



MEDIA STATEMENT

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SAFFIOTI WELCOMES AIR-CONDITIONING BACK-FLIP

The Barnett Government has finally given in to public pressure and will now allow schools to install air-conditioning in new buildings built under the Building the Education Revolution (BER) program after forcing teachers and students to swelter through the hottest February in 15 years.

Local Member for West Swan Rita Saffioti weighed in on the ludicrous situation when it became evident that schools in her electorate were unable to install self-funded air-conditioning units in the new buildings.

Ms Saffioti had been in contact with local P&C's over the issue and called on State Education Minister Liz Constable to intervene and offer a common sense solution.

"The back-flip Dr Constable has performed in the past 24 hours is welcomed by all teachers, parents and students," Ms Saffioti said.

"This ludicrous situation could have been resolved last year, yet the Minister sat on her hands.

"Dr Constable continually tries to make excuses for her own mishandling of the air-conditioning policy.

"Yet it has always been the responsibility of the State Government to step in and have the issue resolved.

Ms Saffioti said the sudden backflip will mean teachers and students at Caversham Primary School would no longer be forced to swelter in hot new buildings once their air-conditioning is installed.

"Unfortunately it has taken way too long for the State Government to come to this simple, common sense solution," she said.

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