LET THEM EAT CAKE

The Labor Government has again dipped its hands into taxpayer’s pockets to fund a pamphlet primarily designed to improve its re-election chances.

“The latest pamphlet highlighting Government sponsored entertainment events is a cynical waste of taxpayers’ money - at the very moment Labor is claiming it can’t afford a decent pay rise for our teachers or police,” says Terry Mills, Leader of the Opposition.

“I have no problem with the Government providing assistance to bring entertainment to town; it’s the cynical waste of taxpayer’s money promoting itself that annoys me.

“What this pamphlet says is that the Chief Minister’s profile isn’t high enough so he’s decided to use taxpayer’s money to try to improve it.

“This is the Chief Minister big noting himself and using taxpayer’s money to pay for it.

“This addiction to using taxpayer’s money for self promotion mocks the Chief Minister’s claim – made in the pamphlet – about ‘better hospitals and schools, more police and a safer community’.

“We certainly would have better government services if the Labor Government didn’t regularly waste taxpayer’s money patting itself on the back.

“The fact the Labor Government hides the cost of these advertising blitzes shows just how cynical this exercise really is.

“Today the Territory Government announced $7.5 million for primary schools in Darwin but don’t expect any announcement of how much has been spent on this pamphlet.

“There is no important information contained in this pamphlet and no information that hasn’t been widely reported in the media.

“This pamphlet is further evidence of the need for independent control of the use of taxpayer’s money for government advertising.

“There is a legitimate role for government advertising in all forms of the media but it’s time to put a stop to the massive misuse of taxpayer’s money for political propaganda by governments of all persuasions.”

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