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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Jo Clay:

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In relation to: Wood heaters

The law was amending in 2019 to introduce stricter emissions and efficiency standards for wood heaters and rebates were provided to encourage ACT residents to reduce air pollution from their wood heaters by replacing them with more efficient electric heaters – in order to improve our air quality. How many people took up these rebates? Do you have a continuing program to roll out wood heater replacements?

Do you have a target that you want to achieve in terms of reduction of pollution from wood heaters? If yes, what is it, and what is the timeline?

MINISTER RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1,221 rebates have been claimed since the Wood Heater Replacement Program began in 2004.

Yes, the Wood Heater Replacement Program continues to provide rebates for removing and replacing household wood heaters with energy efficient electric alternatives.

The target is to continue to meet the national air quality standards for particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) detailed in the National Ambient Air Quality National Environment Protection Measure (AAQ NEPM) made under the *National Environment Protection Council Act 1994*. The ACT Government is responsible for a range of ongoing initiatives that work towards achieving this target.

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By the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction, Shane Rattenbury