

Adam Brooks MP Shadow Minister for Hospitality Tuesday 17 May, 2011

Minister for Salamanca

New Labor Minister Scott Bacon might be the Minister for Salamanca, but he is yet to prove his commitment to representing the tourism and hospitality industries outside of Hobart.

A Facebook gaffe earlier this year claiming that he was "*Launceston bound, is it as bad as I remember*" has no doubt come back to haunt the newly appointed Minister, who must now prove his credibility in Parliament – a test he clearly failed when questioned today.

Members of the fragile hospitality and tourism industries have expressed serious concerns about the constant shuffling of Ministers handling their portfolios, and there is no doubt that Mr Bacon's lack of experience and juvenile behaviour would be playing on their minds.

These industries are already struggling with looming budget cuts and deserve far better than yet another rookie Minister with no experience in the industries or in business – a telling sign from a government in crisis.

Mr Bacon must now learn very quickly. He isn't a backbencher anymore, he is a Minister in Parliament, and these industries rightly expect that he will perform like one.

For further information or comment please call Laura Oldfield – 0459
801 137