

**Question on Notice  
No. 721  
Asked on 10 May 2006**

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

**QUESTION:**

- (1) What are the names of the grant programs (reported separately) which provide financial assistance and incentives to people who wish to start a small business?
- (2) For each of 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date (reported separately), what is the total financial assistance and other incentives (reported separately) that has been provided under each of the programs identified in (1) for people wishing to start a small business, broken down by each type of assistance and incentives (reported separately)?
- (3) For each of 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date (reported separately), for each of the programs (reported separately) identified in (1) and broken down by electorate (reported separately), what are the names of small businesses that have applied, which small businesses were successful in being granted assistance or incentives and the type and amount of assistance granted to each recipient, and of those that have been granted assistance or incentives, the small businesses (by name) that are no longer operating?

**ANSWER:**

Under my portfolio responsibilities, direct financial assistance is not provided to people who wish to start a small business. However, the Department of State Development, Trade and Innovation do provide a suite of products and services that are available for those people wishing to start a business.

These include:

- *SmartLicence* – information on Commonwealth, State and Local Government business licences and lodgement of business licences eg. business name registration;
- Government Business Information Service (GOBiS) – information on Commonwealth and State Government support services available to business;
- Business Resource Centre – providing information eg. to assist with assessing business viability, profiling business location, and identifying factors affecting business success;
- Business Bookshops to access publications to enhance business skills;
- Smart Skills Online – internet-based learning tool; and
- management skills development through:
  - workshops, seminars and self-help tools;
  - online learning modules; and
  - information fact sheets.

Small business is a priority in Queensland. The sector represents more than 96% all private sector businesses in Queensland and employs more than 50% of the private sector workforce. The Queensland Government recognises the valuable contribution that business, particularly small business, makes to the State's economy, and is committed to supporting the growth and development of businesses across Queensland.

I would encourage you to visit [www.smartsmallbusiness.qld.gov.au](http://www.smartsmallbusiness.qld.gov.au) to view the full array of programs that support small business in Queensland, but am happy to give you a further briefing if required.