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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CUNNINGHAM

Howard Government plays politics on local school grants – again!

The Howard Government has been playing politics again on grants to local schools under the *Investing In Our Schools* programme, Federal Member for Cunningham, Sharon Bird, said today.

“Round two of the funding for projects over \$50,000 has been signed off by the Minister for Education, Science and Training, yet only local schools in Liberal Party electorates have been told that their applications have been successful.

“Other schools – including those in my electorate – have been told they will receive a letter in the post tomorrow.

“Local school principals have been contacting me over the last 24-hours to inquire about the success of their local school’s application.

“The Minister has signed off on the applications, a list has been prepared by the Department and all local schools should be told whether they have been successful or not.

“Instead the Government is playing arrogant politics, only telling schools in Liberal Party electorates on the success or otherwise of applications, while other local schools have to wait.

“The Minister should make a full announcement today and publish the list of successful schools.

“The Minister should stop playing politics and hand the money over to local schools so they can get on with important projects for the benefit of school students”, Ms Bird said.

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