

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1768

asked on Thursday, 13 November 2008

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**MR SEENEY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY (MR WILSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to his answer to Question on Notice No. 1269 asked on 10 September 2008—

Will he now supply details of the (a) number of households and businesses signed up as at 1 November 2008, (b) forecast number of sign ups for the twelve months to 1 July 2009, (c) number and amount of bonus payments made to date, (d) forecast value of bonus payments for the twelve months to 1 July 2009 and (e) actual to date and forecast figures for the gross kWh generated and the net kWh fed back to the system?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question, and refer to my answer to Question On Notice 1269, in which I explained to him that the *Electricity Act 1994* requires electricity distributors and retailers to report the Scheme data to the Department at six monthly intervals. Since the scheme only commenced on 1 July 2008, the question – again – is premature.

However, since the Member is interested in the Bligh Government's achievements in the field of solar energy, I am pleased to report:

- We are investing on 'solar mapping of Queensland' to assist industry to identify sites suitable for solar power generation
- The Solar Homes program will put solar panels on the roofs of 1,000 Queensland households
- Our Solar Schools program will put a solar panel on the roof of every state school in Queensland, at a cost of \$60 million.

These are just some of the solar initiatives the Government has announced during this first term of the Bligh Government.