



Labor's WASTE & CHAOS

**When Labor came
to office it had no debt...**

Today, as a result of Labor's reckless spending, it has racked up almost **\$300 Billion of debt** – the biggest in Australian history.

And the price of Labor's record national debt? Record interest payments of \$7.8 Billion a year!

**We're all paying the price for Labor's waste and mismanagement.
Here are just 10 examples...**

01 Home insulation scandal

Labor's home insulation scheme cost \$2.4 Billion with widespread roting, 224 house fires and four deaths.

\$100m to fix botched insulation program

By TOM ARUP
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT
TAXPAYERS will pay up to \$100 million to remove foil insulation or install it properly.

was axed by Environment Minister Peter Garrett last month after the deaths of four men and 105 house fires and gastro-colic anastomosis.

**The Age,
11 March 2010**

02 Election ad spree

Labor is spending more than \$100 million of taxpayers' money this financial year and next around election time to sell its message. Labor is spending big with your money to promote its policies.

Ad spree to cost \$100m

LABOR is splurging more than \$100 million on government advertising this financial year and next around the election – including \$21 million on the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The Opposition yesterday called for most future ad campaigns to be scrapped, but ministers have refused.

**Adelaide Advertiser,
17 May 2013**

03 Immigration budget blow-out

Labor's failed border protection policies and Julia Gillard's stubbornness to re-introduce John Howard's proven policies has resulted in an immigration budget blow-out of more than a staggering \$10 Billion – money that has been diverted away from essential services and roads.

Asylum seeker demand set to blow the budget

DEMANDS that the country's humanitarian refugee intake be lifted to 25,000 to solve the asylum seeker crisis.

Tony Abbott's offer to increase the intake to 20,000 a reluctant olive branch to the Greens in return for support.

those on board. "Simply deflating the onshore and offshore intakes."

paces, it is important to remember that Australia remains the highest per-capita refugee resettlement country.

**Daily Telegraph,
23 July 2012**

04 NBN blow-out

NBN Co's revised corporate plan reveals that Labor's broadband policy is years behind schedule and way over budget. Labor's own estimate of the total cost of the NBN has increased to \$44.1 Billion and realistic estimates show it will actually cost more than \$90 Billion.

NBN costs soar as Labor rolls out extravagance

Future governments will be stuck with an inefficient model

THE revelation in the National Broadband Network's latest corporate plan that taxpayers will incur an extra

we have pointed out for three years, those discussing the opportunity costs of spending \$37 billion on how much more

**The Australian,
10 August 2012**

Turn over...



05 Spin-doctors blow-out

Taxpayers are spending about \$150 million a year on an army of spin doctors to sell Labor policies. There are now 1600 staff employed by federal departments and agencies in media, communications, marketing and public affairs roles.

Gillard's army of spin costs \$150m

TAXPAYERS are spending about \$150 million a year on an army of spin doctors to sell the

already slashed \$1.5bn in spending from the public sector

The Australian,
13 August 2012

06 School halls rip-off

More than \$5 Billion of taxpayers' money has been wasted by Labor Government under their 'Building the Education Revolution' program.

School rip-offs exposed

AN undercover playground with concrete floors and no doors, costing \$18 million under the Rudd Government's schools stimulus fund, has been used for a library extension at Beecroft State School in the Gold Coast hinterland. De Fiege said many schools had also expressed concerns that they had little say over the position of new buildings. "With no tender process, the

Courier Mail,
17 June 2009

07 Gold-plated coffee machines

Federal public servants are purchasing gold-plated coffee machines at a cost of \$15,000 each. The Department of Innovation spent \$75,000 on buying and installing five high-end coffee machines for its Canberra offices.

We pay to perk up officials' daily grind

Anna Caldwell
IN CANBERRA

LABOR'S bureaucrats are splashing taxpayer money to deck their offices out with \$15,000 coffee machines. The Courier-Mail can reveal the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science Research and Tertiary Education has dropped \$75,000 on buying and installing only five high-end coffee machines for its Canberra offices.

Courier Mail,
14 August 2012

08 Labor's reckless 15-year lease

Labor has locked taxpayers into a lavish \$158 million, 15-year lease for the now defunct Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. Such an exorbitant lease is a reckless waste of our money.

\$158m lease for a climate office Abbott will abolish

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the agency raises questions as to whether the public could be left with an expensive bill and empty offices.

Daily Telegraph,
20 December 2012

09 Set-top box program

Labor is wasting \$67 million on administration costs to run a program to install set top boxes in people's homes for an average of \$350 each, even though Harvey Norman offers customers the same deal for \$168.

\$67m lost on set-top farce

Gemma Jones
Political Observer
ALMOST a quarter of the \$100 million allocated to set-top boxes in premises' homes will go to administration and free government departments. The Courier-Mail can reveal the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy spent \$67 million on buying and installing only five high-end coffee machines for its Canberra offices.

Daily Telegraph,
18 July 2011

10 Donations to union mates

The Gillard Government stumped up \$10 million dollars of taxpayers' money to trade unions in its 2011-12 budget. This followed Kevin Rudd's \$10 million union donation in 2010-11. Unions have now been fully compensated for their \$20 million injection to Labor in 2007.

Unions' \$20m handout

Labor chips in taxpayer cash to fly chiefs overseas

TAXPAYERS have handed over \$20 million to the union movement since Labor came to power, including tens of millions of dollars to fly union bosses overseas. Documents obtained by The Advertiser reveal nearly \$4 million was spent on flying union bosses overseas.

Advertiser,
16 May 2011



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