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## **WA's Gas Appliance Rectification Program**

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton said the WA Gas Appliance Rectification program has moved to the next phase with the rollout of replacement and servicing of gas appliances considered at risk.

"The Gas Appliance Rectification program has been set up in anticipation of the new gas specification that is being introduced to WA in 2013, which will allow more gas producers access to the market, increasing competition and security of supply for consumers," said Dr Nahan.

"With the upcoming change to the gas specification, some pre-1980 natural gas appliances will show signs of reduced performance by experiencing flame instability, ignition difficulties and the production of carbon monoxide. That is why it is vital that people have their older appliances inspected as part of this program."

"So far, more than 24,000 homes in WA have been checked to see if consumers have older defective gas appliances, such as cook tops, ovens, freestanding cookers, flued and flueless space heaters and wall furnaces, or storage and instantaneous water heaters."

"Around 22,000 pre-1980 domestic gas appliances have been checked so far and of those, more than 10,000 will be replaced at no cost to the consumer and a further 6,000 will be serviced. The rest have been checked and deemed to be safe to use in their existing condition."

"People whose appliances qualify for replacement or servicing will be contacted between May 2011 and the end of 2012 to arrange the installation and/or service of the appliance. Their appliances will be replaced through a scheme funded by the gas producers who will be supplying the new lower energy content gas."

"Once the program has finished, the cost of inspection, servicing or replacement of pre-1980 appliances will be the responsibility of the consumer so I encourage any householder who believes they may have an appliance that needs checking to register for the free safety check now."

To register for a free safety check, contact the call centre on 1800 110 464 or complete the online form at <http://www.gasapplianceprogram.com.au>

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