

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 861

asked on 17 June 2021

MR M BOOTHMAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (HON D FARMER) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide a timeline for the appointment of new members to the Queensland Small Business Advisory Council and the selection criteria that will be used?

ANSWER:

An Expression of Interest (EOI) process seeking 8 to 10 small business owners, to join the Queensland Small Business Advisory Council opened 14 July and will close 5pm 27 July 2021.

The EOI process encourages women and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business owners, culturally and linguistically diverse business owners, young and regional business owners, and owners of social enterprises to apply.

The Council will be comprised from priority industry sectors including construction and building; retail and e-commerce; hospitality and accommodation; tourism; agriculture, forestry and fishing; health care and social assistance; transport, postal and warehousing; manufacturing and export; as well as emerging industries like cybersecurity.

Council members will be selected based on their:

- skills and lived experiences as a small business owner and their ability to advocate for their industry and community;
- influence and action in their community with a focus on achievements that show support for local small business issues and solutions; and
- connection to their nominated industry.

Following the closure of the EOI process, the selection and appointment process will be a priority, with timeframes subject to external factors including due diligence checks. The first meeting of the new Queensland Small Business Advisory Council will be convened as soon as possible following the finalisation of the appointments.