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Good evening Minister,

Please find attached draft materials (release, TP's, FAQ) for the air-con announcement on Monday.

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We have also prepared tailored releases for all local papers which includes local MP's where applicable.

Any issues, queries or changes please feel free to call me.

Cheers,



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SPEAKING POINTS

PRIORITY AIR CONDITIONING PROGRAM

- My government is committed to ensuring every student in Queensland gets the best start to life by providing them a world-class education.
- And part of that is providing world-class education facilities.
- For our students and teachers, the classroom is where they spend most of their day.
- We want all Queensland students to learn in a comfortable and cool environment.
- That's why we are continuing to roll-out air-conditioning in our hottest schools as part of our \$100 million priority air-conditioning program announced in this year's state budget.
- I am delighted to announce today we are fast-tracking \$50 million of that funding, so that 301 schools across southern Queensland will now be air-conditioned.
- It also includes the 40 schools we have already announced in tranche one and two – at the Fraser Coast, Bundaberg and Ipswich.
- And is on top of the 390 state schools which already have air-conditioning in the Cooler Schools Zone in Central, North and Far North Queensland.

- This means schools in places like Charleville, Gympie and Ipswich will now be air-conditioned, along with schools in our hottest suburbs in Brisbane.
- Schools have been selected using heat discomfort data - a combination of the highest average temperature and the highest number of school days in Term 1 and Term 4 above 30°C.
- My number one priority for Queensland is creating and supporting jobs.
- Importantly our investment in this program will support more than 300 jobs across the state.
- The fast-tracking of this \$50 million money will bring forward this economic stimulus and ensure the work can start as soon as possible.
- I want to see the Department of Education and schools working together to get these units in classrooms as soon as possible.

TALKING POINTS
ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK
AIR CON IN SCHOOLS

It's great to be at Centenary State High School with:

- Education Minister Grace Grace
- Member for Mt Ommaney Jess Pugh
- Principal Adam Richter;
- And students...

... to see progress on their \$9.4 million Senior Learning Hub as part of our \$250 million 2020 Ready program to build infrastructure across 60 state high schools.

The hub which will have eight new learning places and two new science laboratories will be a welcome new addition to the school next year as will the news that we're going to air con the remaining 15 classrooms at this school as part of today's cool announcement.

My government is committed to ensuring every student in Queensland gets the best start to life by providing them a world-class education and facilities.

For our students and teachers, the classroom is where they spend most of their day and we want all Queensland students to learn in a comfortable and cool environment.

We announced \$100 million over four years to air-condition our hottest schools in this year's state budget.

Today, I am delighted to announce we're fast-tracking \$50 million of that funding, so that 301 schools across southern Queensland will now be air-conditioned.

This includes the 40 schools we have already announced at the Fraser Coast, Bundaberg and Ipswich.

And is on top of the 3,500 classrooms in 390 state schools which already have air-conditioning in the Cooler Schools Zone in Central, North and Far North Queensland.

This means schools in places like Charleville, Gympie and Ipswich and our hottest suburbs in Brisbane will now be air-conditioned.

The fast-tracking of this \$50 million money will bring forward this economic stimulus and ensure the work can start as soon as possible.

This means schools can start getting the air con units in over the summer break which will also create a jobs bonanza for the local air conditioning businesses during this time.

I want to see the Department of Education and schools working together to get these units in classrooms as soon as possible.

Audits are still underway but it's my understanding that once all the schools included in this announcement are air-conditioned, more than two thirds of all Queensland schools will have air-conditioning in every classroom.

I want to also acknowledge the fantastic work already done by P&Cs and school communities in the past to provide air-conditioning in schools.

However, this additional government funding will now allow us to build on that great work and continue our measured and fiscally-responsible approach while others make unbudgeted promises that could cost billions.

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