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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Topic: Low Emissions Plan for Renters – Election Commitment

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Question: (Senator Birmingham)

How many rental properties have had insulation installed under the \$150 million Low Emission Plan for Renters promised by Rudd Labor at the 2007 election? What is the value of these installations?

Answer:

19,591 rental properties were insulated under the Low Emission Assistance Plan for Renters which closed on 30 August 2009, totalling \$18,777,741.

Under the Low Emission Assistance Plan for Renters assistance of up to \$1,000 was available to eligible landlords for the installation of ceiling insulation in existing rental properties. Due to lower than expected uptake rates the government decided to address the barriers to landlords in taking up insulation assistance and closed the program. From 1 September 2009 landlords and tenants (with the permission of the owner) were eligible for assistance provided under the Home Insulation Program.