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Taxpayer funded political polling? $50 a head to answer questions about Chief’s pool laws

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CLP President Paul Bunker has called on the Government to reveal whether or not it is paying Territorians $50 a head to attend focus groups on the Chief Minister’s new pool laws.

Mr Bunker said a party member who had been canvassed to attend a Government focus group had contacted him.

"If the Government is paying people $50 to attend focus groups under the guise of questioning over the Chief Minister's pool laws it raises a number of questions and suspicions," Mr Bunker said.

"Why is the Government paying people $50 to discuss the Chief Minister’s pool laws when there are thousands of Territorians who can do this for free?"

"What are the questions that will be put to the focus groups?"

"If taxpayers are paying for these focus groups the questions should be made public so that there can be no doubt that the focus groups are more about Labor Party polling than they are about the Chief Minister's pool laws.

"The public has every right to be suspicious about the Government using their money to poll people about the pool laws. They have every right to know just exactly what those attending the focus groups will be asked?"

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