

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1862

asked on Thursday, 27 November 2008

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

QUESTION:

Will he provide an update on the number of Home WaterWise rebates paid to residents of the Gold Coast?

ANSWER:

The people of the Gold Coast responded positively to the State Government's Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme. After the residents of the Brisbane City Council local authority, Gold Coast residents have received the second highest level of rebates across the State.

Since the scheme commenced in July 2006, it has paid out in excess of \$38.32 million to Gold Coast residents for a range of products, including \$31.63 million for 31 928 rainwater tanks, \$5.33 million for 26 673 four star water-rated washing machines and \$639 865 for 4280 dual flush toilet suites.

The key objective of this scheme was to change the attitudes of Queenslanders when it comes to saving water, and this has clearly been achieved.

People are now aware of the importance of saving water and have the measures in place to continue making a difference on the home front.

With the ambitions of the scheme now achieved, the program will close on December 31.