

Question on Notice

No. 1483

Asked on Thursday, 16 November 2023

MS A CAMM ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, INNOVATION AND SPORT AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER ON OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS SPORT AND ENGAGEMENT (HON S HINCHLIFFE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide a breakdown of funding expended through the Female Founder program (reported separately by year, region and industry) since its inception?

ANSWER [MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON L LINARD)]:

On 18 December 2023, I was appointed as Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Innovation and as such, I am now the responsible Minister to answer this Question.

To date, the Female Founders program has expended more than \$2.853 million to support close to 2,000 women across Queensland.

Expenditure by Financial Year is \$193,000 in 2018-19; \$304,000 in 2019-20; \$828,000 in 2020-21; \$503,000 in 2021-22; \$316,000 in 2022-23; and \$711,000 in 2023-24 (to date 29/02/2024), noting that rounding has been applied.

The Queensland Government's financial reporting system does not provide expenditure breakdown on the Advance Queensland programs by region.

Through ongoing engagement with Queensland's Female Founders, I can report that funding recipients are in the following regions: Brisbane and Redlands, central Queensland, Darling Downs, far north Queensland and the Sunshine Coast.

The program is industry agnostic, with recipients working across a wide range of technologies and sectors. These include sportstech, food and agtech, healthtech, climatetech, fintech in the banking and finance sector, advanced manufacturing, the wellbeing industry and social impact sector.