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Another day, another broken promise

Another election promise bungle by the Labor-Green Government will cost the hospitality industry thousands of dollars and up to a third of their funding in avoidable legal fees.

The Minister for Hospitality Brian Wightman was unable to explain today why the legal ramifications of the Government's proposed Pub Watch scheme weren't investigated prior to the election promise being made.

Rather than delivering the promised \$30,000 to implement the proposed scheme, the Government is now demanding that the hospitality industry get their own legal advice over the issue, and have cut the funding to pay for it.

The best the Minister could do when questioned in Parliament today was admit that he wasn't fully across his portfolio. It is clear that either he doesn't understand how the decision will hurt the industry, or he is simply too swamped trying to grasp a hold of his Ministerial workload and keep his Green colleagues satisfied.

It is clear that the state's hospitality industry and the 23,000 Tasmanians it employs are rapidly losing confidence in this Government.

This is a specific example of why Tasmanian small business confidence, as shown in the TCCI business expectation survey released today, has continued to plummet under a Labor-Green Government.

The hospitality industry in Tasmania has been let down time and time again by a Labor-Green Government that has failed to take it seriously. The industry and the thousands of Tasmanians that it employs deserve better.

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