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Response to State Government midyear review

Premier Colin Barnett is failing the West Australian people by running down public services through more and more cuts to jobs and services.

That's the blunt message from the Community and Public Sector Union/Civil Service Association on the back of today's midyear review that forecasts a \$3.1 billion deficit.

As a result the government has announced six-month recruitment freeze across the general public sector, effective immediately.

Branch secretary Toni Walkington said it was the same old message from a government that had failed to do its job properly of investing in the state, diversifying the economy and maintaining a robust public sector that could meet community expectations.

"Public services in this state are the foundation of our community and society but the latest freeze on public sector recruitment will see more job cuts, white-anting this very important foundation," Ms Walkington said.

"Our members want to deliver quality services to our community but they can't do this when they are constantly facing cuts."

Ms Walkington said union members were getting tired of the same mantra from the Premier Barnett and his Cabinet colleagues.

"It's time for them to invest in the foundations of our society, make a real difference and address the problems rather than just cutting the public service."

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