

Question on Notice
No. 1832
Asked on Wednesday, 26 November 2008

QUESTION:

MR FENLON asked the Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation (Mr McNamara) –

With reference to the ClimateSmart Home Service that will be launched in January–

How will this scheme benefit residents in the Greenslopes Electorate?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government's *ClimateSmart Home Service*, commencing in January 2009, is available to all Queenslanders and will help 260,000 families to reduce the amount of electricity they use in the home.

The aim of the program is to provide Queensland households with support to reduce their carbon footprint by conserving electricity.

For the cost of just \$50, a licensed electrician will visit the home and conduct an energy audit which will identify opportunities for energy conservation. The electrician will also install a wireless energy monitor that can be used to check electricity use throughout the day.

A customised energy and water savings plan will be developed for each home with specific advice on actions householders can take to further reduce energy use. This will be mailed to the household after the service has been completed.

In addition, up to 15 compact fluorescent light globes will be installed free of charge. A water efficient showerhead will also be installed if one is needed.

The average in-home service will take less than an hour and appointments can be organised for a time that suits the householder.

Already over 5,600 households have registered to participate in this program. The Queensland Government aims to provide ClimateSmart Home Services to 260,000 homes across the State over the next two years.

Residents in Greenslopes are encouraged to register for the service which will help them to reduce their energy consumption and save money on electricity bills. Residents are invited to register for the service online or by telephone 13 20 40. Information is available online at www.climatesmarthome.com