

CORONAVIRUS — BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PACKAGE

619. 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-19 business support commitment by the McGowan Government, and I ask what is the number of businesses that have received funding from each package?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

The McGowan Government’s proactive management of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the implementation of the Safe Transition Plan, has set Western Australia’s course for a much softer landing than experienced elsewhere in the country.

Considering the significant amount of COVID-19 business support provided by the McGowan Government in the past two and a half years, it would require significant Government resources to identify the number of individual businesses who have received funding from each package.

As such, it is not considered a reasonable or responsible use government resources to complete such a task.