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Minister for Education has to decide on Senior Education Review

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Enough is enough. It is time the Martin Labor Government states clearly its plans for the report on the Secondary Education Review, following the Australian Education Union's decision to reject all the recommendations CLP Shadow Education Minister Dr Richard Lim said today.

"More and more Education Minister Stirling appears confused about how he will deal with the review's recommendations," Dr Lim said.

"He has failed to manage this process and instead has reinforced just how inept the Martin Government is when it comes to making decisions.

"Some six months after he has received the report, his lack of commitment has done nothing but create more concern in the community about his intentions.

"The Secondary Education Review was badly flawed in its research and in its compilation of recommendations, many of which do not bear any relationship to it's key observation which is to improve educational outcomes for all secondary school students, in particular, indigenous students living out bush.

"Given that the Australian Education Union has come out against the Secondary Education Review the Minister must tell Territorians what he intends to do with the Review.

"The Minister must make a decision on what recommendations he intends to implement or he listens to the growing calls from across all sectors of education for the Review recommendations to be thrown out."

Dr Lim said he will be demanding answers from the Education Minister during Parliament over the next two weeks.

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