

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT 1983, REVIEW

716. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for State Development

I refer the Minister to the answer to question on notice No. 1634 and ask -

- (a) when was the review of the Small Business Development Corporation Act 1983 completed;
- (b) who conducted the review;
- (c) what was the outcome of the review;
- (d) what were the findings and recommendations relating to the Small Business Development Grants;
- (e) will the Minister table copies of the review, findings and recommendations;
- (f) if not, why not;
- (g) how will the review effect the qualification for grants, by applicants;
- (h) when is the next round of grant allocations; and
- (i) will all outstanding applicants need to reapply?

Mr C.M. BROWN replied:

I am advised that:

- (a) The review of the Small Business Development Corporation Act 1983 was completed on 20 June 2002.
- (b) The review was conducted by an independent Steering Committee comprising:
  - Ms Catherine Crawford (Chair)
  - Mr Stuart Thompson
  - Mr Shaun Ridley
- (c) The outcome of the review was that the Small Business Development Corporation is performing well in delivering on its statutory obligations under the Small Business Development Corporation Act. The review report also included a number of recommendations on ways to improve on the delivery of Small Business Development Corporation services which are being considered and progressed as appropriate by the Board of the Small Business Development Corporation.
- (d) The Steering Committee made no specific recommendations in relation to grants. The Consultant appointed by the Committee (Boshe Group) made two minor recommendations on the Small Business Improvement Program (SBIP) and Business Innovation Development Service (BIDS) and these are detailed on page 7 of the Consultant's Report (Annexure 1).
- (e) The Steering Committee Report on the review including findings and recommendations was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 10 September 2002.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g) The review will not affect the qualification for grants by applicants.
- (h) Not applicable.
- (i) Not applicable.