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TEACHER CUTS UNDER CLP STILL HURTING

Shadow Minister for Education, Natasha Fyles, today questioned the Education Minister, Peter Chandler, about the cuts and changes to the Territory’s education system under the CLP Government.

“Today is the last day for Territory teachers to vote on the CLP Government's proposed EBA, Ms Fyles said.

“Teachers have made it clear that their EBA dispute is over concerns about their conditions and the detrimental changes the CLP government has made to the Territory’s education system not pay.

“Teachers, parents and students have rallied against the CLP Government's drastic cuts to teaching and teacher aid positions.

"Mr Chandler today conceded that there are 182 fewer school-based staff in the Territory - many of these teaching positions.

"These cuts drastically effect the learning environment for Territory students."

Ms Fyles questioned Mr Chandler about what he was doing to stop the Federal Government's $312 million cut to education in the Territory.

"Federal budget cuts will add to the pain already inflicted on the Territory's education system by the CLP Government," Ms Fyles said.

"Mr Chandler offered no comfort or assurance that Territory student that he will fight for them against the Federal budget cuts.

"Territorians need a Government that values education and educators."

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