Question on Notice

No. 1894

Asked on 27 November 2019

MR J BLEIJIE ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to page 41 of the 2019-20 Capital Statement—

Will the Minister provide how much of the \$25m funding commitment for priority airconditioning has been spent as of 26 November 2019?

ANSWER:

As part of the 2019–20 State Budget, the Palaszczuk Government approved an additional investment of \$100 million over four financial years from 2019–20 (\$25 million per annum) for priority air conditioning projects for Queensland state schools.

On 25 November 2019, the Honourable Annastacia 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.

As at 6 January 2020, some 143 contracts have been awarded and the Department of Education is on target to fully expend all allocated funds of \$50 million this financial year as announced.

The Queensland Government is committed to providing students the best learning environments, as well as investing in infrastructure to create and support jobs across Queensland.