

COLLIE INDUSTRY ATTRACTION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

554. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the Collie future industry attraction and development fund.

- (1) What is the total amount that has been made available under this fund since its inception?
- (2) What is the balance of unallocated or uncommitted moneys remaining in the fund?
- (3) What projects have received funding from the fund and to what value?
- (4) What new full-time, part-time and casual positions have been created within each project funded in (3)?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. I think the member is conflating two funds. There is the Collie Futures fund, which is what the member asked about yesterday, and there is the Collie industry attraction and development fund. I was a bit surprised to see this because the member had withdrawn the question because he made that confusion but he has resubmitted it in the same form. It is a separate fund—right. It is not the Collie future industry; it is the Collie industry attraction and development fund.

- (1) The total amount budgeted is \$80.1 million, and \$2 million of this has been allocated to the Collie Futures small grant program, which is in addition to the \$2 million allocated from the Collie Futures industry development fund.
- (2) To date, projects to the value of \$40.9 million have been committed under the Collie industry attraction and development fund, with a number of projects seeking a total of \$25.1 million currently under consideration.
- (3)–(4) The information is in tabular form. But I do ask, member: what is your problem with this idea of us having a just transition—with this idea of us going out and getting the most amazing new industries in Collie? They are the most amazing new industries in Collie!

The PRESIDENT: Order! I know it is “have fun” Thursday; however, we have very clear standing orders about questions and answers.

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN: I have the information in tabular form.

I seek leave to have the response incorporated into *Hansard*.

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

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Applicant	Project Name	Funding Approved	Anticipated Jobs
Dept of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety	DMIRS Licensing Centre	\$300,000	15
Dept of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction	Lake Kepwari Redevelopment	\$2,166,000	39
Dept of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction	Wellington Dam Mural	\$1,500,000	18
Dept of Fire and Emergency Services	DFES Multipurpose Facility	\$13,407,000	142
Frontline Fire	Collie Emergency Services Vehicle Manufacturing	\$2,500,000	17
Dept of the Premier and Cabinet	Collie Delivery Unit	\$3,450,000	4
Dept of the Premier and Cabinet	Coal Adviser	\$520,000	3
Dept of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction	Collie Trails	\$10,000,000	69
Shire of Collie	Throssell Street Facades	\$1,100,000	13
Small Business Development Commission	Collie Based Business Advisor	\$180,000	1
Dept of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction	Wellington Dam National Park Infrastructure	\$2,500,000	148
Dept of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction	Wayfinding and Tourism Amenities in Collie township	\$600,000	33
Development WA	Eco-Concrete Feasibility	\$600,000	2
Shire of Collie	Collie Visitor Centre Expansion Project	\$537,000	1
Collie Visitor Centre	Collie Replica Underground Mine Upgrade	\$362,000	17
Dept of Jobs Tourism Science and Innovation	Collie Investment Attraction	\$1,000,000	2

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Short term roles include construction roles and consultants involved in feasibility studies.

Job creation figures will continue to vary based on the dynamic nature of employment and as data is provided from proponents.

^ Through the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction management process, job numbers are collated from all contractors utilised at the completion of the project.

* In addition to direct jobs, flow-on economic benefits in region are expected to be realised through longer-term jobs created in the tourism sector as a result of increased visitor numbers and increased visitor spend. In 2021 with the Collie Visitor Centre recording a record number of nearly 27,000 visitors.
