

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

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Subject: Department interactions with Small Businesses

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To: Hon Michael Gunner MLA

Agency: Trade, Business and Innovation

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Question: Can I get figures of interactions with small businesses by the department for the last two to three years?

Answer:

The Department of Trade, Business and Innovation publishes a quarterly business confidence survey. The data is collected by our Small Business Champions (SBCs) through a survey mechanism referred to as a business snapshot. A business snapshot collects data which is aggregated to formulate the quarterly business confidence survey, and enables our SBCs to identify appropriate support mechanisms to help strengthen our small to medium sized businesses.

In 2016-17:

- SBCs completed over 2000 business snapshots
- \$3.9 million committed in grant funding to assist 452 businesses, including Aboriginal and not-for-profit organisations
- facilitated delivery of five small business round tables session across the Territory.

In 2017-18:

- SBCs completed 1900 business snapshots
- \$2.5 million committed in grant funding to assist 353 businesses, including Aboriginal and not-for-profit organisations
- facilitated delivery of nine small business round tables session across the Territory.

In 2018-19, as at 31 March 2019:

- SBCs have undertaken 1950 business snapshots
- \$1.5 million committed in grant funding to assist 222 businesses, including Aboriginal and not-for-profit organisations
- facilitated delivery of 13 small business round tables session across the Territory.