

supporting Territory kids in remote communities as well as Aboriginal teachers, leaders and principals across the Territory.

In 1993, for example, 114 students from 35 remote communities across the Northern Territory graduated from the School of Education studies from Batchelor College which is now the Batchelor Institute. Some of our RATE students went on to become senior teachers and principals in their own communities. Some of them continue in the roles today.

This program is supporting assistant teachers in remote communities to help them look at pathways and be supported through tertiary education so they can become fully qualified educators. We have seen the strength of the RATE program from the 1980s and 1990s in communities such as Ngukurr, Numbulwar, Yirrkala, Yirrkala Homelands, Galiwinku, Gapuwiyak, Mililingimbi, Gunbalanya, Pigeon Hole, Ali Curung and Areyonga.

The Labor government is very proud to be bringing back the RATE program for the Territory. I am very proud to say that the Department of Education; the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation; OCPE; Batchelor Institute; CDU; and the Teacher Registration Board are working on this program.

Hydraulic Fracturing – Northern Territory

Mr MILLS to CHIEF MINISTER

You went to the 2012 election taking a moratorium on fracking. Your own Labor Party platform supports a ban on fracking and Labor workers across the booths were saying, 'A vote for Labor is a ban on fracking'. Why did you do a backflip and fund the stand up of fracking in the Northern Territory which has so far cost Territorians nearly \$100m when you have already sent the Territory broke?

ANSWER

Mr Speaker, for the record, I did not lead Labor to the 2012 election. That was the then Chief Minister, Paul Henderson.

Going into the 2012 election the Leader of the Opposition was Terry Mills. He said to Territorians, 'Your job is safe', and then sacked the lot of them. He said to Territorians, 'I will cut your cost of living', then he put it up by 30%. Unfortunately, you cannot trust two-faced Terry—tricky Terry—turnabout Terry.

Going into this election in 2020, I would not trust anything the leader of Terry's alliance says, because he will say whatever it takes to get your vote. He will do whatever it takes. He will have absolutely no shame in changing his mind after the election and doing the exact opposite to what he said. It is quite remarkable for someone with no shame to say one thing and then do the exact opposite.

Mr MILLS: A point of order! I move the suspension of standing orders so much as to allow a censure of the government for deceiving Territorians and allowing fracking to occur at significant cost and risk to water, pastoral and agricultural industries against strong community opposition and traditional owners, when the price of gas has tanked and the industry is not viable.

Ms FYLES: Mr Speaker, we will not support this suspension of standing orders. We have important business before the parliament today. The riff-raff on the other side have played games all morning and flip-flopped by changing their minds. They cannot even remember election years.

We do not have time for the Member for Araluen to come in and reminisce about when she was the world's best Treasurer and when Terry Mills supported fracking. We will get on with government business. We have important legislation before the House—the Judicial Commission Bill, the Treaty Commissioner Bill and a statement on Coronavirus.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you, Leader of Government Business. Member for Blain, the government does not accept the censure motion, therefore we will continue with questions.

Mrs Lambley: Weak, pathetic, lacking courage, not wanting to talk about the hard issues ...

Ms Fyles: You will change your mind next week and we will support it then—no need to debate it!

Mr SPEAKER: Members for Nightcliff and Araluen, you are both on a warning.