

GAS APPLIANCE RECTIFICATION PROGRAM

3804. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Commerce

I refer to the Gas Appliance Rectification Program administered by the Department of Commerce, and I ask —

- (1) What costings or estimates have been done for —
 - (a) replacement gas appliances; and
 - (b) servicing of the gas appliances to make them safe?
- (2) Who will fund the replacement or servicing of gas appliances to make them safe?
- (3) If funding will be from both industry and Government, how much is being supplied from each?
- (4) How much of this funding has been spent to date in each of the following —
 - (a) domestic consumers;
 - (b) commercial consumers; and
 - (c) gas storage facility operators?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) (a)–(b) An inspection program of 24,183 households has identified an estimated cost of \$18 million to replace or service appliances
- (2)–(3) 100% industry funded.
- (4) (a)–(c) The Gas Appliance Rectification Program solely applies to domestic appliances and is being conducted in two phases. An initial estimate of the overall cost for the two phases was \$35 million.

The first phase entailed the inspection of premises. Inspections will be ongoing if and when more consumers register- inspections are currently up to date with those registered with Energy Safety, the cost of which has been approximately 4 million on services including investigation services, initial communications and associated activities.

Phase two commenced in May 2011 and entails a further communication strategy, prioritisation and rectification activities.