Reports this morning reveal the Minister for Child Protection believes it’s acceptable for children to “fall through” gaps in the child protection system.

“Despite the rhetoric, media reports this morning clearly show a Government that is not committed to the children of the Territory”, says Jodeen Carney, Shadow Minister for Children and Families.

“I am aghast that the Minister for Child Protection seems to blithely accept that ‘some children do fall through’ gaps in the system.

“This is a shameful admission.

“It is an admission of weakness and lack of commitment.

“It’s an admission that Government tolerates failure.

“It’s an admission that the Minister does not desire or seek excellence in our child protection system.

“The Minister should apologise for these offensive remarks.

“What makes Malarndirri McCarthy’s remarks worse is that she and her colleagues have talked repeatedly about ‘closing the gap’ yet she accepts that children will ‘fall through’ gaps in the child protection system.

“Ms McCarthy remarks are absolutely offensive and raise question regarding her fitness to be the Minister for Child Protection.”