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More Frontline Jobs Gone

Shadow Minister for Children and Families said it is deeply concerning to see that a leading child protection organisation, the National Association of Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN), have had funding cuts and job losses under the CLP Government.

Ms Fyles said under the CLP the critical area of child protection continues to be cut.

“Under Minister Robyn Lambley’s watch, there have been massive cuts to child protection which will put vulnerable children further at risk,” Ms Fyles said.

“NAPCAN is one of the leading child protection organisations in the Territory that works on early intervention as well as supporting victims of child abuse.

“Under the CLP, NAPCAN has had to cuts jobs and programs.

“And other important non government organisations have lost funding and have had to cuts programs and staff.

“This follows on from significant job losses in the Office of Children and Families and downgrading it from a department to an office.

“Two important committees that provided scrutiny and oversight into Territory child protection have also been axed by Robyn Lambley.

“Robyn Lambley needs to listen to the experts, rather than continuing to slash the Territory child protection system which is putting children at risk.”

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