

**Question on Notice
No. 1387
Asked on Thursday, 26 October 2023**

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

Will the Minister advise how Queenslanders used the Climate Savers Energy Rebate to purchase energy efficient appliances?

ANSWER

More than 40,000 Queensland households have already been paid cash back on energy efficient appliances through the Climate Smart Energy Savers Rebate program, helping them to save money on electricity bills, and reduce carbon emissions.

The program offers eligible households rebates of up to \$1,000 for buying and installing replacement energy-efficient appliances, including 4-star rated (or higher) dryers, dishwashers, washing machines, refrigerators and air-conditioners, as well as solar and heat pump hot water systems. The program opened on 4 September 2023 with a budget of \$22 million and received over 10,000 applications in its first week, leading the Queensland Government to announce on 11 September 2023 that the funding for the program would double, to \$44 million.

By the time the program closes to new purchases and installations at 11:59 pm on Monday 4 December 2023, Queenslanders will have had three months to take advantage of this opportunity.

The program provides different rebate amounts from \$300 to \$1,000 depending on the appliance type, and whether the household is a low-income household or not.

Eligible dryers, dishwashers, washing machines and refrigerators must be purchased on or before Monday 4 December 2023. Households have 30 days from their purchase date to have their appliance delivered and to lodge their application for a rebate.

Eligible hot water systems and air conditioners must be installed by licensed contractors on or before Monday 4 December 2023 and households have 30 days from installation to lodge an application.

For applications approved up until 17 November 2023, the average rebate paid was \$441. As low income applicants receive a higher rebate, the average rebate for low-income households was \$582 and for other households was \$339.

Based on current uptake information, the program has had strong interest across the State, with South East Queensland having a marginally higher uptake than regional Local Government Areas when population density is considered.

It is estimated that upgrading to a more energy efficient appliance (for example, from a 2-star to a 4-star appliance) can save households up to \$134 per year on energy bills and switching to an energy-efficient hot water system can cut power bills by up to \$1,118 per year.

As at 17 November 2023, in the Brisbane Local Government Area, which includes the Member's electorate of Greenslopes, over 11,670 rebate applications have been approved, totalling more than \$4.9 million to eligible households.

This is all part of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan, an approach long advocated for by the Member for Greenslopes. As a result of the Member's advocacy and others, Queensland will have no regular reliance on coal-fired power stations after 2035.