

QUESTION ON NOTICE
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asked on Thursday, 23 April 2009

MR MESSENGER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR TRADE (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the new Solar Hot Water Program—

- (1) What is the budget for the program and how much has been allocated to the Bundaberg-Burnett Region?
- (2) What local companies, including suppliers and installers, are being appointed?
- (3) How many expressions of interest have been received?

ANSWER:

With reference to the issues raised around the Queensland Solar Hot Water Program I have been advised that:

- (1) An Expression of Interest to gauge industry participation in the Queensland Solar Hot Water Program closed on 30 April 2009. The Program does not provide for allocations for specific regions in Queensland. All Queenslanders who are eligible for the Queensland Solar Hot Water Program are encouraged to apply.
- (2) The number of local companies being appointed will not be known until the Expression of Interest process and final negotiations have been completed. However, the intent is to ensure that as many Queensland companies as possible participate in the implementation of the Program.
- (3) There has been widespread industry interest in the Queensland Solar Hot Water Program and a large number of submissions were received in response to the Expression of Interest to supply, deliver and install systems throughout Queensland.