

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Boothby to the Minister for Tourism and Hospitality:

Tourism Survival Fund NT

The NT Government commenced the \$1.3 million Tourism Survival Fund on 26 August 2021, to support tourism businesses that have experienced cancellations due to restrictions put in place by interstate governments on travel (applications closed 31 October 2021).

Questions:

1. How many applications have been received to date?

102 applications were received by the closing date, with 24 applications withdrawn or declined.

2. How many applications have been approved and how much has been paid out?

As at 24 November 2021, 63 applications have been approved with \$765,000 in funding disbursed.

3. How many applications are still being processed?

There are 15 applications that are still being processed (8 in approved/declined/withdrawn and 7 undecided applications).

4. How long does it take to process each application?

The time for the assessment process is largely dependent on whether applicants provide all the required information, as part of their initial application. An initial assessment on a clear application will take around 45-60 minutes, and the secondary assessment takes around 15 minutes. Final manager's approval takes approximately 10 minutes.

5. How many applications have been waiting 10 weeks or more?

None. All applications have had an initial assessment.