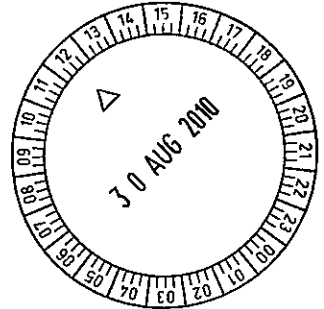




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Dear Mr Ellis *Brian*

Thank you for your correspondence concerning Petition No. 68—Air Conditioning in State Government Schools.

This is a subject on which I receive a small but steady flow of correspondence. From that it is clear to me that the present method of deciding which schools will receive air conditioning—namely, by reference to a line on a map based on meteorological data—may well be in need of revision.

Clearly, if regrettably, the Department of Education does not have the financial resources to cool every public school. Within that constraint, I have asked the Department to re-examine its policy to see if it cannot be improved within reasonable bounds; to look into matters such as the equity of schools' own fund-raising, and the elimination of possible anomalies, among other things.

I would expect this matter to be considered in the Budget process at the appropriate time.

Yours sincerely

Dr Elizabeth Constable MLA

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