

**Question on Notice
No. 155
Asked on Tuesday, 5 March 2024**

MR S KNUTH ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND CLEAN ECONOMY JOBS
(HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to the Ergon Energy residential flat rate (General Domestic) usage charge increasing from 22.135 cents to 30.227 cents on the 1st July 2023, coincidentally on the same day the government introduced a cost of living rebate of \$550 per year on Queenslanders' electricity bills—

Will the Minister explain why the residential flat rate increased at the same time the rebate was introduced thereby negating the supposed cost of living saving on electricity?

ANSWER

The Queensland Competition Authority first proposed the increase in March 2023, to come into effect on 1 July 2023.

The Government wanted to protect consumers and so developed and costed the rebate as part of the 2023/24 budget process – implementing it in time to cover the price increase on 1 July 2023.

The rebate is part of the largest cost of living relief package in the country with around \$1.6 billion in measures.