

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Small Business Advisory Service (SBAS)

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Ryan

QUESTION No.: AI-181

1. Has the funding under this program now been fully allocated?
2. What amount remains unallocated and when do you anticipate decisions will be made regarding the uncommitted funding and what is the anticipated timeframe for announcement of further allocations?
3. How will further allocations be determined? Is a further tender round planned; will fresh publicly advertised expressions of interest be sought; are direct approaches to service providers proposed or will decisions be based on the submissions provided prior to the middle of last year? What will be the process?
4. Will you provide a breakdown of the tender process outcome to date listing the organisations that applied for funding, those that received funding, the geographic area intended to be serviced by the successful and unsuccessful applicants and the electorates in which each applicant was based?
5. Is it intended to follow through on assurances provided to indigenous chamber of commerce in future funding allocations and if so what is proposed?
6. Will further SBAS funding allocations focus on particular segments of the small business community or under-serviced locations? If so, what and where?

ANSWER

1. No. The program is now funded on an ongoing basis.
2. Following the 2012 round, 2012-13 and 2013-14 funding is essentially committed as projects are funded for up to two years.
3. SBAS is a competitive, merit based funding program. The next round is expected to be called toward the end of 2013-14. This will be announced through a public call for applications. The Minister for Small Business, subject to available funding, may call for applications for funding through a round or consider ad hoc proposals for National Interest projects under the SBAS program at any time.
4. A list of organisations that received funding through the 2012 round, the geographic area serviced and the electorate of the location of the applicant is at **Attachment A**.

Details of unsuccessful applications cannot be made available as unsuccessful applicants have not consented to the release of such information.

5. The Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce was not an applicant for the 2012 round.
6. Rounds under the SBAS program may be themed at the discretion of the Minister and may be targeted toward a particular small business opportunity and or challenge and or may include a business service(s) as specified by the Government. Any theme would be announced at the time of calling a round and details included in the SBAS Customer Guidelines for that round.

Attachment A**Small Business Advisory Services program 2012 round successful applicants**

Organisation Name	Area/Region to be Serviced	Electorate of Applicant Organisation
Ballarat BEC	Ballarat City, Ararat Rural City, Pyrenees Shire, Golden Plains Shire, Moorabool Shire, Hepburn Shire, Central Goldfields Shire	Ballarat
BEC (Darwin Region) Inc	Local government areas (LGA) of Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield	Solomon
BEC (Darwin Region) Inc. - Alice Springs	Alice Springs	Solomon
BEC Southern Sydney	Southern Sydney	Cook
Belmont BEC Inc	Western Australia and Australia wide	Swan
Belmont BEC Inc	Belmont LGA	Swan
Box Hill Institute	Kingslake Ranges - Shire of Murrindindi, Shire of Nillumbik, Shire of Mitchell, Shire of Yarra Ranges, City of Whittlesea	Chisholm
Braddon Business Centre	Burnie, Wynyard, Smithton and Queenstown	Braddon
Break O'Day Business Enterprise Board Inc	St Helens, Binalong Bay, Stieglitz, Weldborough, St Mary's, Fingal	Lyons
Broken Hill Enterprise Development Centre Inc	Far West NSW RDA Region - Broken Hill, Central Darling Shire and Unincorporated Area	Farrer
Bundaberg Enterprise Centre Association Inc	Bundaberg, Fraser Coast, Gympie, North Burnett	Hinkler
Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation Inc	North and South Burnett	Wide Bay
Business Enterprise Centre Ipswich Region Inc	Ipswich region	Blair
Business Foundations - Inner City	City of Perth, Subiaco, Vincent and South Perth	Fremantle
Business Foundations - Rockingham Kwinana	Kwinana, Rockingham	Fremantle
Central Coast BEC - Mentor Services	Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council.	Dobell
Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia (Inc)	Perth Metro, Mid West/Gasgoyne, Pilbara, South West	Perth
City of Salisbury trading as Salisbury Business and Export Centre	LGAs of Salisbury, Playford, Gawler, Light and Mallala	Wakefield

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Community Potential Foundation Ltd	North East Tasmania - Launceston city, west Tamar, Meander Valley, Dorset, Northern Midlands, George Town, Flinders Island	Braddon
Community Potential Foundation Ltd	Hobart City, Glenorchy City, Clarence, Brighton, Derwent Valley, Central Highlands, Southern Midlands	Braddon
Dalby Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.	Dalby	Maranoa
Eastern Suburbs BEC - Greater Western Sydney	Western Sydney	Wentworth
Eastside BEC	LGAs of Burnside, Campbelltown, Norwood, Payneham and St Peters, Walkerville, Prospect and Unley and close council boundary areas of Tea Tree Gully, Adelaide and Mitcham LGAs	Adelaide
Enterprise and Training Company Limited	Mid North Coast NSW, Taree, Port Macquarie, Kempsey, Coffs Harbour, Bellingen, Dorrigo Nambucca Heads, Dorrigo	Cowper
Geelong Chamber of Commerce	City of Greater Geelong, Surfcoast Shire, Borough of Queenscliff, Golden Plains Shire	Corio
Gulf Savannah Development Inc	The Gulf Shires of Burke, Carpentaria, Doomadgee, Etheridge, Mornington and Tablelands	Leichhardt
Holmesglen Institute of TAFE	South East Region of Melbourne: City of Port Phillip, City of Stonnington, City of Kingston, City of Glen Eira, City of Monash, City of Greater Dandenong	Chisholm
Horsham Rural City Council trading as Wimmera Business Centre and Horsham BEC	Horsham Rural City Council, Hindmarsh Shire, Yarriambiack Shire, West Wimmera Shire, Northern Grampians Shire, Buloke Shire, Southern Grampians Shire	Mallee
Hunter Business Centre	Lake Macquarie, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Great Lakes, Upper Hunter, Gloucester, Dungog, Maitland, Singleton, Musswellbrook, and Cessnock LGAs	Newcastle
Inner West BEC	Inner south west region of Adelaide	Adelaide
Kangan Batman Institute of Technical and Further Education Board	Melbourne - Northern and Western suburbs and central and inner-Eastern suburbs	Calwell

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Lighthouse Business Innovation Centre Pty Ltd	Canberra	Canberra
Macarthur BEC Ltd	City of Liverpool	Macarthur
Macarthur BEC Ltd	Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondindie LGAs	Macarthur
Mackay Chamber of Commerce Inc	Mackay	Dawson
Murray Hume BEC Inc	Central Murray region - Wentworth, Balranald, Barnham, Moama, Jerilderie, Deniliquin, Wodonga, Albury, Tocumwal, Holbrook	Indi
New England North West BEC	New England North West NSW	New England
North Central Rural Financial Counselling Service	North Central Victoria	Bendigo
North West Business Development Centre	Adelaide	Port Adelaide
Northern Adelaide BEC	Greater Northern Adelaide	Wakefield
Northern Rivers BEC	NSW: Clarence Valley (Grafton, Yamba, Maclean), Richmond Valley (Casino, Evans Head, Woodburn), Kyogle (Kyogle, Bonalbo), Lismore (Lismore, Nimbin, Clunes), Ballina (Ballina, Alstonville, Lennox Head), Byron (Byron Bay, Mullumbimby, Ocean Shores), Tweed (Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah, Kingscliff)	Page
Queanbeyan Enterprise Centre Inc trading as Capital Region BEC	NSW Southern Inland Region - Mittagong, Goulburn, Young, Queanbeyan, Cooma, Tumut	Eden-Monaro
Regional Development Australia Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island	Fleurieu region of SA including Alexandrina, City of Victor Harbor and Yankalilla region	Mayo
Regional Development Australia Far North	Far north South Australia	Grey
Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast Inc	Mid to Upper Limestone Coast	Barker
Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc	Eyre Peninsula (Port Lincoln, Whyalla, Wudinna and Ceduna)	Grey
Rockhampton BEC	Rockhampton Regional Council and Banana Shire Council regions	Capricornia
Small Business Centre Bunbury Wellington	City of Bunbury, the Shires of Capel, Collie, Dardanup, Donnybrook - Balingup and Harvey	Forrest
Small Business Centre East Kimberley	Kununurra, Wyndham, Halls Creek, Doon Doon, Warmun	Durack

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Small Business Centre East Metro	Perth Eastern Metro, City of Swan, Shire of Mundaring, Shire of Kalamunda, Town of Bassendean, City of Belmont and City of Bayswater	Hasluck
Small Business Centre Mid West Inc	City of Greater Geraldton (includes Mullewa), Northampton, Chapman Valley, Greenough; Perenjori, Three Springs, Irwin; Mingenew, Yalgoo, Mt Magnet, Murchison, Meekatharra, Wiluna, Cue	Durack
Small Business Centre North West Metro	Wanneroo LGA and Joondalup LGA	Moore
Small Business Centre South East Coastal	Shires of Esperance, Ravensthorpe/Hopetoun and Dundas	O'Connor
Stirling BEC trading as Small Business Centre Stirling	Stirling region including: Balcatta, Balga, Carine, Churchlands, Coolbinia, Dianella, Dog Swamp, Doubleview, Glendalough, Gwelup, Hamersley	Stirling
Illawarra ITeC Ltd trading as Illawarra BEC	Illawarra Region, Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama	Cunningham
Illawarra ITeC Ltd trading as Shoalhaven & District BEC	Shoalhaven	Cunningham
Illawarra ITeC Ltd trading as South Coast Region BEC	South Coast Region NSW, From Batemans Bay to Eden - Eurobodalla and Bega Valley LGAs	Cunningham
Illawarra ITeC Ltd trading as Southern Highlands BEC	Southern Highlands Region - Wingecarribee LGA	Cunningham
Wagga Wagga BEC Ltd	Riverina - Carrathool, Hay, Griffith, Murrumbidgee, Leeton, Narrandera, Coolamon, Temora, Cootamundra, Junee, Gundagai, Wagga Wagga, Lockhart LGAs	Riverina
Wheat Business Network Inc	Wheatbelt, WA: Shires of Merredin, Naremben, Kondinin, Kulin, Corrigin, Mukinbudin and Mt Marshall	O'Connor
Wodonga Institute of TAFE	Albury LGA, Wodonga LGA, Indigo LGA, Wangaratta LGA, Alpine LGA, Towong LGA	Indi
Wynnum Districts Chamber of Commerce	Brisbane South East, Brisbane Bayside, Redlands and Australia Trade Coast, Brisbane South West	Bonner