

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Wednesday, 13 June 2018

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**MR M HART** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the 'energy efficient appliance rebate' scheme—

Will the Minister advise the number of (a) applications received, (b) rebates issued and (c) rebates declined for applying outside of the 30 days of purchase?

ANSWER:

The Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Scheme has now closed for applications.

I am pleased to advise that the Appliance Rebate Scheme has delivered on its two primary objectives of providing financial support to customers to purchase energy efficient appliances and improving energy performance in Queensland households. This should be viewed as a significant success.

The Appliance Rebate Scheme received over 65,000 applications and paid over \$13 million in rebate payments to Queensland households.

The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy is currently processing the last of the applications. I can advise that, as at 10 July 2018, the Appliance Rebate Scheme:

- (a) received 65,357 applications.
- (b) paid 54,328 applicants and distributed \$13,194,450 to Queensland households.
- (c) declined 4,976 applications of which 2,349 applications were submitted over 30 days after purchase of the appliance

The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy assesses appeals of declined applications on a case-by-case basis, providing an exemption from the 30 day lodgement timeframe where applicants provide evidence of extenuating circumstances which resulted in late lodgement or genuine hardship.

The department has responded to more than 300 application decision appeals and has exercised its discretion to waive the terms and conditions due to the applicants' extenuating circumstances on 70 occasions.