Shadow Minister for Public Employment, Natasha Fyles, said that the CLP Government is treating frontline Territory public servants with contempt with their failure to acknowledge and address the issues facing these workers.

“Frontline Territory workers have repeatedly told the CLP Government that they are concerned about their conditions, not just their pay,” Ms Fyles said.

“Public Employment Minister, John Elferink, and the CLP Government are out of touch with Territory workers.

“An EBA deals with more than just pay rates.

“Frontline workers in the Territory deserve better from the Minister for Public Employment who refuses to listen to their genuine concerns.

“Teachers, paramedics and firefighters are still without an acceptable EBA in place because the CLP Government is failing to address the issues they are facing.”

Ms Fyles said that it is disappointing that school is resuming for Term 3 without an acceptable agreement in place with teachers.

“Territory students will head back to class as of tomorrow without an EBA agreement in place with their teachers,” Ms Fyles said.

“The CLP Government needs to listen to the teachers, parents and students who are concerned about the effects the CLP’s cuts have had on the Territory’s education system.”

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