

COLLIE FUTURES FUND

**1043. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Minister for Regional Development:**

I refer to the \$20 million Collie Futures fund.

- (1) What is the balance of unallocated or uncommitted moneys remaining in the fund?
- (2) What projects have received funding from the fund and to what value for each?
- (3) What new full-time, part-time and casual positions have been created within each project funded in (2)?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for the question.

- (1) In relation to the Collie Futures fund, the total allocation is now \$22 million, as we recently announced that we were taking \$2 million from the Collie Futures industry development fund for the Collie Futures small grants program. So far under the Collie Futures fund, \$13.27 million has been allocated. Several projects are awaiting announcement or are currently in the assessment phase.
- (2) I know the member is a great enthusiast of the work we do down there, and projects funded include the autonomous technology training centre, which is only the second facility of its type in the world. Since it opened in August 2020, over 300 people have been trained in Collie, creating not only jobs on that site, but also enormous benefit for the accommodation and hospitality sector. There is also a great new project, Cannaponics, which is a licensed medicinal cannabis company. The International Graphite manufacturing plant is currently under construction. I very happily table a full list of projects under the Collie Futures fund.

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- (3) The member has requested a lot of information, and I will provide that information on Thursday, 2 December.