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Bartlett being tricky on anti-corruption body

Premier David Bartlett has been exposed in Parliament today for making up reasons to oppose an anti-corruption authority for Tasmania.

Mr Bartlett has also been accused of declaring an amnesty on past corruption, which is hardly a demonstration of accountability and transparency on his behalf.

This morning in Question Time, Mr Bartlett faced further questions over opposition to an anti-corruption authority, his ridiculous claim that this is a matter "incidental" to the examination of an ethics committee and his attempt to erase the history of the government he has been a part of since 2004.

He was also challenged over the basis for his claims in Parliament yesterday that establishing an anti-corruption authority in Tasmania might mean \$29 million could not be spent elsewhere. Mr Bartlett was exposed for having absolutely no basis to this claim other than to claim this is the budget blowout for WA's Corruption and Crime Commission.

Mr Bartlett knows full well that no one has suggested a body of this scale be established and it was tricky and sneaky for him to claim that it would cost anywhere near that to establish an appropriate anti-corruption body in this State.

"Tasmanians will be very disappointed that the new Premier has exactly the same views as the last one when it comes to the need for an anti-corruption body in this state, and that he would even resort to making up reasons to oppose the establishment of such a body," Mr Hodgman said.

“What’s more the amnesty that Mr Bartlett has apparently declared on past corruption and maladministration scandals shows exactly the same disregard for accountability and transparency that has reined under Paul Lennon.”

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