Minister for Children and Families

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OPPOSITION FEAR MONGERING ON CHILD PROTECTION

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Minister for Children and Families, Alison Anderson, is disappointed that the Opposition has tried to politicise an issue that we should be working together on.

Member for Nightcliff, Natasha Fyles, used the Estimates process to attempt to score political points at the expense of some of the Territory’s most vulnerable children.

“The care of vulnerable children is a responsibility for all Territorians and that includes the Opposition, I was hoping that this Estimates process would result in a constructive discussion about the best interests of our children,” Ms Anderson said.

“However the Opposition has decided to push a political message for the benefit of TV cameras, ignoring answers to their own questions, interrupting answers, repeating questions and using misleading figures not found in the Budget.

“I understand the Estimates process is about scrutinising the Budget but the Opposition has decided that it is a forum in which to play their political games.

“My main focus as the Minister for Children and Families is doing what is in the best interest of children in care.

“We inherited a department of hard working people who were given no support and I am committed to cleaning up Labor’s mess, in fact I spend most of my time fixing issues that are a result of the former Government’s mismanagement.”

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