

Division 39: Finance — Service 12, Energy Policy and Programs —

[Supplementary Information No B52.]

Question: Mr A.P. O'Gorman asked: Please provide information on the number of people who have received assistance through the hardship efficiency package over the past 12 months and the appliances that they were provided with.

Answer: The Department of Finance's Public Utilities Office has advised that data on the number of household energy audit and education services provided under the Hardship Efficiency Program is currently only available to 6 May 2012.

Between 1 July 2011 and 6 May 2012, 3,056 households received energy audit and education services under the Hardship Efficiency Program.

The Public Utilities Office has also advised that detailed data on the number and type of hardware provided to households during energy efficiency audit and education services is currently only available to 31 December 2011.

The table below shows the number of specific energy efficiency hardware items that were provided to households under the Hardship Efficiency Program between 1 July 2011 and 31 December 2011. Approximately 1,420 households received energy audit and education services during this period.

Energy Efficiency Hardware Provided under the Hardship Efficiency Program

1 July 2011 – 31 December 2011; by Type and Number

Hardware Item Type	Number Provided (Jul-Dec 2011)
Shower heads	746
Shower timers	344
Compact fluorescent lamps	9,891
Weather stripping	1,019
Thermometers	1
Power boards	1,606
Hot water pipe insulation	315
Clothes airers	404

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Question: Ms J.M. Freeman asked: Please provide information on the number of staff in the Public Utilities Office who have either transferred out of or resigned from the public service.

Answer: Since 1 April to 5 June 2012, one employee has resigned from the Department of Finance's Public Utilities Office to commence work in the private sector. There have been no permanent transfers out of the Department of Finance's Public Utilities Office to other public sector agencies.

Two employees of the Department of Finance's Public Utilities Office have been seconded out to other public sector agencies for a finite period.