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Guy Barnett, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier

Labor Duplicitous on MP Pay

The Government firmly believes that the best way to deal with politicians' pay is to make it an independent process.

The bottom line is, politicians should not be setting their own pay.

This has been our consistent position, including while in Opposition.

In contrast, Labor has totally back-flipped on their position.

When in Government, Lara Giddings said that politicians' pay should be determined at arms-length, by the TIC, and said that Labor would abide by their independent ruling*.

The Labor-Green government even moved an amendment in the Legislative Council to enable this to happen.

Now, in Opposition, they have spectacularly backflipped.

Labor are duplicitous hypocrites and have no credibility.

For the record, this Government has accepted each and every ruling made by the TIC. We have obviously negotiated a number of outcomes, most notably with paramedics, but in each case, the ruling has been accepted.

It is important to note that suggestions of what the TIC may find are entirely hypothetical and the Bill has a mechanisms to enable Parliament to reject the TIC finding if it is considered out of step with community expectations.

* "I made it clear through the Leader of Government Business in the upper House the government will abide by the independent determination of the TIC on this matter..."

- Lara Giddings, Hansard, 21 June 2012

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