CLP Opposition Would Plunder Jobs

The CLP Opposition has let the cat out of the bag about what it would do if was delivering tomorrow’s budget – cut nurses, doctors, police and teachers.

Minister for Public Employment Rob Knight said the CLP Opposition announcement it would freeze public service numbers at 2007 levels would be disastrous for the Territory.

“It would involve widespread sackings across the board which would see a reduction in health care, law and order and education,” Mr Knight said.

It would mean the sacking of 80 teachers, 170 doctors and nurses and 40 police over the last twelve months alone, and the CLP Opposition plan is to cut two years of jobs.

“Territorians now know where they stand with the CLP Opposition – rather than protect Territory jobs – the CLP Opposition would get rid of them.

“This is the toughest budget for a Treasurer to frame since Self-Government, with a global recession and collapsing GST revenues.

“After six surpluses in a row the Government has decided to go into temporary deficit to help protect Territory jobs and their families.

“The CLP Opposition hasn’t changed – when it was in Government it froze police numbers and sacked Power and Water workers.

“There’s no escaping their budget management had job cuts, zero growth while the rest of the country was booming – and it still had a deficit.

“They couldn’t manage even in good times.”

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