

Question on Notice

No. 1848

Asked on 26 November 2019

MR M BOOTHMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to the announcement, on 25 November 2019, by the Department of Education regarding air conditioning schools—

Will the Minister (a) explain why no schools within the Theodore Electorate have been selected for the priority air conditioning program and (b) advise the timeline to air condition schools in the Theodore Electorate (reported separately by school)?

ANSWER:

As with the previous Cooler Schools Program, heat discomfort data is informing the Palaszczuk Government's \$100 million boost for state school air conditioning.

On 25 November 2019, the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for Trade, announced that a total of \$50 million of this funding would be made available in 2019–20 and as part of this announcement more than 300 Queensland state schools have already been approved to benefit from this program.

The schools announced have been identified as being in the hottest parts of the State and will benefit from this additional investment. The Department of Education is undertaking air conditioning assessments of schools outside the Cooler Schools Zone, including schools in the Theodore electorate.

The department is progressively rolling out air conditioning in schools across the State on a priority basis.