

Question on Notice
No. 156
Asked on Tuesday, 20 February 2007

MR FENLON asked the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport
(MR FRASER) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the new mandatory water saving targets for new homes built from
1 January 2007 —

- (1) Is it necessary to install a rainwater tank to achieve these targets?
- (2) What other possible options are there for new homes to achieve these targets?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the representations he has made to me on this issue on
behalf of his constituents.

- (1) Rainwater tanks are the simplest and most practical option for meeting water savings targets in single lot residential developments. However, the regulations also allow for the use of performance measures to meet the water savings targets. This provides flexibility, allowing homeowners the ability to adopt innovative alternatives to save water provided they can demonstrate water savings targets are met.

The targets are outlined in the Queensland Development Code Part 25 and apply to applications lodged for the construction of new houses (including townhouses, terrace houses and villas) on or after 1 January 2007 for South East Queensland, and for the remainder of the State from 1 July 2007. Guidelines for Part 25 of the Queensland Development Code have also been published for councils, plumbers, builders and homeowners outlining how the requirements can be met.

- (2) Home owners can meet mandatory water savings targets by ensuring their new houses use water from a rainwater tank or through other options such as communal rainwater tanks, dual reticulation or stormwater reuse systems. The requirements of the Queensland Development Code Part 25 can be met by implementing any one of these options.