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Labor, Greens shaft Tasmanian small businesses

The new Labor-Green Government have proven that they are no friends of Tasmania's 37,000 small businesses, delivering only 25 percent of Labor's commitments, and nothing of the Green's promises for small business.

The shameful figures were revealed last evening in Budget estimates by the Minister for Economic Development, Ms Giddings.

In their small business election policy, Labor promised \$14.26m in support for small business, but they have delivered just \$3.2 million.

The Greens promised \$13.25m, but have delivered not a cent.

In explaining away one Labor election promise, Ms Giddings extraordinarily claimed that there had been a "typo" in the election policy and that the figure should have been \$100,000, not \$1 million!

By delivering just a quarter of what they promised, Labor and the Greens have comprehensively shafted Tasmanian small business, and proved that they are no friends of the tens of thousands of small business people in Tasmania.

This deceitful Labor-Green Government have been found out trying to short change and cheapen Tasmania's small businesses and the Premier and Deputy Premier have shown they are all talk and no action. They will not stick up for small business, rather their approach is to promise the world at election time and deliver nothing once secured in office.

In contrast, the Liberals would have delivered 100 percent of our promises to small business which includes the abolition of Land Tax, a review of water and sewerage, red tape reduction, our Tasmanian Branding policy, export facilitation, more funding for Business Enterprise Centres and the establishment of a Minister for Small Business to ensure that their voice is heard at the cabinet table.

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