



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY
Ms Leanne Castley (Chair), Ms Suzanne Orr (Deputy Chair), Mr Johnathan Davis MLA

Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
Monday, 25 October 2021

Asked by LEANNE CASTLEY MLA on 25 OCTOBER 2021: ANDREW BARR MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: Chief Minister, I would like to go back to the business hardship scheme. Of the \$280 million, how much is going to administration costs?

Mr Barr: We will take that on notice.

ANDREW BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

At the time of the hearing, approximately \$280 million had been approved for payment to eligible businesses through the COVID-19 Business Support Grants program.

To date, a total of \$1.6 million has been spent administering the Business Support Grants program.

This does not include staffing costs for the approximately 60 ACTPS employees who have supported this program at various points. Accurately calculating the total staffing costs incurred through this program would divert resources away from its delivery.

The administrative resources supporting the COVID-19 Business Support Grants program will be leveraged to support the Small Business Hardship Scheme.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Economic Development, Andrew Barr MLA