QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 618

asked on Tuesday, 29 April 2008

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

QUESTION:

Will he provide a breakdown of electricity consumption by all Government departments (listed separately) for 2006-07 and 2007-08 to date?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government is committed to helping homes and businesses reduce their energy consumption and in turn save money. The Department of Mines and Energy is achieving this goal though a number of key initiatives.

- The Energy Choices program provides $4 million for a domestic Gas Installation Rebate Scheme, and a $5 million expansion of our EnergyWise energy conservation program. Initiatives under the expanded EnergyWise program are forecast to save 153,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions in a year.

- A $7 million rebate program for households in remote areas that install greenhouse friendly hot water systems, and other energy-efficient technologies.

- The Smart Energy Savings Program requiring medium to large energy users in Queensland to undertake energy efficiency audits and develop energy management plans

- The Government's Smart Energy Savings Fund of $50 million to support investment by industry in energy efficiency technologies is expected to achieve greenhouse gas reductions of an estimated 3.3 million tonnes.

While the Government is helping business and homes save energy, we are also on the front foot by reducing our own energy consumption. This matter however does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and I refer the Honourable Member to the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology's answer to Question on Notice No. 146 of 2008.