

Question on Notice

No. 203

Asked on 21 February 2007

MR GIBSON asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the Government's Cooler Schools Program, for each of 1998–99, 1999–2000, 2000–01, 2001–02, 2002–03, 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–06 and 2006–07 (to date) (reported separately)—

- (1) How many air-conditioning units had been budgeted for installation in Queensland State schools?
- (2) How many air-conditioning units were actually installed in Queensland State schools?
- (3) How many schools in the Gympie Electorate are identified for air-conditioning units?

ANSWER:

- (1) Under the Cooler Schools Program, since 1998, approximately \$142.3 million has been budgeted for the design and installation of air-conditioning to Queensland state schools within the cooler schools zone.

The program is not compiled around a budget number of air-conditioning units as the number of units required to air-condition each space varies depending on a range of factors such as room size, construction method and student/staff capacity.

- (2) Records are not held on the number of individual air-conditioning units installed in Queensland State schools from 1998–99 to 2006–07.
- (3) Schools within the Gympie Electorate fall outside the current Cooler Schools zone and are therefore ineligible for subsidised air-conditioning under the Government's Cooler Schools Program.