



TAYLOR: LABOR'S MASSIVE DEFICITS THREATEN PUBLIC SERVICE JOBS

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Angus Taylor, the Liberal candidate for Hume has hit out at Labor's addiction to spending, and the impact this is now having on public service jobs.

In response to consternation in a number of quarters that Labor's announced \$580 million worth of cuts to the public service would adversely impact Yass, Goulburn and the edges of Canberra - where many public servants live - Mr Taylor said:

"In Hume we have a Labor candidate who is defending public service cuts. We have other candidates who say that deficits are not bad at all, and that we should keep spending like a drunken sailors.

"I ask people to think about why we are even having this debate. It's because this Government can't manage the economy: it is addicted to spending. Addictions require rehab, and that is where we are now.

"The best way to have a sustainable, stable public service workforce is to get the budget under control. While the government spending is out of control, public service jobs are put at risk. Labor has run up five deficits and almost \$300 billion in gross debt. They now need to target the public service to fill their budget black hole."

Mr Taylor said that at the last election the coalition committed to reducing public service numbers through natural attrition. He said that if that policy had been implemented, there would be still more public servants than were employed under the last coalition government.

Mr Taylor also said that essential uniformed and front line service positions would be safe under a coalition government. He said:

"We will exclude essential uniformed and front line service positions from any staff reductions.

"In fact, we made the same commitment publicly at the last election and were attacked by Labor – only to see Labor start to make cuts in the mid-year economic forecast, and continue those cuts in yesterday's budget announcement.

"Labor ran similar scare campaigns regarding our previous plans to merge the Departments of Environment and Climate Change. Recently they have taken up our policy.

Mr Taylor said:

“For nearly six years Labor has been promising the world but delivering next to nothing. The prospect of serious public service job losses is directly attributable to Labor’s recklessness. The country, public servants included, cannot afford another term of this Labor government.”

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