

Question on Notice
No. 56
Asked on 7 February 2007

MR FOLEY asked the Premier and Minister for Trade (MR BEATTIE) -

QUESTION:

With reference to constituents who purchased rainwater tanks after receiving his mail out informing them that rebates were available in Queensland as of June 2006 and since purchasing them they have been informed that they are not suitable for rebate due to purchasing a tank before the applicable date for all Queensland (bar south east Queensland)—

Will he backdate all rebates to 13 June 2006 to make the same ground rules for all Queenslanders?

ANSWER:

The letter that was forwarded to residents stated “the Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme will help you buy and install a water tank”.

Applicants were still required to follow the Terms and Conditions which clearly indicated that Stage 1 of the Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme applied only to South East Queensland, and applied to water efficient devices purchased on or after 13 June 2006.

When the Scheme was made available to the rest of the State, Queenslanders could claim a rebate for water efficient devices purchased on or after 16 August 2006, which is the date on which I first made the commitment to expand the Scheme statewide.

Queensland wide applications to the Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme have totalled 58,107 for a total sum \$28,084,895.

The total number of applications in the Maryborough City Council area is 112 for a total value of \$53,819. This includes 42 rebate application for rain water tanks and 60 applications for water efficient washing machines