

CORONAVIRUS — BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PACKAGE

636. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the Premier's announcement of 24 February 2022 for the provision of a \$67 million Level 1 COVID-19 Business Assistance Package, and I ask:

- (a) from what date were applications for access to the above support package accepted by Government;
- (b) until what date will applications for access to the above package be accepted by Government;
- (c) what department will oversee the application process of the Safe Transition Support Package; and
- (d) what is the anticipated processing time from grant application to tangible financial delivery to applying businesses?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (a)–(c) The McGowan Government's \$67 million Level 1 COVID-19 Business Assistance Package consists of multiple support programs, administered by the Small Business Development Corporation and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries'.

Each program has its own application timeframes. As of 1 April 2022, applications for all programs had opened. Applications for all programs are expected to be closed by 30 June 2022.

- (d) Agencies always aim to deliver payments to businesses as quickly as possible. Timeframes for each program and individual applications vary on a case by case basis.