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Hospitality Minister - All tip and no iceberg

In Budget Estimates today, Scott Bacon failed to provide any compelling reason why the hospitality industry could expect any more from him than his lackluster predecessors. He showed only that he is all tip and no iceberg.

He is not responsible for any output groups, doesn't administer an Act and there isn't one single line item in a budget of many hundreds of pages. When it comes to fundamentally important measures of performance, like keeping election promises, his Government has a 75 per cent failure rate.

Pubwatch has been dumped, the labour pool trial scrapped, the money for education and training initiatives has not been secured across the forward estimates and the number one item on Labor's election commitment list, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government and Industry (which has no cost attached) is still being negotiated 15 months after the election.

The Minister didn't even manage to retain the remaining funds from the Pubwatch broken promise to support the liquor accords process.

The hospitality industry employs 23,000 people and it deserves capable and consistent representation in Government. The Green-Labor Government must stop taking the industry for granted and deliver.

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