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OPPOSITION LEADER FLAGS JOB CUTS UNDER CLP GOVERNMENT

CLP Opposition Leader Denis Burke today said the Territory Government was spending too much money on health, education and police services.

“His comments send a clear message to the Territory’s more than 14,500 public sector workers. Denis Burke wants to cut jobs and slash police, health and education services,” Treasurer Syd Stirling said.

“The CLP Opposition Leader should come clean and tell Territorians how many public service jobs he is going to do away with when he cuts funding to these vital services.”

Mr Stirling said the Martin Government was getting the balance right in terms of spending funds.

“We are delivering lower taxes, good services and record spending on important infrastructure.

“The Territory is now the lowest taxing jurisdiction for small business in Australia.

“Last year’s Budget contained record tax cuts with further cuts to payroll tax to apply on 1 July this year.

“At the same time as cutting taxes, we have boosted funding to key areas including health, education, police and tourism as well as spending a record $1.3 billion on infrastructure over three years.”

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