

Question on Notice

No. 1214

Asked on 3 December 2020

MR J KRAUSE asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Palaszczuk Government announcing on 22 September 2020 \$41.2m from three separate government grants to support Indigenous councils in Queensland—

Will the Deputy Premier (a) provide a detailed breakdown of funding provided to each council including the specific purpose of each grant, (b) advise how the funding was determined for those councils that gave up general liquor licences, (c) advise how much funding was granted to each council per liquor licence that was returned to government and (d) provide a breakdown of each council's economic development grant, including the purpose of each of the 15 grants?

ANSWER:

- a) the specific purpose of the State Government Financial Aid Program (SGFA), the Revenue Replacement Program (RRP) and the Indigenous Economic Development Grant (IEDG), which make up the \$41.2 million, are:
- **SGFA** is an allocation-based program provided to all 16 identified Indigenous Local Governments to assist meeting the costs of providing essential and core local government services in their community, this includes but is not limited to – general public services, public order and safety, environmental health, essential services, public amenity, transport and communication, recreation and culture, other economic affairs and public education (community awareness).
 - **RRP** is an allocation-based program that provides funding to assist the nine Indigenous Local Governments that have divested or surrendered profitable general liquor licences. The funding can be used to assist meet the cost of delivery of local government services to their communities.
 - **IEDG** is an allocation-based program that provides a contribution towards service positions within councils to support permanent jobs that deliver local government services.

The following table provides the detailed breakdown of the individual payments for financial year 2020-21 to Indigenous Councils for each grant:

Council	SGFA Allocation	RRP Allocation	IEDG Allocation	Total Allocation
Aurukun Shire Council	\$1,369,582	\$667,700	\$80,000	\$2,117,282
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	\$1,836,844	\$0	\$80,000	\$1,916,844
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council	\$2,046,099	\$0	\$80,000	\$2,126,099
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council	\$1,849,662	\$0	\$80,000	\$1,929,662
Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	\$1,932,220	\$764,700	\$80,000	\$2,776,920
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	\$1,443,978	\$98,900	\$80,000	\$1,622,878
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	\$594,187	\$0	\$80,000	\$674,187
Mornington Shire Council	\$1,369,583	\$741,000	\$80,000	\$2,190,583
Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	\$1,320,143	\$0	\$80,000	\$1,400,143
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	\$4,646,332	\$29,800	\$160,000	\$4,836,132
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	\$3,241,790	\$150,200	\$160,000	\$3,551,990
Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	\$1,533,659	\$477,000	\$80,000	\$2,090,659
Torres Strait Island Regional Council	\$7,212,761	\$546,200	\$0	\$7,758,961
Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	\$1,902,329	\$0	\$80,000	\$1,982,329
Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council	\$1,266,057	\$0	\$80,000	\$1,346,057
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	\$2,730,774	\$49,500	\$160,000	\$2,940,274
Total	\$36,296,000	\$3,525,000	\$1,440,000	\$41,261,000

- b) the RRP relates to Indigenous Local Governments that have divested or surrendered general liquor licences. The original RRP funding allocations were calculated, based on the local governments average net profit over three years (2004-05 to 2006-07) from general liquor licence operations.
- c) the number of liquor licences held was not a determinant in the RRP calculation.
- d) in providing details of the purpose of all IEDG grants, all individual grants serve the same purpose under this program - to support permanent jobs that deliver local government services.