



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by JO CLAY MLA: To ask the Minister for Climate Action

[Ref: Sustainable Household Scheme]

In relation to:

1. Will the Sustainable Household Scheme include insulation, double-glazing, passive house retrofits and other items that reduce emissions from a house?
2. If so, when?
3. If not, why not?

ANDREW BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. Under the Parliamentary and Governing Agreement, the Sustainable Household Scheme committed to delivering household solar, batteries, heating and cooling, hot water heat pumps, cooktops, Electric Vehicles (EVs) and charging infrastructure. The final product in that suite to be included were EVs, and these were made available in December 2021.

The Government is contacted regarding a range of additional products to be added to the Sustainable Household Scheme. The Government considers a number of factors in making assessments as to whether these products should be added to the scheme, including:

- Ensuring the proposed product will reduce emissions, reduce energy costs, increase energy efficiency or a combination of these;
 - The loan should be able to be repaid through cost savings generated by the proposed product;
 - A barrier to broad consumer adoption of the new product should be access to capital;
 - The mechanisms exist or can be easily established to add the proposed products to the scheme;
 - Increased sales of the proposed product would have economic benefits to the ACT such as support job creation; and
 - The inclusion of the new produce in the scheme does not create a significant risk to community or employee health and safety.
2. Through 2022 the Government will consider the next phases for the Sustainable Household Scheme.
 3. See above.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity

Signature: 

Date: **20.3.22**

By the Minister for Climate Action, Andrew Barr MLA