CLP priorities horribly wrong

Leader of the Opposition Delia Lawrie today welcomed the CLP’s backflip to slash funds from the Domestic Violence Legal Service and added this decision should never even have seen the light of day.

“This is a government that consistently gets it wrong. Adam Giles needs to sack his heartless Attorney General for attempting to cut critical funding to the Domestic Violence Legal Service,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Yesterday the CLP’s Attorney General John Elferink tried to defend the funding cut of $165,000 to the Domestic Violence Legal Service by saying they didn’t have the money – yet his Government was able to easily find $300,000 for a Golf Club in Alice Springs.

“The CLP’s priorities are horribly wrong.

“Indigenous women are 45 times more likely to be the victims of domestic violence than non-indigenous women - how can the CLP Government even begin to entertain a cut to critical front line support services, let alone defend it?

“This heartless funding cut would have directly impacted on women confronting the perpetrators of violence at the frontline in our courts,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Domestic Violence is up 24% since the CLP came to office. Women and children who have been brutalised by domestic violence would have been significantly affected by a two-thirds reduction in legal support as they try to get justice and protection. I’m amazed that this fact seemed to escape the CLP’s Minister for Justice.

“It’s time for Adam Giles to sack his heartless, and according to today’s decision, incompetent Attorney General, John Elferink.”

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