

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 581

asked on Tuesday, 17 April 2007

MS MALE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

Will he advise of the success of the WaterWise Rebate Scheme initiative in enabling Queenslanders to implement water saving measures in their homes and what the take up rate in the electorate of Glasshouse has been?

ANSWER:

The Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme (HWRS) has attracted an enormous response from Queenslanders. The Scheme is consistently receiving between 5,000-6,000 applications for rebates each week.

Rebates paid are not recorded on an electorate basis. As at 17 April 2007, the HWRS had approved statewide rebate payments totalling 88,618 applications to the value of \$44.98M.

The most popular rebate item is rainwater tanks. As at 17 April 2007, the HWRS had approved 37,609 rebate applications statewide for rainwater tanks to the value of \$36.81M.

The second most popular rebate item is clothes washing machines. As at 17 April 2007, the HWRS had approved 30,324 rebate applications statewide for clothes washing machines to the value of \$6.06M.