

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Thursday, 12 October 2023

1709. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry

I refer to the native forestry transition plan, and i ask:

- (a) how many workers have lost their job as a result of the government's decision to ban native hardwood harvesting;
- (b) how many workers have applied for payment as part of the support packages announced by the Government;
- (c) how many workers have received payment as part of the support packages:
- (i) what is the total amount paid out as of today;
- (d) has the transition group identified new employment opportunities for workers in the south west:
 - (i) if so, what are they; and
 - (ii) how many people are expected to be employed in each of those;
- (e) how much has been spent as part of the Business Transition Programs since announced in 2021:
- (i) will the Minister please provide a list of recipients, including the amount received; and
- (f) how much has been spent as part of the Industry and Community Development Programs since announced in 2021:
- (i) will the Minister please provide a list of recipients including the amount received?

Answer

- (a) As at 23 October 2023, 229 workers have applied for support under the Workforce Transition Program.
- (b) See (a) above.
- (c) As at 23 October 2023, 199 workers have received a payment under the Workforce Transition Program with a further 30 payments to be processed in the coming weeks.
 - (i) As at 23 October 2023, a total of \$6,394,390.39 has been paid under the Workforce Transition Program.
- (d) JTSI's NFT Team join representatives from South Regional TAFE, Jobs and Skills Centre, Chamber of Minerals and Energy, and Community Resource Centres for a monthly meeting led by Workforce Australia to discuss employment opportunities and support available to impacted workers.
 - (i) Employment opportunities have been identified in a range of sectors including mining, agriculture, retail, trades and healthcare.
 - (ii) The number expected to be employed in each sector cannot be estimated, as the roles in each sector vary along with the skill-sets of the displaced workers. The expectation is that through the support offered across a range of agencies, all displaced forestry workers will be supported to identify and apply for employment opportunities.



- (e) As at 23 October 2023 a total of \$24,591,904.42 has been paid under the Business Transition Program.
- (i) Details of the recipients and individual amounts received under the Business Transition Program are confidential for personal and commercial-in-confidence reasons. I refer the Member to my answer to Question On Notice No. 1124 asked in the Legislative Council on 22 November 2022 for the methodology of how each payment was calculated.
- (f) As at 23 October 2023, 48 separate projects have been approved for funding under the various Industry and Community Development Grant programs, with \$6,562,244 paid.
- (i) See Tabled paper No. #####.

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Grant (SBDD) and Community Small Grant Fund (CSGF)

Grant Recipient	ICD Program	Amount
Suncove Timber Products	SBDD	\$387,702.00
Tarvia Pty Ltd	SBDD	\$366,828.00
Bordin and Buckley Holdings Pty Ltd	SBDD	\$392,600.00
Giovanetti Transport Pty Ltd	SBDD	\$383,717.00
BL Froome Pty Ltd Trading as Froome Haulage	SBDD	\$400,000.00
South Coast Nature Play	SBDD	\$400,000.00
The Nannup Furniture Galler	SBDD	\$38,100.00
Kristoffersson Furniture	SBDD	\$265,500.00
Herdigan Transport	SBDD	\$329,282.00
Ecofriendly Solutions Pty Ltd	SBDD	\$350,000.00
Mumballup Organics	SBDD	\$400,000.00
New Leaf Gallery	SBDD	\$400,000.00
James Turner Woodwork	SBDD	\$244,000.00
Cedar West Pty Ltd	SBDD	\$400,000.00
JC Forestry	SBDD	\$6,000.00
Kyter Pty Ltd Trading as All Suburbs Woodyard	SBDD	\$400,000.00
Rustic Nature Play	SBDD	\$400,000.00
Inglewood Products Group	SBDD	\$400,000.00
Lilbourne Contracting	SBDD	\$398,515.00
Mortlock Timber Pty Ltd	SBDD	\$400,000.00
Aerial Adventure Pemberton Pty Ltd	CSGF	\$100,000.00
Planted Passion Pty Ltd	CSGF	\$99,500.00
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South West Snails	CSGF	\$99,888.00
Blackwood Youth Action Inc	CSGF	\$72,131.00
Southern Roasting Co	CSGF	\$100,000.00

Nannup Western Australia Geopark Association Incorporated	CSGF	\$98,035.00
Verge Enviro Pty Ltd	CSGF	\$89,350.00
Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes	CSGF	\$66,093.50
Blackwood Environment Society Inc.	CSGF	\$38,835.00
Mila Holdings	CSGF	\$100,000.00
Geegeelup Village Inc	CSGF	\$79,132.45
Pemberton Cycling Association Incorporated	CSGF	\$100,000.00
Farmhouse Flowers	CSGF	\$90,333.00
Ampersand Estates	CSGF	\$100,000.00
Warren Catchments Council Inc.	CSGF	\$100,000.00
Blackwood River Arts Trail Inc.	CSGF	\$27,781.00
Paul and Louise Meschiati (trading as Lakebrook)	CSGF	\$99,201.44
" Manjimup Seventh-day Adventist Church Seventh Day Adventist Church (Western Australian Conference) Limited “	CSGF	\$67,125.50
Nannup River Cottages	CSGF	\$100,000.00
Southern Forest Arts	CSGF	\$49,481.00
Manjimup Arts Hub Inc.	CSGF	\$10,000.00
South West Hops	CSGF	\$100,000.00
Manjimup Repertory Club Inc	CSGF	\$30,000.00
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