

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 218**

**Asked on 7 March 2024**

**MR L MILLAR** asked the Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing (HON G GRACE) –

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise how many companies have expressed interest in locating to the Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone and when works for the construction of common-user infrastructure funded in the recent budget will commence on the ground?

**ANSWER:**

The Department of State Development and Infrastructure (DSDI) has allocated \$7 million towards a joint venture between Sunshot Industries (a subsidiary of Zen Energy) and the Barcaldine Regional Council to establish the Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone (BREZ) precinct.

A funding agreement is currently being finalised with the proponents of the BREZ precinct. Upon approval of the agreement, the precinct can commence construction.

DSDI understands at least seven companies are interested in locating to the proposed BREZ precinct.