

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1010

asked on Thursday, 16 June 2011

MS FARMER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide details of the take-up of the ClimateSmart Home Service in the Bulimba Electorate since it was introduced?

ANSWER:

While this question was asked of Minister Jones, due to recent changes in Ministerial responsibility, I am now the Minister responsible for this matter and therefore provide this response.

The ClimateSmart Home Service has been very popular in the Bulimba Electorate with over 3000 completed services since the program commenced in January 2009 and around 50 service requests as at the end of June 2011.

These ClimateSmart households are expected to save, on average, \$325 on their annual power bills and reduce, on average, their carbon footprint by two tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year – a significant contribution towards Government's Toward Q2 target to cut Queenslanders' carbon footprint by one-third by 2020.

The Climate Smart Home Service is a great success story – helping hundreds of thousands of householders to reduce their energy use and their power bills. That is why the Government announced a \$34.5 million investment in this year's budget, as a part of the program's \$60 million extension to December 2012.

Under the new service, Bulimba householders who sign up will be able to save up to \$480 each year and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 2.5 tonnes.

People who sign up to the new service from July 4 will receive:

- a standby power eliminator (NEW)
- temperature adjustment to hot water systems thermostats to increase efficiency and reduce water heating bills (NEW)
- a wireless power monitor
- low-flow shower-rose
- up to five compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs)
- tailored personal energy saving plan
- a voluntary personalised energy efficient target, to guide households towards a target for their energy use

- Improved post-service customer support, helping customers even more with management of their electricity use

I thank the honourable member for her question and her passion and belief in climate change.