

LOCAL CAPABILITY FUND

847. Hon JIM CHOWN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I assume that Hon Samantha Rowe has it covered. I refer to the media statement by the Premier, Hon Mark McGowan, on Friday, 27 October 2017. The statement refers to a new capability fund that has been established. It states —

The McGowan Labor Government will provide eligible businesses with up to \$20,000 in dollar-for-dollar funding to assist them to prepare for work on the METRONET project.

The Local Capability Fund's METRONET round will focus on future engagement opportunities between prospective railcar manufacturers and Western Australian small to medium enterprises ...

This funding can be used for equipment, improvements to internal business infrastructure and systems, and expert consultancy fees.

- (1) Where in the budget is this fund stated?
- (2) What is the total allocation for this fund?

Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:

On behalf of the Leader of the House, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation advises the following.

- (1) On page 106, within the “Details of Controlled Grants and Subsidies” table, the fund is referred to as “IFSP Government Procurement and METRONET”. The IFSP, industry facilitation and support program, has been renamed as the local capability fund.
- (2) The total allocation for 2017–18 is \$800 000, which comprises \$400 000 allocated to the Metronet round and \$400 000 to supporting small and medium-sized enterprises to enter government supply chains.