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BURKE’S LACK OF COSTINGS MEANS PUBLIC SECTOR CUTS

CLP Opposition Leader Denis Burke’s promises to Territorians lack credibility as he continues to refuse to release details of his policies or how he will pay for them.

“Today, Denis Burke refused to reveal the cost of his promises, refused to allow Treasury to cost his policies and refused to tell Territorians how he is going to pay for them,” Treasurer Syd Stirling said today.

“He stood up in Parliament today and waved around a document saying his promises were fully costed - but refused to release that document to public scrutiny.

“He has already said that this Government is spending too much in health, education and police. He is clearly going to cut essential services and jobs in the public service such as teachers, nurses and police. That’s why he won’t show anyone his costings.

“When Denis Burke was in office, he nearly sent the Territory broke. He left a spiralling deficit of $127 million and increasing debt.

“Today, he refused to commit to the current Budget targets which will see the Budget balanced by 2008-09.

“It is clear from his refusal to release his costings today that he intends to sack public sector workers and slash services to pay for his policies.”

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