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COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND
A SPANKING GOOD IDEA

The Northern Territory taxpayer has had the privilege of paying for a sex-worker professional development course in the areas of bondage, discipline, sadism and masochism so that sex workers can make more money.

Shadow Minister for Community Development John Elferink said the Community Benefit Fund, a fund that is designed for small groups and social organisations to improve their communities in the Northern Territory, provided the resources for this course.

John Elferink said in Alice Springs today, “This comes on the end of revelations by the Ombudsman that taxpayers funds had been spent in the NT contrary to law by the Department of Community Development.

“Now another fund is under the microscope and spanking classes is what it is being spent on.

“This practice is not what the fund was established to do. Clearly this government has no mind or care for what it does with taxpayers money. Taxpayers’ revenues are not an endless slush fund for Labor projects and government largess.

“Small wonder they don’t want the go to the estimates process so that we can ask them some simple questions about what they’re wasting money on.

“Once again it is spokesmen and not the ministers that are responding for government.

“The Chief Minister should discipline her ministers more effectively. I could suggest another interstate consultancy to achieve that outcome.”

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