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CLP INSTABILITY TAKING ITS TOLL ON EDUCATION

Shadow Minister for Education, Nicole Manison, said today that the continuing instability in the CLP Government is taking a devastating toll on critical services like Education.

“The Education Department in the Northern Territory has seen five ministers in the two and half years they’ve been in power,” Ms Manison said.

“This equates to almost a new Minister every school semester.

“The effect of this chaos results in paralysis for the Department.

“How can decisions be made, or direction taken when there is a revolving door of Education Ministers?

“We’ve, only weeks ago, seen the Former Minister for Education, Robyn Lambley, come in and try to clean up the mess of Global School Budgets left by the other Former Minister for Education, Peter Chandler, who was reeling from the budget cuts of the other Former Education Ministers, John Elferink and Robyn Lambley.

“Lambley, Elferink, Chandler, Lambley, Elferink - How long until Chandler gets his turn again? When will this chaos end?”

Ms Manison said the Education Department isn’t the only NT Government Department suffering from the effects of this CLP dysfunction.

“As soon as the ink dries on the Ministerial stationery, the CLP’s instability causes another round of musical chairs,” Ms Manison said.

“Major businesses and investors hardly know who to engage with in negotiations for projects. There is no guarantee that these Ministers or even the Chief Minister will be in the same position the next day.

“Sadly Territorians are the ones losing out while this epic power battle plays out.”

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