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Exactly whose job is safe Terry?

Before the election, Terry Mills guaranteed on live television that no public servant would lose their job if he were to be elected.

Shadow Minister for Government Accountability Michael Gunner said Terry Mills first broke this promise when he sacked six Department Chief Executives.

“The fact is Terry Mills and the CLP have declared a silent war on the Northern Territory public service,” Mr Gunner said.

“Yesterday under questioning he admitted that 11 Health workers would be sacked.

“Mr Mills said that of the 22 Department of Health positions up for renewal only half comply with his definition of frontline or essential.

“Therefore, Mr Mills believes the 11 people in the Department of Health he is sacking are not frontline or essential.

“If Mr Mills wants to start being open and accountable, he needs to define exactly what ‘frontline’ means and what these 11 positions are and the roles they undertake.

“Queensland Liberal Premier Campbell Newman redefined what ‘frontline’ meant, just so he could sack thousands of extra public servants.

“It is a worrying sign for everyone else in the Department of Health, or indeed every other department, that so far only half of them are considered frontline or essential.

“Terry Mills says that these 11 positions will be axed because their current contract finishes in September. So how many will be sacked in October? How many will be sacked in the next 12 months? And how many will be sacked from other Departments?”

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