

**Question on Notice
No. 410
Asked on 28 March 2006**

QUESTION:

MR SPRINGBORG asked the Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (Ms Boyle)—

With reference to the Green Rewards Program administered by the Environmental Protection Agency—

- (1) What is the cost of maintaining and overseeing land under the program including administration costs (reported separately for each year) for the current year to date and since the program's commencement in October 2003 (reported separately)?
- (2) If a property under the program is maintained by the property landowner, does the Government provide a yearly contribution to the property holder to help maintain the land, or any other form of ongoing assistance to the property owner; if so, what assistance has been provided to date since the creation of the program (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

- (1) None. Under the Green Rewards Program, Nature Refuge owners can request re-imbusement for true and direct government charges of land tax and transfer duty only. Reimbursements for such true and direct costs were approximately \$24,200 in 2004, \$11,300 in 2005, and \$77,000 for the year to date.
- (2) As above. Owners may also access funding for on-ground conservation works under a wide range of local, state and federal programs.