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It's time to judge politicians by what they do rather than what they say

BEFORE the March election CPSU Members asked the parties to commit to a Public Sector Policy that would ensure Tasmanians continue to receive the high quality public services they deserve.

Each party enthusiastically agreed to support the policy and asked voters to support them because they would guarantee public services.

On June 17 the Government will deliver the Budget for the 2010/11 financial year.

This is the first opportunity for Labor to implement its promises on public services and also the first chance for the Greens both in and out of cabinet and for the Liberals in opposition to show they're doing all they can to fulfil their own election promises.

On behalf of Members the CPSU has written to each party reminding them of their

promises and our expectation they'll use the budget process to honour those commitments.

[These letters and party responses received can be read at \[www.abettertasmania.com\]\(http://www.abettertasmania.com\)](#)

YOU BE THE JUDGE

The CPSU has provided a budget checklist so you can decide which of the resourcing promises made by the Government have been honoured in the Budget.

What did they promise?

To provide the Public Sector with sufficient resources to deliver high quality services to all Tasmanians regardless of where they live.

There are significant shortfalls in resources that restrict the delivery of high quality services in many areas including Child Protection, DPIPWE, Youth Justice, Community Corrections, Libraries and Tasmania Tomorrow.

To honor this promise additional funding needs to be allocated to all areas facing challenges to maintain services.

To increase Agency funding when revenue improves to make up for the current (2009/10 State Budget) cuts.

In February the Government released the 2009-10 Mid-Year Financial Report which showed the State Budget position had improved by \$54 million since budget time.

There's clearly an expectation that as revenue has improved the cuts imposed in last year's budget will be reversed.

To have Treasury fully fund Agencies for all agreed salary increases and to increase on-costs in line with CPI as a minimum.

Agency budgets continue to be put under pressure because salary increases negotiated with your government and agreed through the Tasmanian Industrial Commission haven't been fully funded by Treasury.

To implement this promise Agency budgets must be increased to meet these costs.

In addition, the 2009/10 Budget removed the indexation of non-salary costs so non-salary budgets must be increased by the current CPI rate.

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