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MORE SCHOOLS COMING OUT WITH GLOBAL BUDGET WOES

Shadow Minister for Education, Nicole Manison, said the Chief Minister Adam Giles and the Education Minister Peter Chandler need stop denying there are massive shortfalls due to the CLP Governments Global School Budgets.

“There are now around 30 schools saying they have serious budget problems under Global School Budgets,” Ms Manison said.

“The fact is schools are having to make big cuts for a third year in a row because of Global School Budgets, but the Education Minister keeps denying there is a problem.

“Adam Giles told ABC Radio this morning that the Minister for Education will go through schools, to determine the effect of the Global School Budgets.

“Will the Government listen to COGSO and do an urgent review of the impact of Global School Budgets on every school?

“If they do, they will be faced with the reality that the Global School Budgets are forcing schools to cut teachers, subjects and support for students.

“The Education Minister promised no school would be worse off and he has broken his promise.

“Even the Department of Education advises some schools will receive less funding.

“The CLP have failed to fully fund the teachers EBA and this will force many schools into the red or to make cuts to afford the pay rises.

“The Education Minister Peter Chandler needs to take urgent action to address his disastrous rollout of his Global School Budgets policy.

“Territory students deserve an education system that is well resourced. Education should be a priority for the CLP Government.”

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