

SMART ENERGY FOR SOCIAL HOUSING

998. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the smart energy for social housing trial announced in July 2020.

- (1) Has the smart energy for social housing trial now finished?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the minister please table the results?
- (3) If no to (1), to what extent is the trial still being funded?
- (4) How many houses have had solar panels installed as part of the trial to date?
- (5) If known, what were the average savings per household participating in the trial?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I am answering this question on behalf of the Minister for Agriculture and Food, who is out of the chamber on urgent parliamentary business. The following information has been provided by the Minister for Housing.

- (1)–(5) The smart energy for social housing trial announced in July 2020 is a joint partnership with the Department of Communities and Synergy and is scheduled to be completed by 30 June 2024. The trial is investing \$6 million to install 3.6 kilowatt solar panel systems on 500 social housing dwellings. As at 6 September 2023, a total of 281 social housing dwellings have had solar panel systems installed. On completion of the trial, the Department of Communities will work with Synergy to evaluate the trial.