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Dear Mr Lunn,

Thank you for your letter of 10 February, addressed to the Secretary of State, regarding procurement for ventilation in education settings. I am replying as the minister responsible for this policy area.

All air cleaning units provided by the department to settings have met an approved technical specification. The department's technical specification used to assess the units was developed through a rigorous consultation with industry wide experts in both air cleaning and ventilation from academia, professional bodies and industry, including chartered engineers, scientists, and several government departments. Through this consultation we have developed a specification specific to education focusing on key drivers including classroom size, acoustics, clean air delivery and filtration as well as requiring strong evidence to verify manufacturer's claims.

Any procurement that we undertake must comply with the Public Contract Regulations 2015. Our route to market for air cleaning units was through Crown Commercial Services (CCS), who offer already established commercial frameworks which have been subject to competition and can be accessed by central government departments like the Department for Education and the wider public sector.

If you are interested in becoming a supplier to government, please contact CCS through the 'Contact Us' section on their website at: [tinyurl.com/mt6n2xk9](https://tinyurl.com/mt6n2xk9). You can sign up to receive notifications of potential future opportunities.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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