

Question on Notice

No. 211

Asked on 19 February 2020

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the LNP's commitment to air-condition every state school classroom in Queensland, including all schools in the electorate of Kawana, while the Palaszczuk Labor Government has not provided funding to air-condition Kawana schools, leaving it up to our hard working P&C's to fundraise—

Will the Premier advise why the Palaszczuk Government is providing funding for air-conditioning in nine schools in the Premier's electorate of Inala and many schools in Brisbane, but denying funding for Meridan State College, Talara Primary College, Currimundi State School, Kawana Waters State College and Buddina State School, in the electorate of Kawana?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government's November 2019 announcement to air condition 301 additional state schools saw schools chosen on heat discomfort factors with a wide cross-section of schools in electorates such as Callide, Condamine, Ipswich West, Maryborough and Nanango prioritised.

In fact, of the 301 schools included in this announcement 176 are in non-government electorates.

On 27 February 2020, the Premier and I announced the *Cooler Cleaner Schools Program* (CCSP) which will provide a total funding package of more than \$477 million to air condition all state schools and expand the existing *Advancing Clean Energy Schools* program.

The CCSP program will ensure all Queensland state school classrooms, libraries and staff rooms are air conditioned by the end of June 2022. This includes state schools in the Kawana Electorate.

This new, ongoing funding means schools can confidently plan for the future, knowing that their air conditioning needs, including the maintenance and replacement of units, will be catered for, along with other infrastructure needs.