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Child Protection Issues Keep Growing

Shadow Minister for Children and Families Natasha Fyles said not only are frontline Non Government Organisations being defunded under the CLP Government, but the Office of Children and Families is facing major issues.

Ms Fyles said whistleblowers are saying that the merger with the Education Department is not working and this is putting children at risk.

“We are being told that the new department arrangements are dysfunctional and child abuse reports are slipping through the cracks,” Ms Fyles said.

“The Board of Inquiry recommended that Children and Families be a standalone department.

“The CLP Government needs to reverse their decision and reinstate the Department of Children and Families where child protection is the top priority.

“Robyn Lambley continues to strip resources from child protection across the Territory, and she should not be Minister given she has let this happen under her watch.

“Sadly the real victims of these appalling decisions by the CLP Government will be children.”

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