

SOLAR HOT WATER SYSTEMS, REBATES

1633. Mr M.G. House to the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Major Initiatives for 2003-04 under Output 2: Grant and Community Programs Management which states that rebates will continue for solar hot water systems and ask will the Minister advise -

- (a) how many rebates were granted in 2002-03;
- (b) the value of those rebates in total;
- (c) the number granted in regional areas; and
- (d) the funding allocation for the program in 2003-04

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

- (a) 353
- (b) \$175, 600
- (c) 119. Following the launch of the new program in March this year there has been a significant rise in the number of applications.
- (d) An amount of \$500 000 has notionally been allocated for the forthcoming year from the total program budget, which was \$2 million over the four year period 2001/02 to 2004/05.