

Question on Notice
No. 847
Asked on 12 August 2020

MRS S WILSON ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to the Premier's announcement on 27 February 2020—

Will the Minister advise whether the 301 schools announced last year have had their air conditioning upgrade completed and provide (a) the list of schools that will have their air conditioning upgrade completed before November this year and (b) the list of schools that will not be completed until 2021 or until mid-2022?

ANSWER:

On 25 November 2019, the Palaszczuk Government announced that more than 300 schools across southern Queensland would receive air conditioning. Those 301 state schools have now had all air conditioning installations completed, along with an additional 18 schools.

On 27 February 2020, the Queensland Government announced an additional 330 schools would receive air conditioning under the *Cooler Cleaner Schools Program* (CCSP), which is providing a total funding package of more than \$477 million to air condition state schools and expand solar installations under the existing *Advancing Clean Energy Schools* program. As of 7 September 2020, air conditioning installation is complete at 136 of the 330 schools. 103 contracts have been awarded, with contracts for all remaining 91 schools forecast to be awarded by November 2020.

The CCSP will ensure all Queensland state school classrooms, libraries and staff rooms are air conditioned by the end of June 2022, delivering more comfortable teaching and learning environments for students, teachers and school communities.

In total under this program, some 650 state schools will benefit from air conditioning installations, making an additional 10,000 classrooms cooler and more comfortable. A list of schools is provided at <https://qed.qld.gov.au/programs-initiatives/det/building-education/major-projects-and-initiatives/air-conditioning>.

The timing of installations will vary from school to school, depending on the scale of air conditioning required, procurement and the associated works required such as electrical upgrades. The Department of Education is working closely with each of the schools to progress installations as quickly as possible.