

CORONAVIRUS — SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

**421. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Small Business:**

I refer to the Premier's announcement of 9 July 2021, detailing \$3 000 small business lockdown assistance grants for small businesses impacted by the four-day Perth and Peel lockdown.

- (1) As of 31 July 2021, how many metropolitan small businesses have applied for the \$3 000 SBLA grant and how many have been approved?
- (2) As of 31 July 2021, how many regional small businesses have applied for the \$3 000 SBLA grant and how many have been approved?
- (3) Of the \$41.5 million assigned to SBLA grants, how much has been paid to —
  - (a) metropolitan small businesses; and
  - (b) regional small businesses?
- (4) What is the processing time from application to payment of the SBLA grants?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Small Business.

- (1) As of 31 July 2021, 5 703 metropolitan small businesses have applied for the \$3 000 small business lockdown assistance. Applications are still being processed.
- (2) As of 31 July 2021, 272 regional small businesses have applied for the \$3 000 SBLA. Applications are still being processed.
- (3)
  - (a) Nil.
  - (b) Nil.
- (4) Processing time can vary depending on the validation required for a particular application; generally, it takes between 10 to 30 days. It is anticipated that the first payments will begin on Friday, 6 August 2021.