

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 2022

asked on Thursday, 7 October 2010

MR KNUTH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to long waiting lists for people in rural areas who have registered for the Climate Smart Scheme service—

Will the Minister advise if anything is being done to encourage rural electricians to train for registration in order to conduct Climate Smart Scheme services?

ANSWER:

A range of employment strategies have been used by the logistics company involved in delivering the ClimateSmart Home Service (CSHS) to both recruit and retain regionally based electricians including:

- advertising in regional newspapers;
- recruitment drives using regional agencies; and
- responding directly to employment enquiries from electricians.

The participation of locally based electricians has always been a priority for the contractor as it provides the most cost effective approach to providing services whilst also offering strong engagement within the local community. However if local electricians are not available to provide the CSHS, the logistics contractor utilises a travelling team of electricians to provide services to those areas.

Eleven regionally-based electricians have been working with the CSHS in providing services to northern Queensland, with support from a travelling team of electricians which has visited remote areas.

The CSHS is an example of the Bligh Government delivering a commitment to combat climate change and to help Queenslanders save on their power bills.

I note that the LNP does not have a climate change policy. I also note that programs such as the CSHS that deliver jobs and value for Queenslanders would be 'reassessed' under an LNP Government.

If the member is aware of any local electrician who would be interested in providing the service they can call the ClimateSmart Home Service call centre on 133 600.