CLP Abandons Domestic Violence Victims

News that the CLP Government had stooped to making savage budget cuts in the area of domestic violence was sickening, Shadow Attorney General and Minister for Justice Lynne Walker said today.

“Cutting funding from domestic violence services proves once and for all the Giles Government has no heart or soul when it comes to protecting the most vulnerable Territorians. Don’t examine what they say, but what they do,” Ms Walker said.

“The reduction from three Solicitors to one in the in the Domestic Violence Legal Service is due to funding being slashed by the CLP of $165,000.

“Domestic Violence has increased under this Government due in part to the reckless removal of the Banned Drinkers Register and now penny pinching by the CLP Government will see front line services dramatically reduced.

“This Government has its priorities all wrong. It thinks nothing of sending seven Ministers to a music festival or on hiring private jets for overseas trips, but victims of domestic violence are left abandoned by Adam Giles and the CLP for $165,000.

“What sort of Government cuts funding to domestic violence services when we have an epidemic of abuse on our hands? There are some things that ought to be quarantined from the CLP’s slash and burn mentality – cutting front line services to women and children is one of them.

“Aboriginal women are 45 times more likely to be victims of domestic violence than other women. Exactly where are the indigenous CLP members Larissa Lee, Bess Price and the Minister for Women’s Policy Alison Anderson?

“We hear plenty of big speeches in Parliament, but they stand silently by when their Government slashes resources and support for the very people they were elected to represent. It’s shameful,” Ms Walker said.

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