

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 496

asked on 24 May 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister reopen the Business Basics Grant, given the malfunction that allowed some applicants early access to the online queue, creating an unfair advantage?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

Business Basics grants are incredibly popular and each time there are more applicants than funds available.

As I announced in parliament on 26 May 2022 an additional Business Basics grant round will be launched later this year so more small businesses have another opportunity to apply. Those small businesses who were previously successful in receiving a grant in earlier rounds will not be eligible to apply.

The accepted applications that were validly submitted for this round are now being assessed against the criteria.