

Question on Notice
No. 683
Asked on 10 May 2006

MR HAYWARD asked the Minister for Small Business, Information Technology Policy and Multicultural Affairs (MR CUMMINS) —

QUESTION:

What businesses in the Kallangur Electorate have received funding under programs administered through his department this financial year and what were these businesses?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question and for his strong support for small business within his electorate. The Beattie Government recognises that small business represents 96.5% of all Queensland businesses and employs around 50% of all private sector workers, and as such, this Government is committed to driving economic growth and innovation, developing business and industry and securing employment opportunities for Queenslanders.

The Department of State Development, Trade and Innovation seeks to promote and support Queensland small businesses through a range of business assistance and skills development initiatives offered through a statewide network of State Development Centres. Businesses within the Kallangur electorate are serviced by the Caboolture State Development Centre.

Grant funding totalling \$408,866 (excl GST) has been approved under the Department's programs, for 19 businesses and organisations within the Caboolture State Development Centre area.

Grants to the following businesses have been approved under the Small Business Accelerator Program:

- MRF Motor Bodies – specialising in the design and production of commercial motor bodies to suit light and heavy industry including custom built vehicles, tray bodies and campers;
- VerifyMe – design and production of state of the art voice recognition and speaker verification solution services;
- Earthessentials Pty Ltd – manufacture, formulation and export of Australian made natural skin and beauty care products;
- Zarbelle Pty Ltd – poultry abattoir and retail value added chicken meat products;
- Slade Brothers Plumbing Pty Ltd – plumbing services commercial and residential;
- Marlyn Louise Kelly – sale of beauty and skin care products and training in the beauty industry;
- Vermec – manufacture of wood turning products; and
- Ruthland Pty Ltd – manufacture and design of signs including large poster signs.

Grants to the following businesses have been approved under the Queensland Industry Development Scheme:

- Zillmere Engineering – manufacture of fabricated metal products including aluminium hand railing, grates, drop-boards, stop gates and gas tight doors;
- Atlas Heavy Engineering – manufacture of heavy machinery;
- Roy Gripske and Sons Pty Ltd – manufacture, export and repair of chainsaws, lawnmowers, blower vacuums, leaf blowers and an outdoor vacuum attachment which can pick up larger objects such as cans and bottles;
- Reid Industrial Graphic Products Pty Ltd – manufacture, sales and design of specialised screen printed products, graphic panels, membranes, switches and related electronic products;
- Norman Manufacturing Pty Ltd – manufacture of kitchens - currently has the Australian contract for the fit-out of Australia Post Offices;
- Ferno Australia Pty Ltd – manufacture of medical rescue equipment;
- A.I. Scientific – manufacture of medical instruments;
- Fibre King Pty Ltd – manufacture of foldable, returnable plastic crates and associated packaging machinery;
- Global Foresight Network Pty Ltd – development and delivery of online training products; and
- Halley Homes – manufacture of kit homes.

A Women in Business Coaching Scheme grant for mentoring and coaching was also provided to the Caboolture Business Enterprise Centre Association Inc.

The Caboolture State Development Centre will continue to assist businesses in the region, delivering financial and other support from the Department of State Development, Trade and Innovation.