

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 818

asked on Tuesday, 5 June 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Lifestyle Waterwise program announced by him on 6 December 2006, a program which 'means Queensland sporting clubs, P&Cs, churches and community childcare, kindergartens and preschools will be able to access grants of up to \$30,000 to implement waterwise measures' and given there is no reference to this scheme on the departments website and considering the Level 5 Water Restrictions—

- (1) How many organisations have applied for this program, and how many have received funding, reported separately?
- (2) What was the initial total budget for this program and how much of this total budget has been expended?
- (3) Why has he cut off the funding to not-for-profit associations for waterwise measures?
- (4) Will he take this lack of funding into consideration when fining organisations for high water use?

ANSWER:

- (1) A total of 409 not-for-profit organisations have applied for funding in the first round of the Lifestyle WaterWise grant program. A total of 392 grant applications will receive an offer of a grant.
- (2) The Lifestyle WaterWise grant program has a total budget of \$10 million. Grant offers for round one total \$6 million.
- (3) Although the Lifestyle WaterWise grant program has two stages, it was a one-off program. Funding for not-for-profit organisations has not been cut off.
- (4) I refer to my answer (3), which says that funding has not been cut off. The premise of question (4) is wrong.