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Childcare inaction

ACT Greens MLA Deb Foskey described ACT Government inaction on childcare as the price of majority government.

“The Government will not be developing a strategy to support affordable, accessible, high quality childcare in the ACT” Dr Foskey said today.

“In a motion in the Assembly, I asked the ACT Government to investigate

- the level of demand for childcare across the community,
- the experience of people using childcare,
- the need for vocational training,
- the use of schools for childcare centres, and
- the provision of support services for parents setting up their own centres.”

“This was consistent with the ALP’s new national childcare policy.”

“The ACT Labor Government amended my motion to congratulate itself for sometimes making land and facilities available, and then called on the federal government to do more about childcare generally.”

“While dodging responsibility in this way might be the expected response of majority government, it doesn’t help the families with babies and toddlers in Canberra” Dr Foskey said.

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