

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 813

asked on Tuesday, 11 August 2020

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**MR A POWELL** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING (HON G BUTCHER)—

### QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's media statement on 19 May of a \$50m boost to target and support manufacturing jobs—

Will the Minister advise (a) how much of that funding has been paid to date, (b) the number of businesses that have received that funding and (c) whether any of those businesses are based interstate or overseas?

### ANSWER:

The Essential Goods and Supply Chain Program (EGSCP) was announced on 19 May 2020 and is designed to assist businesses wishing to re-shore manufacturing in Queensland and pivot towards the production of essential goods and services, including personal protective equipment and medical devices.

An eligibility requirement for the EGSCP is that businesses must have a place of business in Queensland and be undertaking business activities in Queensland.

There is a strong pipeline of businesses seeking assistance from the EGSCP with 61 registrations of interest for the program received to date.

Prior to EGSCP being announced, the Queensland Government was supporting existing businesses to pivot and manufacture personal protective equipment. Financial support has been provided to Logan-based Evolve Group which has pivoted to manufacture masks.

Financial incentives are linked to the achievement of clearly defined outcomes and specific milestones under a funding agreement. Terms and conditions of funding agreements between the State and recipients are subject to confidentiality obligations. To date, 33 per cent of EGSCP assistance that is contracted under a funding agreement has been successfully claimed.

Applications are currently being assessed within government and more funding agreements will be made once this process is complete.