

CORONAVIRUS — SAFE TRANSITION INDUSTRY SUPPORT PACKAGE

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

I refer to the Premier's announcement on 10 February 2022 of a \$77 million safe transition industry support package.

- (1) How was the figure of \$77 million for the support package arrived at, and what assumptions and information was used by the government to calculate expected business losses from the delay in border reopening?
- (2) Will the government table to this house the modelling, assumptions and calculations used to arrive at this figure; and, if not, why not?
- (3) On what date will applications to apply for the support packages open, and what department or agency will oversee the assessment of the applications?
- (4) Will rejected businesses have the right of appeal?
- (5) If yes to (4), who will oversee that appeal?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) The \$77 million safe transition industry support package was developed by government in consultation with industry stakeholders. The package contains both new initiatives and extensions of existing business support measures. Details of the breakdown of the \$77 million figure can be found on the government website. If the member is after something specific, I will get it for him. The package is designed to provide support to affected businesses, not to compensate them for any potential economic loss.
- (2) No. This information is Expenditure Review Committee in-confidence.
- (3) Details of the application processes are publicly available on the WA government website. The website contains direct links to the agencies administering the various components of the package.
- (4) All government grant programs are subject to administrative appeal processes as common practice.
- (5) If an applicant is unhappy with the administrative decision, they may seek further review from the Ombudsman Western Australia.