

Question on Notice
No. 293
Asked on Thursday, 28 February 2019

MR S KNUTH ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS; MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI)

Will the Minister advise (a) how he is ensuring the Household Resilience program is being delivered effectively, (b) what percent of applications have been approved and (c) how much funding, in dollars, has been approved and delivered?

ANSWER

- (a) As at 11 March 2019, there has been less than 2 per cent, or 25 applications, that did not proceed past stage 1 for a variety of reasons. Some of these included works not meeting Australian Standards, homes not being primary place of residence and the sale of properties.

These unsuccessful applications are evidence that this program is effectively reaching low income earners making the protection of their assets more affordable and easing the burden of high insurance premiums to North Queenslanders.

I have been informed the average insurance premium saving for participants in the program is 8 per cent, with the best reported insurance saving being 21 per cent.

- (b) Since the launch of the Household Resilience Program, to 11 March 2019, 1846 applications have been received. Of these, 870 grants (47 per cent) have been awarded to the value of \$9.6 million. Of the awarded works, 88 per cent has gone to local contractors.
- (c) Of the \$9.6 million in awarded grants, 282 applications valuing almost \$3 million have been completed and contractors paid.