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Dear Mr ^{Nev}~~Kitchen~~,

Thank you for the opportunity to address your Questionnaire that you provided to the Liberal Party of South Australia.

I provide the following answers to the Questions:

1. Will you support ongoing employment as the primary form of employment for the Public Sector? Will you reduce the level of insecure and contract employment in the Public Sector?

A Liberal Government will support ongoing employment as the primary form of employment for the Public Sector. This form of employment obviously provides the greatest level of security for the individuals involved. Of course other forms of employment have been used by the Labor Government and would continue to be used in the future.

2. Will your party commit to not privatising, outsourcing or commercialising any Public Sector assets and services?

Contrary to their election promises the Labor Government has embarked on a massive programme of privatisation (MAC, LTO, Lotteries Commission, SE Forests, etc) and has paid KPMG \$100,000 for a secret report into the privatisation of SA Water. A Liberal Government will not support the privatisation of SA Water.

There are many current examples where public services are being successfully delivered by private or non-government suppliers. We have a responsibility to consider such options where it is clearly in the public interest to do so.

3. Job losses and new functions have resulted in severe workload increases. How will your party resource the Public Sector to counter this? Will you invest in the Public Sector by establishing funding for areas that address the future needs and challenges for our state?

A Liberal Government will invest in the public sector and establish funding for areas that address the future needs and challenges for our state, including providing the resources, equipment, technology, training and development public servants need to do the job expected of them. A Liberal Government would work co-operatively with the public service to ensure excessive workload issues are not allowed to continue.

4. What does your party see as the role of the Public Sector in the economy?

A Liberal Government would acknowledge the critical role the public service plays in the efficient delivery of public services and assisting in the implementation of a new policy plan to generate jobs and economic growth in South Australia.

5. Is your party committed to maintaining the state industrial jurisdiction? Does your party support collective bargaining, and recognise the legitimate right of members to be represented by their union?

A Liberal Government would maintain the state industrial jurisdiction, support collective bargaining and recognise the right of members to be represented by their union.

6. What will your party do to consult genuinely with the PSA about proposals under consideration that impact upon PSA members?

A Liberal Government would consult genuinely with the PSA about proposals that have a significant impact upon PSA members.

As you would be aware Liberal Leader Steven Marshall has met with the PSA on a regular basis over recent years and if elected as Premier would continue that practice of regular consultation.

7. What is your party's commitment to investing in our State's future through the employment of trainees and graduates in the Public Sector?

A Liberal Government would be committed to continue existing programmes of employing trainees and graduates in the public sector. As financial circumstances permit we would consult on ways to improve the effectiveness of these programmes and expand them where appropriate.

Thank you again for the opportunity to address your questions.

Kind regards.



Rob Lucas

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