

Question on Notice
No. 824
Asked on Wednesday, 16 June 2021

MR N DAMETTO ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND HYDROGEN AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PROCUREMENT (HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to the Household Resilience Program that assisted many eligible homeowners in coastal parts of Queensland to improve the resilience of their homes against cyclones—

Will the Minister advise if or when another round of funding will be made available in 2021 or 2022?

ANSWER

The Household Resilience Program was initially launched in 2017 as a \$20 million election commitment and subsequently extended in 2020 with an additional \$21.25 million joint initiative between the Commonwealth Government and the Palaszczuk Government's Unite and Recover: Queensland's economic recovery strategy for Queensland jobs.

Since its inception to date the program has received over 5,100 applications for financial assistance and supported more than 3,100 eligible homeowners improve the resilience of their homes.

Over the past 3 years, 236 applicants have received grant funding in the Hinchinbrook Electorate to the combined value of \$2,375,737. This investment includes support for 140 roof replacements plus the installation of wind and debris window protection for a further 84 recipients.

As at 14 June 2021, a combined total of 3,519 grants have been awarded over the life of the Program resulting in 2,972 roofs being upgraded to meet current building codes to protect these vulnerable homes against future natural disasters.

The Household Resilience Program has seen over \$60.6 million in work generated for the construction industry with around 95% of work being undertaken by local suppliers.

Homeowners that have participated in the program to date have reported an average 8.5% reduction in their insurance premiums.

There have been 664 registrations of interest recorded by the Program should further funding become available.

There is no provision in the 2021/22 budget for a further round of the Household Resilience Program.