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## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Reference is made to the article by Mr. Stephen Attard, entitled 'No more Church schools', published on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2010. A number of important facts seemed to have been missed:

1. The primary school expansion that three boys secondary Church schools will be opening, together with another secondary Church school for girls, are being financed solely by the schools and not by the Church authorities.
2. These projects are being financed by the individual schools through bank loans which will be gradually paid off through donations and other fund raising activities.
3. On the need of this schools expansions project or otherwise, one can only say that for every placing in a Church school, three applications are submitted.

The Church schools expansion, announced in January this year, is purely in line with the Church's principle of continuity. This offers students in kindergarten and primary Church schools the opportunity to further their studies at secondary level in other Church schools. At present, Church schools provide education to almost 36% of the student population, equivalent to around 16,669 students.