually as they come into effect.