

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Small Business:

**Business Innovation**

Minister, please advise:

**1. Has a survey of Aboriginal communities and homeland towns been done to canvas small business opportunities and interest from local residents?**

The Remote Towns Job Survey was carried out in 2011, 2014 and 2017; and the next survey is due to be completed by the end of 2021. The survey was unable to be undertaken in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions regarding entering communities. The information received in the survey along with data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, forms the Remote Town Job Profiles which tell government, industry, business and contractors about employment opportunities and business capabilities in the towns.

This information is available on the website [Remote town job profiles - NT.GOV.AU](https://www.nt.gov.au/remote-town-job-profiles) and can be used in service planning and delivery, or for a workforce planning tool.

**2. Has a training audit been done to tie training opportunities to potential industry development on country?**

The training opportunities facilitated by the NT Government are in response to workforce requirements. Jobs are identified first, with training provided to provide the necessary skills to interested participants.

**3. During the 20/21 financial year, how many Aboriginal Business Development Program grants have been provided in NE Arnhem Land, for how much, and to which businesses?**

In the 2020-21 financial year, two businesses based in NE Arnhem Land received funding under the Aboriginal Business Development Program to the total value of \$35,368.87 ex GST.

Across the Territory, a further 47 businesses received funding under the Aboriginal Business Development Program to the total value of \$1,153,912.28.

**4. During the 20/21 financial year, what other NTG grants have been provided to businesses in the NE Arnhem Land region, and to which businesses?**

In the 2020-21 financial year, the following grants were provided to businesses in NE Arnhem Land by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade:

- Business Growth: 14 businesses received a total of \$83,697.97 ex GST
- Business Improvement Grants: 14 businesses received \$235,251
- Business Rebound and Adaptation grants: 1 business received \$3,358
- Business Security Program: 21 businesses received \$160,894.47
- Immediate Works Grants: 10 businesses received \$452,493
- Small Business Pivot Grants: 1 business received \$3,565.05
- Small Business Survival Fund: 24 businesses received \$974,506.16