

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 16**  
**Asked on Tuesday, 6 February 2007**

**MR HOBBS** asked the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (MR FRASER) –

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Business Water Efficiency Program which the Premier promised would be extended statewide within the first 100 days of the re-election of the Beattie Labor Government and to which page 73 of the Department of Natural Resources and Water's Water for South East Queensland states "the Queensland Government has provided \$40m for the Business Water Efficiency program" in south-east Queensland—

- (1) How much of this \$40m has been spent to date and how many businesses have received assistance?
- (2) How much was set aside in the department's 2006-07, State Budget for the Business Water Efficiency Program?
- (3) How much has been allocated to extend the program statewide, how much has been spent to date on businesses outside south-east Queensland and where has the funding to extend this program been sourced?

**ANSWER:**

The budget and activity of the Business Water Efficiency Program for South-East Queensland is reported every month in the Parliament, under the provisions of the Water Amendment Regulation (No. 6). I commend that report to the Member.

SEQ Water is delivering the program across the state with \$40 million approved for SEQ and \$15 million recently approved for outside SEQ.

SEQ Water is partnering with local governments to deliver the program across Queensland. Applications from around the State are now able to be considered.