



Pre-election Responses to Questions for the Public Sector

1. Yes. Yes.
2. Yes. The privatisation under the Liberals, and under Labor in the last 25 years have been appalling. The more recent privatisations under Labor of forestry assets, the Motor Accident Commission and the Land Titles Office have been wrong and counterproductive.
3. There needs to be an independent audit, held in close consultation and cooperation with the PSA, as to the demands on the public sector, and the best way to deal with severe workload increases, and if need be, reallocate resources to those departments and agencies with the highest demand. That should be the first fundamental step to establish the nature and extent of the problem, and how to solve it.
4. To provide services for the people of South Australia in the most efficient and effective manner possible, to maximize beneficial outcomes for South Australians and to do so on the basis that it should be driven by public interest not on a for profit basis. Furthermore, the public sector ought to be subject to greater levels of transparency and accountability via the parliament, and there should be strong safeguards for public servants to speak out should they have genuine concerns. That is why SA-BEST supports strong whistleblower protections of the type that the major parties have not embraced.
5. Yes. Yes.
6. To have genuine consultation through a rigorous process where decisions are based on evidence, which of course must involve detailed consultation with the PSA.
7. This is an area that is of fundamental importance, both in terms of the constant renewal of the public sector through trainees and graduates, which will also prevent many young South Australians leaving our state. For instance, the hollowing out of departments such as DPTI with outsourced consultants, needs to be reversed so the independent expertise of the public sector can be renewed and strengthened.