

DROUGHT RELIEF - STATE ASSISTANCE

37. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business:

I refer to advice provided to the Minister for Agriculture and Food in answering question without notice 1135 on 23 November 2006.

- (1) Without disclosing recipients, could details be provided of “locally developed initiatives” approved to receive \$191 458 in support under the small business initiatives fund to the year 30 June 2006?
- (2) The Small Business Development Corporation Act 1983 defines a small business as one with a “relatively small share of the market in which it competes”. Is this market share defined in the context of -
 - (a) a local government area;
 - (b) Western Australia; or
 - (c) Australia?
- (3) The act further defines a small business to be “not a subsidiary of, or . . . part of, a larger business”. Does this exclude -
 - (a) franchises; and
 - (b) firms with a number of rural branches?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon Nigel Hallett for providing some notice of the question. It is rather a lengthy answer. I table the answer and seek leave to incorporate it in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

[See paper 2396.]

The following material was incorporated -

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

(1) The Small Business Initiatives Fund (SBIF) is only used to fund Small Business Centres in Western Australia for training and local initiatives that support the development of skills required by small business operators within their region. It does not directly fund small businesses. The details of projects funded by the SBIF to the year 30 June 2006 are:

- . Financial Dynamics Workshop
- . Plan for Success Seminar
- . Marketing Today Workshop (6 workshops)
- . Cash Flow Today Workshop (13 workshops)
- . Small Business Mentor Scheme (8 workshops)
- . Risk Management Workshop
- . Supa Shop Workshop (6 workshops)
- . Tourism Today Workshop (2 workshops)
- . Selling Skills Workshop
- . B&B Seminar
- . Kickstart
- . Commercial Tenancy Workshop
- . Small Business Operational Planning
- . Business Mastermind
- . MYOB Training
- . Practical Employment Management Skills Program
- . Work Choices Reforms Workshop
- . Specialist Presentation on Enterprise Facilitation
- . How to Quote and tender Workshop
- . Building Better Business Workshop
- . Small Business Needs Analysis

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(2) The *Small Business Development Corporation Act 1983* (Act) does not define the context of the market share of a small business.

(3a) Yes, if the franchise complies with the definition of a small business within the meaning of the *Small Business Development Corporation Act 1983*.

(3b) Yes, if the firm with a number of rural branches complies with the definition of a small business within the meaning of the *Small Business Development Corporation Act 1983*.
