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[ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES A AND B SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION — Thursday, 26 May 2016]  
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**Division 77: Small Business Development Corporation —**

**[Supplementary Information No A55.]**

*Question:* Mr W.J. Johnston asked how many matters were referred to the State Administrative Tribunal after going through the alternative dispute resolution process.

*Answer:* To date in 2015/16 (May 27, 2016), a total of 395 cases have gone through the formal ADR process. In addition, 21 certificates for application to the State Administrative Tribunal were issued by the Small Business Commissioner for matters that were unable, or unlikely, to be resolved by ADR.

**[Supplementary Information No A56.]**

*Question:* Mr P.C. Tinley sought the country of origin for every issued visa under the business migration program for 2014–15 and 2015–16.

*Answer:* The table below lists the country of origin for applications under the Business Migration program for 2014/15 and to date 2015/16:

<b>COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF APPLICATION</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16 (to 27 May 2016)</b>
Afghanistan	0	1
Argentina	3	0
*Australia	5	3
Azerbaijan	0	1
Bahrain	0	1
Bangladesh	3	2
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	0
Brunei Darussalam	2	1
China	133	46
Egypt	0	1
France	1	0
Hong Kong	0	3
India	2	1
Indonesia	3	1
Iran	9	4
Italy	1	1
Jordan	0	1
Kenya	11	6
Lebanon	0	4
Malaysia	52	61
Pakistan	1	0
Philippines	0	1
Portugal	0	1
Singapore	6	4
South Africa	5	16
South Korea	0	2

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Sri Lanka	1	1
Taiwan	1	0
Uganda	0	1
UK	4	8
United Arab Emirates	0	2
USA	1	0
Uzbekistan	1	1
Vietnam	4	5
Zambia	1	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>183</b>

\*Country of origin is the country the applicant was resident in at the time of application (not country of citizenship). Hence 8 applications were received from people residing within Australia.

**[Supplementary Information No A57.]**

*Question:* Mr P.C. Tinley asked whether the corporation monitors, during and outside the four-year cycle, the progress of businesses, particularly jobs growth, once their migration status has been satisfied.

*Answer:* The Small Business Development Corporation does not monitor the progress of business migrants after they have finalised their visa and investment requirements.

**[Supplementary Information No A58.]**

*Question:* Mr P.C. Tinley asked for the number and location of international trade expos that the SBDC has funded, attended or promoted for 2015–16 and how much each cost.

*Answer:* The Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) does not attend trade expos, however it does participate in overseas Business Migration events. Details of International Business Migration events that the SBDC has funded, attended or promoted are set out in the table below:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>SBDC Cost (Excluding GST)</b>
China (See Note 1 below)	July 2014	\$766
Malaysia and Singapore	August 2014	\$3,125
China	November 2014	\$6,924
Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia	March 2015	\$2,588
China	June 2015	\$6,371
China	October 2015	\$10,436
Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei	December 2015	\$5,154
China	April 2016	\$8,202

Note 1: A staff member from the WA Government Trade Office in Shanghai attended a Migration event in Dalian China on behalf of the SBDC with SBDC meeting the cost of travel and accommodation.

**[Supplementary Information No A59.]**

*Question:* Mr C.J. Tallentire asked for the role and number of full-time equivalent employees who were not able to be appointed until after the recruitment freeze and whether the corporation sought exemptions for anybody to be appointed during the recruitment freeze.

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*Answer:* Three vacant positions were impacted by the recruitment freeze and the details for each position are set out in the table below:

<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Role/Function</b>	<b>Was an Exemption Sought</b>
Information Technology Coordinator	The position is responsible for Information and Communications Technology (ICT) support across the Corporation. This includes maintenance and help desk support for hardware infrastructure, software platforms together with system network and backup plans and procedures.	No
Business Program Coordinator	This position is responsible for delivering workshops on establishing and operating a small business and promoting the SBDC's small business outreach program, Industry link via a range of networks and government partnerships.	No
Manager Program Delivery	The position is responsible for the management and oversight of the Program Delivery Unit. Its main focus is to oversee the management of contracts and ensure that advice and assistance to third party providers, in particular the Business Local service, is delivered in line with the SBDC's outcomes and policies. The role has a strong focus on stakeholder engagement and reporting on business development programs.	Yes. The SBDC submitted an exemption request to the Minister in April 2016, however the freeze was subsequently lifted on May 12.