

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 782

asked on 15 June 2021

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**MS A CAMM** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (HON D FARMER) —

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many small businesses in the postcodes 4800 & 4740 have received funding through the Business Basics Grant Program reported separately by (a) year (since 2015), (b) type of business operations and (c) \$ amount provided?

### ANSWER:

The Business Basics Grants Program is one of the three small business grants within the Palaszczuk Government's *Big Plans for Small Business Strategy*.

The Strategy was developed from the clear and unambiguous feedback received from the Queensland Small Business Roadshow held in February and early March this year. The Roadshow included 17 face-to-face sessions with small business owners and local chamber representatives, seven online sessions with peak stakeholder organisations, and the small business online survey which cumulatively resulted in direct input from over 2500 participants.

The Business Basics grant was announced on 1 May 2021 and is a new grant, developed to assist Queensland small businesses to increase core skills and adopt best practice with support for funded activities in five priority areas:

- Training and coaching
- Website build or upgrades
- Professional business advice
- Strategic marketing services
- Business continuity and succession

Throughout the Roadshow businesses advised they wanted more advance notice and time to prepare for grant programs. Queensland small businesses have spoken, and the Palaszczuk Government have listened, and acted. On the 17 May 2021 the Business Basic grant guidelines, a preview of the application, sample applications, a sample statutory declaration, FAQs and advice on choosing a supplier were made available via [www.business.qld.gov.au](http://www.business.qld.gov.au) ahead of the grant opening on 31 May 2021.

This round of the Business Basic Grant is now closed for applications and submitted applications are currently undergoing competitive assessment. Once the assessment process is finalised all applicants will be notified and a complete list of successful grant recipients will be publicly available via [www.desbt.qld.gov.au](http://www.desbt.qld.gov.au).