

Question on Notice

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Asked on 4 December 2020

MRS L GERBER asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the \$27m in recycling projects announced on 26 September 2020—

Will the Deputy Premier advise (a) when funding for each project will be delivered (reported by project), (b) the selection criteria for how each project was determined, (c) how much unspent funding is currently unallocated in the Resource Recovery Industry Development Program and (d) the number of applications approved and rejected in the latest funding round?

ANSWER:

- (a) On 26 September 2020, the Queensland Government announced \$27 million would be invested into 19 resource recovery projects. These projects will divert more than 957,000 tonnes of waste of landfill each year, generate \$126 million in private sector investment, and create 303 new jobs in Queensland.

Detail on delivery of funding by project is contained in contracts between the State and proponent and remains commercial-in-confidence.

The funding for these projects is paid in arrears when the contracted milestones for each project are completed.

The timeline for completion of the projects varies depending on their size and scope.

The projects announced on 26 September 2020 are as follows:

- AKM Earth Pty Ltd, Moreton Bay, will be funded \$1.5 million
- Blocktexx, Woodridge, will be funded \$600,000
- Disruptive Packaging Pty Ltd, Acacia Ridge, will be funded \$275,000
- Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd, Brendale, will be funded \$2.5 million
- Enviro Sand Pty Ltd, Wacol, will be funded \$1.2 million
- Envorinex Pty Ltd, Toowoomba, will be funded \$1.3 million
- Furness Group Pty Ltd T/A Enwaste, Warwick, will be funded \$421,500
- Kalfresh Pty Ltd, Kalbar (Scenic Rim), will be funded \$1 million
- Kriaris Transport Pty Ltd, Rockhampton, will be funded \$600,000
- Livingstone Shire Council, Yeppoon, will be funded \$625,000
- Maranoa Regional Council, Roma, will be funded \$359,000
- QLD Recycling Pty Ltd, Nudgee Beach, will be funded \$1.5 million
- Reclaim PV Recycling, Rocklea, will be funded \$130,000

- Re.Cycle Operations, Mackay, will be funded \$750,000
- ResourceCo BRRF Pty Ltd, South East Brisbane, will be funded \$8 million
- Rosenlund Constructions, Pinkenba, will be funded \$2.35 million
- Rowcon Recycling Pty Ltd, Sunshine Coast, will be funded \$1.25 million
- Stapylton Resource Recovery (Qld) Pty Ltd, Stapylton, will be funded \$2 million
- Veolia Environmental Service Australia Pty Ltd, Swanbank, will be funded \$500,000.

(b) The selection criteria for the most recent funding round for the Resource Recovery Industry Development Program are:

- contribution to the development of the resource recovery industry, including:
 - achievement of Queensland Government waste diversion targets, including recycling of problematic waste streams (with reference to the Queensland Government's Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy)
 - acceleration of private sector investment
 - development of the waste industry supply chain
- viability of the project, including:
 - access to feedstocks
 - access to offtake markets
 - sound financial evaluation
- project delivery and risk management, including:
 - experience in delivering similar projects
 - sound project plan
 - sound risk identification and management plan
- value for money, including:
 - government investment per tonne of waste diverted
 - amount of private sector investment compared to government investment
 - local benefits particularly employment.

Minimum eligibility requirements also apply to applicants, and the assessment of each application goes through a number of checks, such as regulatory compliance, due diligence, economic assessment, and a third-party technical assessment.

- (c) All of the unspent funding in the Resource Recovery Industry Development Program is allocated or notionally allocated to applications that are under negotiation or assessment or is linked to the Commonwealth Government's state and territory negotiations related to the establishment of the National Partnership Agreement for the Recycling Modernisation Fund.
- (d) The most recent funding round was for round two of Stream 1 which closed on 20 September 2019.

Stream 1 aims to enhance or build new facilities through capital investment in new processing or technological capabilities. Matched grants of between \$50,000 and \$5 million are available through this stream.

67 applications were received in this funding round, with 14 projects contracted.