

LABOR LOOSE WITH THE TRUTH

Note: These are just five examples of Labor's loose with the truth approach to economic and budget discussions – how can they be trusted?

Labor Spin	The FACTS
<p>Inheriting a \$876 million budget deficit from the former CLP Government</p> <p><i>Source: Chief Minister media release, 15/4/19</i></p>	<p>This is Labor spin. As at 30 June 2016, the budget deficit was \$78 million</p> <p><i>Source: 2015-16 Treasurer's Annual Financial Report</i></p>
<p>A cut of \$500 million in annual GST revenue from the Federal Government</p> <p><i>Source: Chief Minister media release, 15/4/2019</i></p>	<p>There has been a net reduction of \$102.4 million or about \$25 million reduction per year NOT \$500 million per year claimed by Labor</p> <p><i>Source: Commonwealth Grants Commission update report</i></p>
<p>Mr Gunner maintained that his Government fulfilled its pre-election promise to cut 26 executive-level positions.</p> <p><i>Source: ABC Online news story, 15/4/2019</i></p>	<p>Executive Contract Officers in Administration in the Northern Territory Public Service increased by 19 (479 in Jun 2017 to 498 in Jun 2018)</p> <p><i>Source: OCPE State of the Service Report 2017-2018</i></p>
<p>Budget 2018: "establishing a sustainable workforce strategy to contain the growth of the public sector and improve efficiencies through targeting voluntary redundancies in non-frontline roles and a new position freeze."</p> <p>Nicole Manison: "We are going to introduce more voluntary redundancy packages in the public sector.</p> <p>"We're going to look at about 100 jobs this year and about another 50 into the forward estimates each year, bringing it up to a total of about 250 jobs there."</p> <p><i>Source: ABC Online news story, 20/4/2018</i></p>	<p>Average December Quarter 2017: 21,008 Average December Quarter 2018: 21,477 Yearly change Dec 17 to Dec 18: +469</p> <p><i>Source: OCPE Northern Territory Public Sector Staffing (Full Time Equivalent) – December Quarter 2018</i></p>
<p>This work will build on the budget repair measures undertaken by the Territory Labor Government since 2017, including \$800million in saving measures</p> <p><i>Source: Treasurer media release, 12/12/2018</i></p>	<p>Total expenses from continuing operations: 2016/17: \$5,971,443 2017/18: \$6,322,101</p> <p><i>Source: Treasurer's Annual Financial Report 2017-18</i></p>

