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GOVERNMENT FAILS TO LISTEN TO TERRITORIANS

Leader of the Opposition Michael Gunner says that the CLP’s budget continues the attack on services to Territorians.

“The budget confirms why Territorians have lost all trust in the CLP,” Mr Gunner said.

“Today’s budget slashes education for the third year in a row.

“Pre-schools have been cut. Primary schools have been cut.

“This means fewer teachers and more crowded classrooms and puts the future of Territory children at a significant disadvantage.

“Health services have suffered under the budget

“Territorians will continue to experience bed-block and long waiting times.

“The CLP have spent $6 million less in Primary-Health Care and have missed every deadline for the Palmerton hospital, putting further pressure on Royal Darwin Hospital," Mr Gunner said.

“The Government has used a one off hit from the contentious sale of TIO to increase infrastructure spending. This is short term politics and does not escape the fact that Territorians did not want their TIO sold.”

“Child Protection Services have also fared poorly with the Government admitting there will be more children in need but no extra resources to deal with them. More cases will go uninvestigated.

“This budget fails Territory children on every front at the very time we should be investing in their future.

“A Labor Government will ensure that we have a balance that promotes economic growth and provides the services Territorians need,” Mr Gunner said.

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