

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 529

asked on 7 August 2013

MR HOPPER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND WATER SUPPLY (MR MCARDLE)—

QUESTION:

Does the Minister have any intention to introduce an annual fee to subscribers who are currently receiving the 44 cent solar energy rebate?

ANSWER:

I thank the member for Condamine for his question. The answer to his question is no.

The Government has previously stated publicly it will not change the 44 c/kWh rate. Customers receiving the 44 c/kWh rate will continue to do so provided they maintain their eligibility. The Government has also previously stated that it will not single out existing solar PV customers to pay a fixed fee associated with their installed PV systems. I am happy to reconfirm this commitment.

Talk of new fixed charges or a 'solar tax' has been pure media speculation and it is disappointing to have this speculation further propagated by questions such as this.