

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 977

asked on Thursday, 22 August 2024

MR B MICKELBERG ASKED MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (HON L MCCALLUM)

QUESTION:

With reference to the Small Business Financial Counselling Service and State Government commitment to expand the program from 14 to 20 small business financial counsellors across Queensland, along with the expansion of wellness coaches from 6 to 10—

Will the Minister advise the amount of funding allocated for the commitment (reported separately by financial year)?

ANSWER:

The Miles Labor Government's new \$250 million Small Business Strategy 2024-27 has committed to extending and funding the Small Business Counselling Service. This aligns the service to the Small Business Wellness Coaching Service.

Total funding of \$6,000,000 for the 2024/2025 financial year is as follows:

- \$4,000,000 for 20 small business financial counsellors.
- \$2,000,000 for 10 small business wellness coaches.