CHANDLER CONFIRMS: MORE EDUCATION CUTS

Shadow Minister for Education Natasha Fyles said the CLP Government has confirmed today that over 150 support positions are to be cut from the Education Department.

“School support positions provide vital programs and support such as ICT, behaviour management and counselling,” Ms Fyles said.

“Support roles ensure teachers can focus on our children in classrooms.

“But, with the CLP taking support positions away from our teachers, more pressure is put on teachers in the classroom. Classrooms will become less about learning and there will be less individual attention as a result.

“Every child in every school will be affected by these CLP cuts.

“There is no additional funding and no additional teachers from today’s announcement.

“Education Minister Peter Chandler is out of touch if he thinks cutting support positions, cutting teachers and cutting individual attention for students will improve educational outcomes.

“Minister Chandler previously conceded that they were making up Education policy on the run when he announced a Middle School review to add to the Indigenous Education Review before a public rally of Territorians.

“Minister Chandler announced a freeze on teacher cuts from 2015 pending the reviews so how does he justify proceeding with teacher cuts now?

“Many of our young teachers are on contract positions that won’t be renewed after this year. If we lose them now we will lose most of them forever.”

“Territorians just can’t trust the CLP on education.”

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