

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 902

asked on Thursday, 19 August 2004

MR SEENEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Government's announcement in July 2004 that it will legislate to allow householders to re-use domestic grey water and to the Estimates hearings when the Minister for Local Government and Planning, when asked as to whether any subsidy will be offered to householders to install a grey water system said, the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy *"may wish to consider some subsidy of grey water installation systems"*—

Will he detail what consideration his department has given to the provision of a subsidy and/or rebate to householders as an incentive to save money and conserve water resources to install a grey water system, including, whether this would apply to households in a new residential subdivision as well as households in an existing residential area, what the value of the subsidy and/or rebate might be and when it would take affect and for how long it would apply?

ANSWER:

No consideration has yet been given to the provision of a subsidy and/or rebate to householders for the installation of greywater systems.

Greywater systems will be considered by the Drought Water Supply Taskforce as part of the Queensland Government's 2004 election commitment to review its water infrastructure assistance programs so as to remove all possible drought-related perverse incentives.