

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Agribusiness and Aquaculture:

Support for Melon Industry Pickers

- 1. How much of the \$745,000 committed to supporting the Melon Industry workforce needed between April-July 2021 was actually spent?**

\$292,000 plus NT Government staff member secondment provided as in-kind support.

- 2. What was it spent on?**

\$73,000 was expensed on a business support package, which provided businesses with \$1,000 per worker relocation incentive for workers moving to the Territory to work on melon farms.

\$154,000 was expensed on a loyalty bonus to help businesses retain workers.

\$65,000 was expensed on a media strategy/campaign to market and advertise melon industry jobs.

- 3. How many melon pickers did this pay for?**

88.

- 4. How much did it cost (in-kind) for the secondment of a NTG staff member to provide administrative support for the Territory harvest program?**

Estimated \$13,200.