The disappointing results of Territory high school students in a recent national literacy and numeracy survey is the legacy of the Martin Labor Government's failure to implement the recommendations of the Education Review, CLP Leader Terry Mills said today.

"The Education Minister Syd Stirling has been sitting on the review for 12 months. The Government and in particular this Minister don't have the courage to actually implement any of the recommendations that are contained within the review into secondary education," Mr Mills said.

The study compared 15 year olds across Australia in a range of areas including literacy and numeracy with Territory students performing the worst in all categories.

"It is time for action, it is time for making decisions and it is time to show some real leadership because these results prove that at the end of the day it is the kids that are missing out, and their futures that are in jeopardy.

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