FYLES HAS HER FACTS WRONG

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Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Children and Families, Robyn Lambley, says the Labor Member for Nightcliff should check her facts before commenting on domestic violence workers at Territory Hospitals.

Ms Lambley said Ms Fyles showed just how out of depth she was on the issue today.

"Ms Fyles claims in her media release and on ABC radio today that the Country Liberals are scrapping the Domestic and Family Violence program.

"This is completely wrong and shows that Ms Fyles is a mere puppet for Opposition Leader, Delia Lawrie, willing to spread whatever nonsense her boss wants her too.

"Ms Fyles should check her facts before gleefully spreading lies and fear – particularly coming into the festive season.

"Better yet, perhaps she should have checked with her boss, Ms Lawrie, or colleague and former Chief Minister, Paul Henderson, on what they signed off on back in May 2012.

"If she had, she would have learned that it was the former Treasurer, Delia Lawrie, who when presented with a request from the Department of Children and Families to continue funding to the Domestic and Family Violence program in May, did not approve the request.

"It was Ms Lawrie who decided not to fund this project and as a former adviser to the Minister for Child Protection, Ms Fyles should know this.

"The Country Liberals have not cut funding but are taking the prudent step of reviewing the pilot rather than Labor’s plan to just hit the delete button.

"We have made a clear commitment to get the Territory’s finances back on track and part of that has been to focus the Office of Children and Families attention onto child protection and out of home care.

"No decision has been made on the pilot project and it would be improper to speculate ahead of the completion of the review."

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