

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Thursday, 14 February 2019

MR J KELLY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on the solar and battery rebate loan scheme and how it has benefited the people in the electorate of Greenslopes?

ANSWER:

The solar and battery rebate loan scheme has proven to be highly successful, with Queenslanders once again putting forward their clean energy credentials and interests in new technology.

The Greenslopes electorate is no exception, with over 75 applications having been lodged for the scheme.

With savings of up to \$400 a year, even after taking into account interest-free loan repayments, this is a great opportunity for households to cut power bills and emissions, while saving money and doing their bit for climate change.

The scheme offers loans and grants for households and local businesses installing panels and batteries. Solar power is used to charge the batteries, which then can be used during peak electricity periods to reduce electricity costs.

With more than 500,000 rooftop solar systems in Queensland, we have one of the highest penetrations of rooftop solar in the world.

Battery storage is the next wave and this program puts us in a good position to be a world leader in battery storage.