

CORONAVIRUS — BUSINESS SUPPORT

135. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the Premier’s media statement of 2 March 2022 entitled “Level 2 COVID-19 Business Assistance Package”, referencing a purported \$1.7 billion COVID business support commitment by the McGowan government.

- (1) What is the fiscal breakdown of each and all COVID-19 support packages for Western Australian businesses committed to by the McGowan government included in the \$1.7 billion, including for each package —
- (a) the total budgeted funds;
 - (b) the total of funds delivered to WA businesses; and
 - (c) the number of businesses that have received funding from the packages?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I am going to ask for some leniency today. I do not know why, but I have a whole pile of questions that have not been put in my file, so I will have to try to wade my way through them. Bear with me, folks.

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) (a)–(b) The answer is in tabular form. The table includes initiatives that were only recently introduced or where funds have been disbursed at the conclusion of the program; for example, building bonus grants. As a result, funds will continue to increase as packages or programs progress.

I seek leave to have this information incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

	Budgeted impact (\$m)	Paid as at 31 January 2022 (\$m)
\$20,000 Building Bonus Grants	535	389
Small Business and Charity Electricity Tariff Offset	274	270
Business Support Packages (post 2021-22 Mid-year Review), comprising: - December Health Restrictions Package (\$16 million); - Safe Transition Industry Support Package (\$77 million); - Level 1 COVID-19 Business Assistance Package (\$67 million); - Level 2 COVID-19 Business Assistance Package (\$72 million); - marketing blitz to lure interstate travellers back to WA (\$12 million); and - Support to School Camp Providers (\$3.5 million).	247	Not applicable – launched after 31 January 2022.
Payroll Tax Exemption for JobKeeper Payments	205	205
Payroll Tax Waiver	165	194
\$17,500 Grants to Small and Medium-sized Payroll Tax Paying Businesses	107	107
Small Business Lockdown Assistance Grants	41	38
Waiver of Small Business Licence Fees	50	50
Construction Workforce Support Measures	31	17
Rent Support for Tenants of Government Agencies	24	24
Land Tax Assistance Grant Program	3	2
Support for Travel Agents	5	3
Total Support to Businesses (\$m)	1,685	1,300

- (c) The requested data cannot be provided in the time available.