



Community and Public Sector Union

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Hon Will Hodgman
Leader of the Tasmanian Liberal
Parliament House
HOBART TAS 7000

Wednesday, 26 May 2010

Dear Mr Hodgman,

Re: 2010/11 State Budget

As the 2010/11 State Budget approaches I thought it timely to remind you of the commitments the Tasmanian Liberals made to thousands of Tasmanian Public Sector workers and their families during the recent election. I also note that identical commitments were made by the Australian Labor party and the Tasmanian Greens.

On behalf of the Tasmanian Liberal 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, DIPWE, 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 Premier Bartlett 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 in the upcoming budget.

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

Service delivery continues to be put under pressure because salary increases negotiated with the government and agreed through the Tasmanian Industrial Commission have not been fully funded by Treasury. In the 2010/11 financial year Agencies will pay increases of 3.5% in November 2010 and 2% in March 2011. To implement this 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.

The 2010/11 budget is the first opportunity the Government will have to implement measures to give effect to these commitments. It is also an opportunity for you as the opposition leader to ensure the Government are accountable for the promises they made and for you to use your influence to ensure the policy positions you put to the people are honoured.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr Lynch

Thank you for your letter regarding the Tasmanian Liberals election commitments and the upcoming State Budget.

I can assure you that the Tasmanian Liberal team are fully committed to holding the Labor-Green Government to account for election commitments and promises made by them relating to the public sector.

The upcoming parliamentary session will provide us with the perfect opportunity to find out which of the almost \$1 billion worth of promises Labor and the Greens made, will be fulfilled and which will miss out.

Yours sincerely



Will Hodgman MP
Leader of the State Opposition

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