

**Question on Notice  
No. 1097  
Asked on 9 June 2006**

MR QUINN asked the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Racing  
(MR SCHWARTEN)-

**QUESTION:**

Will he detail (a) the installation/implementation of programs for water saving devices in all State Government buildings across Queensland (broken down by Government department/agency), (b) what these programs expect to save in terms of water usage (broken down by government department/agency), (c) what the timeframe for implementation of these programs is (broken down by Government department / agency), (d) the funding allocated for these programs (broken down by government department/agency) (e) total expenditure to date (broken down by Government department /agency), and (f) what action is proposed / taken against local government councils that breach water restriction enforcements?

**ANSWER:**

- (a) Since 7 November 2005 the Government Buildings Water Conservation Program (the Program) has been established within the Department of Public Works. The Department of Public Works is focussing water conservation efforts primarily on its own portfolio of owned commercial office buildings. However Public Works has provided and will continue to provide support to a number of agencies on water conservation which will be managed by their own department.
- (b) The minimum water saving target proposed for existing Department of Public Works owned commercial office buildings is 20%.
- (c) The Program is ongoing.
- (d) Funding under the Program for 2006/07 is \$4 million.
- (e) Since 7 November when the Department of Public Works took over responsibility for the program, funds of \$1.239 million were committed for 2005/06.
- (f) Enforcement of water restrictions does not fall within my portfolio of responsibility.