



Community and Public Sector Union

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Hon David Bartlett
Premier of Tasmania
Parliament House
HOBART TAS 7000

Wednesday, 26 May 2010

Dear Premier,

Re: 2010/11 State Budget

As your government works through the process of developing the 2010/11 State Budget I thought it timely to remind you of the commitments you made to thousands of Tasmanian Public Sector workers and their families during the recent election. On behalf of the Labor party you committed to:

1. *Providing the Public Sector with sufficient resources to deliver high quality services to all Tasmanians regardless of where they live.*

At present 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.

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

On 11 February 2010 you released the 2009-10 Mid-Year Financial Report which showed the State Budget position had improved by \$54 million since budget time. There is clearly an expectation that as revenue has improved the cuts imposed in last year's budget will be reversed.

3. *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 have not been fully funded by Treasury. In the 2010/11 financial year Agencies will be required to pay increases of 3.5% in November 2010 and 2% in March 2011. To implement your commitment we expect Agency budgets will be increased to meet these costs. In addition the 2009/10 Budget removed the indexation of non-salary costs. Again, we expect non-salary budgets to be increased by the current CPI rate.

This budget is the first opportunity your government will have to show those voters who supported you because of your strong support for Public Services that their trust was well placed. I look forward to the budget on June 17th and on continuing to work with you to implement the other commitments in your Public Sector policy.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr Lynch

On behalf of the Premier, David Bartlett MP, I acknowledge your letter of 26 May 2010 in relation to the 2010/11 State Budget.

Your correspondence has been drawn to the Premier's attention.

Yours sincerely

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