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Question: (Senator Birmingham)

1. How much has been spent to date on the jointly funded \$10.23 million Coburg Solar Village project, to which Rudd Labor committed at the 2007 election?
2. How many smart metres and solar installations have been installed?
3. How many energy efficiency product incentives have been used by households?

Answer:

1. The Australian Government has spent \$2,514,179 (GST exclusive) on the Moreland Solar City (formerly Coburg Solar Village) project to date (3/3/10). The total amount of funding committed by the Government and the project consortium to Moreland Solar City is \$9.9 million (GST exclusive).

2. Moreland Solar City has so far installed five smart meters in houses as part of 28 planned installations to satisfy the monitoring and measurement requirements for the *Zero Carbon Moreland* and *Warm Home Cool Home* sub projects. Ten interval meters have also been installed at Moreland City Council facilities.

A 7.2kW photovoltaic system has been installed on the roof of the Moreland Civic Centre.

Solar hot water systems have been installed at Bob Hawke Community Centre and Coburg City Oval.

3. The *Warm Home Cool Home* sub project offers a household audit and retrofit service free to concession card holders. Fifty-one household audits have been completed and 42 household retrofits. Retrofit measures include installation of compact fluorescent globes, low flow showerheads, pipe lagging on hot water systems, tap aerators, draft stoppers on exhaust fans and draft proofing measures.

Over 1,060 residents have signed up to participate in the project, many of whom have received free energy efficiency products. At least 50 household audits have been completed for the *Zero Carbon Moreland* sub project.