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500 UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

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Upon his return from overseas the Minister for Child Protection must explain why Families and Children closed up to 500 child protection cases without an investigation.

“The disturbing revelations in the Sunday Territorian demand a full explanation from the Minister,” says Robyn Lambley, Shadow Minister for Child Protection.

First and foremost the Minister needs to assure Territorians that none of these children were harmed before or after their cases were closed without an investigation.

Then the Minister must detail exactly who approved this dangerous decision and who is going to take responsibility for it.

After 6 Child Protection ministers in 10 years, Kon Vatskalis has repeatedly claimed that the culture of cover-up that characterised Labor’s response to child protection is over.

This is his first genuine opportunity to demonstrate his bona fides as a reforming Minister.

There is a black cloud hanging over the fate of up to 500 children who were considered by the Government to be at risk of harm but were not provided the protection of an investigation.

“The Minister must answer all relevant questions concerning this shameful treatment of these children.”

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