

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms Boothby to the Minister for Business, Jobs and Training:

**Biz Secure Grants**

**1. How many staff are currently employed to administer Biz Secure Grants?**

There are 12 Full Time Equivalent (FTEs) in the Grants and Business and Performance Team, including the director position.

**2. In the past 12 months, how many applications have been received for Biz Secure Grants?**

For the period of 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, 413 applications were received.

**3. How many of the applications received for Biz Secure Grants required a security audit of the premises?**

For the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, 255 applicants applied for a security audit.

**4. How many of these grants have been approved?**

For the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, 323 applications were approved.

**5. How many of these grants have been paid?**

For the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, 290 vouchers have been paid.

**6. Of the successful Biz Secure applications how many businesses or clusters of businesses received a Department contribution of:**

- a. Up to \$5,000 = 79 businesses or clusters of businesses
- b. \$5,000-\$10,000 = 63 businesses or clusters of businesses
- c. \$10,000-\$15,000 = 27 businesses or clusters of businesses
- d. \$15,000+ = 9 businesses or clusters of businesses

Note: Businesses can have up to 4 works under one application.

**7. What was the total Department contribution to Biz Secure Grants granted in the past 12 months?**

For the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, \$1.42 million paid to businesses under Biz Secure.

**8. What was the total business contribution by businesses receiving Biz Secure grants in the past 12 months?**

For the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, businesses have contributed \$559,378 towards works approved under the program.

**9. What was the total cost of administering the Biz Secure Grants in the past 12 months?**

The staff budget for the Financial Year 2023, the grants and Business Performance Team is \$1.1million, which includes administration of Biz Secure grants.

**10. In the past 12 months, what was the average wait time between the time a business submits a Biz Secure Grant application and receives approval for the grant? What was the longest time?**

For the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, the average time between application submission and the issue of a voucher/grant is 27 days. The longest time was 168 days.

Note – for reporting purposes the system considers an application submitted as soon as it is entered into GrantsNT. Delays are predominantly due to incomplete applications being submitted, where the department requires additional information before the application can be processed.

**11. In the past 6 months, what was the average wait time between the time a business submits a Biz Secure Grant application and receives approval for the grant? What was the longest time?**

For the period 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023, the average time between application submission and issue of a voucher/grant is 22 days. The longest time was 148 days.

Note – for reporting purposes the system considers an application submitted as soon as it is entered into GrantsNT. Delays are predominantly due to incomplete applications being submitted, where the department requires additional information before the application can be processed.

**12. In the past 3 months, what was the average wait time between the time a business submits a Biz Secure Grant application and receives approval for the grant? What was the longest time?**

For the period 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2023, the average time between application submission and issue of a voucher/grant is 14 days. The longest time was 48 days.

Note – for reporting purposes the system considers an application submitted as soon as it is entered into GrantsNT. Delays are predominantly due to incomplete applications being submitted, where the department requires additional information before the application can be processed.