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From Julie's Desk

Dear Curtin Resident

Over recent weeks there has been a series of damaging leaks to the media from within the Labor Cabinet.

Disturbing allegations have been made that the new Prime Minister Julia Gillard failed to attend numerous meetings of the National Security Committee of Cabinet.

The National Security Committee is responsible for the security of our country making decisions on life and death issues including terrorism, regional security, our troops in Afghanistan and border protection. The committee includes the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister as well as the Chief of Defence, Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police and Head of ASIO.

There can be no greater responsibility for a national leader than to discharge the obligation to ensure the security of the Australian people.

Ms Gillard must explain, for each meeting she did not attend, what she rated as a higher priority. There can be legitimate personal reasons for not attending a meeting, but failing to attend numerous meetings calls into serious question her judgement, priorities and fitness for high office.

The Liberal Party places the highest priority on national security, keeping our borders secure, maintaining strong relations with our neighbours to keep our region stable, and protecting the Australian people.



Support small business



The Liberal Party believes that the efforts of hard working Australians who run small businesses and family enterprises are at the heart of the Australian economy. That's why we're determined to make it easier, not harder for business to prosper and grow.

The Liberals will take real action to support small business:

- cut company tax from 30% to 28.5%
- improve access to finance
- extend to small business the unfair contract protection available to consumers
- protect independent contractors and the self employed from being taxed as employees
- provide a paid parental leave scheme to help attract and retain workers

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What the Liberals will do:

Repay Labor's debt

In less than three years the Labor Government has turned a \$20 billion budget surplus into a \$40 billion deficit.

Despite inheriting zero net government debt, Labor has run up a massive debt reaching nearly \$81 billion in 2010/2011.

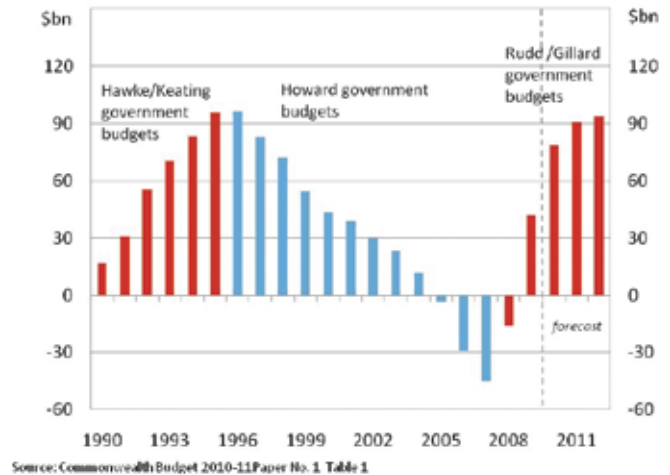
The annual interest bill on Labor's debt is over \$4 billion.

The Liberal Party has paid off Labor's debt before – and we'll do it again.

We will restore the budget to surplus – we have done it before, we'll do it again.

Net Commonwealth Government Debt

Back to Where we Started...



Stop the waste

Labor is borrowing over \$100 million every day to fund its reckless spending sprees. A Coalition Government will end the waste and respect taxpayers' money.

Including:

- **the home insulation disaster** – a \$2.4 billion program that was shut down after more than 191 related house fires
- **school building rip offs** – estimated up to \$8 billion (out of \$16 billion) wasted
- **Green Loans scheme** – a \$300 million debacle that has left home sustainability assessors in limbo
- **National Broadband Network** – an unaffordable and unviable \$43 billion proposal
- **FuelWatch and Grocery Choice** – cost millions, achieved nothing

Stop Labor's taxes

Labor's cycle of spend, borrow, tax, spend has to stop.

Instead of introducing bad taxes, Labor should cut its reckless spending.

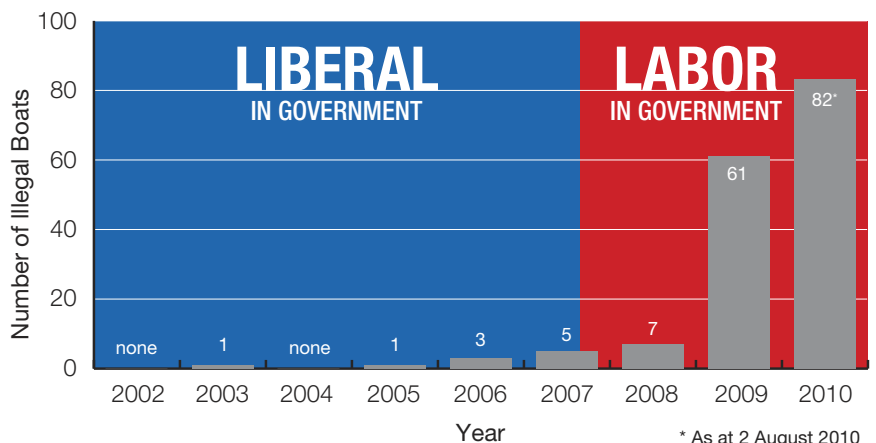
The Liberal Party opposes an additional mining tax that will make our mining sector internationally uncompetitive, will cost jobs and damage investment.

Labor will also introduce a carbon tax that will increase the cost of everything.

Stop the boats

The Coalition will stop the boats and dismantle the people smuggling trade – we've done it before, we'll do it again.

Boat Arrivals 2002 - 2010





Liberal Action Contract for a Stronger Australia

Our plan to take the pressure off Western Australians and ease the cost of living is fully costed and funded.

Increase the Education Tax Rebate

Parents of children in primary and secondary school will receive \$500 per year and \$1,000 per year respectively for educational expenses including school fees, uniforms and excursions.



Paid Parental Leave Scheme

Six moths paid parental leave at replacement wages, with superannuation, will support families facing financial pressure.

Australia has a low workforce participation rate of women in child bearing years. Our scheme will boost female workforce participation.

\$1.5 billion Mental Health Plan

Early intervention is vital. We will establish Early Psychosis Intervention Centres for referrals, counselling and advice, and provide 800 new mental health hospital beds, and extra 'headspace' sites for drug and alcohol treatment.

Aged Care Plan

The Coalition will provide \$935 million over four years to provide certainty of care for older Australians and vital support for the aged care sector to prepare for future needs. We will:

- deliver up to 3,000 extra high care residential beds
- provide grants for pet therapy in aged care facilities
- ensure a high standard of quality care
- less red tape

Direct Action Plan of Environment

Establish an Emissions Reduction Fund to reduce carbon emissions, clean up power stations and deliver on renewable energy projects.

Form a 15,000 strong Green Army to tackle local environmental issues.

Local Curtin News



Churchlands Senior High School Art Exhibition

Churchlands Senior High School hosted its annual community Art Exhibition in May which showcased over 300 pieces of original artwork from the local community.

Contemporary Indigenous Australian artist Naomi Grant was the invited guest artist of the exhibition where she unveiled nine unique acrylic and collage works.

Julie officially opened the exhibition which is in its eighth year and a highlight on the school's calendar.

Livewire launched at Princess Margaret Hospital

Julie officially launched the Livewire Hospital Program in Western Australia earlier this year at Princess Margaret Hospital.

The Livewire program is an online community support for young patients aged between 10 and 21 at Princess Margaret Hospital who are regularly in and out of hospital. Young people can connect online and share stories and experiences.



Lions Club of Claremont Nedlands

Julie, a member of the Lions Club of Claremont Nedlands, joined the Club's 25th changeover dinner in June.

The Lions Club of Claremont Nedlands plays an important role in the Curtin community through its fundraising activities and support services.

MILESTONE MESSAGES

Important milestones and anniversaries deserve proper recognition.

Julie is happy to arrange congratulatory messages for local residents celebrating their Gold (50th) or Diamond (60th) wedding anniversaries, or 90th or 100th birthdays.

If given enough notice some milestones and anniversaries can also be acknowledged by the Queen, the Prime Minister and Governor-General.

Please contact Julie's office on 9388 0288 for assistance.

More information can be found at www.itsanhonour.gov.au



Australian Flags Available

Flags are available for charitable and not-for-profit organisations such as schools, sporting clubs and community groups.

If your organisation would like a flag, or your current flag needs replacing, please contact Julie's office on 9388 0288.



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