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MEDIA STATEMENT

CPSU/CSA Secretary Toni Walkington:

“Our members will have a mixed response to today’s announcement which was flagged back in December 2016.

“We acknowledge that the Barnett Government did not manage the sector well and the McGowan Government has an opportunity to ensure that reform gets good outcomes for all West Australians.

“Our members believe that there was waste in the Barnett years and are keen to engage in ending the wasteful contracting out of public services.

“There are a number of Departments where our members experienced job cuts while the executive flourished and this is an opportunity redirect the work to public services.

“Whilst there will be a reduction in the Senior Executive Service and we never want to see job losses, this is part of a package of reform that will address the wasteful practice of contracting out and privatising government services. Our members are prepared to work and engage in this process for good policy outcomes, on the basis that the other areas of waste will be addressed too.

“The General Government Sector has performed in terms of efficiency and is working effectively. The most recent Treasury update indicates that the General Government Sector has grown at just 11% in three years while health has grown at 56% and Education at 17%.

“We continue to be at the table to minimise the impact of the amalgamations and advocate in our member’s interest and for good government.”

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