

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 284

asked on Tuesday, 11 March 2008

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister (a) advise on the success of the WaterWise Rebate Scheme which enables residents to implement water saving initiatives around their homes and (b) provide information on the take up rate in the Ipswich City Council area?

ANSWER:

(a) The State Government's Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme has been an outstanding success. The people of Queensland have responded in unprecedented numbers. As of 12 March 2008, the Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme has received approximately 431 600 applications. The Scheme has paid out in excess of \$237.38 million to people right across the State.

The Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme has contributed to the change in people's behaviours and this success can be gauged in the way the people of Queensland have reduced their use of our precious water resources.

(b) I am pleased to report that the people of the City of Ipswich have also responded very positively to the Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme. Since the Scheme commenced in July of 2006, the people of Ipswich have been the fourth biggest local Government group in terms of uptake of the Scheme. The Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme has paid out in excess of \$13.71 million to Ipswich residents for a range of products.