Question on Notice No. 493 Asked on Thursday 15 March, 2007

MR FENLON asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR PURCELL) -

QUESTION:

What are the benefits of the Safehome project and how many households in the Greenslopes Electorate and surrounding area have taken advantage of this program?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service delivers fire safety advice and general safety information to residents in their own homes through the Safehome program. Safehome is a free service designed to ensure that Queenslanders are as safe as possible in their homes through the elimination of fire and safety hazards.

Safehome provides residents with on-the-spot advice and information. Firefighters provide advice about a number of home safety issues including smoke alarm installation and positioning, evacuation planning, electrical safety, security issues, storage of hazardous substances and the dangers of hot water.

A Safehome visit can be requested by calling 1300 369 003, or by contacting your local fire station.

Safehome visits can be booked online at: http://www.fire.qld.gov.au/communitysafety/freeprograms/safehome_booking.asp

Last financial year around 130 safety audits were conducted in the Greenslopes electorate and surrounding area, with 65 smoke alarms installed.