

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Boothby to the Minister for Jobs and Training:

**Work Stay Play**

**1. How many employers registered for a Work Stay Play grant?**

There are 80 businesses registered as at 07 January 2022.

**2. How many of these employers were paid the Work Stay Play payment?**

There have been 56 applications from eligible employers approved up until 07 January 2022.

Please advise the total paid:

Payments are made at allocated intervals after workers are employed, over \$284,000 paid to date.

**3. How many new jobs did it create?**

412 eligible roles have been funded

**4. How many new staff did it recruit into businesses?**

Please refer to question 3.

**5. Are you tracking how long these staff remain employed by the employer?**

We do not require evidence beyond 8 weeks of continuous employment.

**6. What measures are you using to track the success or failure of the initiative?**

Over 400 workers have been approved under the program. Providing significant support to employers experiencing worker shortages.

**7. When does the expanded Work Stay Play grant program finish?**

The Program closed to new applications at 5pm on 31 December 2021.

**8. How much has been budgeted for?**

\$1.2 million has been budgeted for the 2021-22 financial year.

**9. Where did this money come from? Where in the budget papers did it sit?**

In the 2021-22 Budget Paper 3, the grant program is included in the output Business and innovation NT.

**10. Are employers eligible to use this initiative for students including international students?**

To be eligible to receive payments, an Eligible Worker must be a natural person who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident or is otherwise legally authorised to work in Australia.

**11. Are employers eligible to use this initiative for migrants who they employ?**

Refer to the response in Question 10.