

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

356. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the media statement on 22 June 2021 titled “Support for events industry as 2021 Perth Royal Show goes on”.

- (1) Will the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia still receive the \$4 million provided if the show is cancelled due to a snap lockdown?
- (2) Has any money been provided to regional shows that were also cancelled in 2020 or earlier this year?
- (3) Will regional shows also be eligible for discounted tickets?
- (4) Of the 140 applicants for the Getting the Show Back on the Road program —
 - (a) how many of the applicants were organisers of Agricultural shows—please list; and
 - (b) how many of those applicants were successful?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. I am sure that he was also celebrating the announcement.

- (1) The state government’s funding package for the 2021 Perth Royal Show contains a portion of direct grant as well as an underwriting component in the event of any losses that may be suffered by the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia as a result of any unanticipated COVID restrictions.
- (2) A number of regional agriculture shows that were cancelled in 2020 were eligible for the commonwealth government funding. Given this, we provided a number of small grants to support those organisations that chose to go ahead with their show.
- (3) Our package announced yesterday has broadened the Getting the Show Back on the Road program. It now allows regional agricultural shows that require assistance to apply for up to 75 per cent of loss of revenue from any unanticipated COVID restrictions.
- (4) The Getting the Show Back on the Road program was previously limited to performing arts and live music events. We have now broadened the scope of the program to include regional agricultural shows.