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Bartlett caught red-handed in policy on the run

Premier, David Bartlett, has been caught red-handed making policy on the run with total disregard regard for the very characteristics he promised just a few short weeks ago would mark policy decisions under his government.

Quizzed for basic details in Parliament today on his "super teacher" proposal to pay teachers up to \$120,000 a year, Mr Bartlett could provide nothing but rhetoric and red herrings.

Despite announcing the policy to a newspaper, Mr Bartlett could not tell Parliament what modelling he has done on the Budget impact, on how many teachers might qualify for a super salary and even what sort of professional development would be required for a teacher to earn a super salary.

Leader of the State Opposition, Will Hodgman, said the Premier had promised only two weeks ago that policy positions would be taken on the basis of the "best data, evidence and knowledge available" but had not taken long to throw that right out the window.

Mr Bartlett also promised recently to tell the truth at all times, but can't seem to deliver on that either. Contrary to his assertions, the State Opposition doesn't oppose the idea of super salaries, but wants to know some basic details, and also believes that improved student outcomes should be relevant to receiving such a salary., .

"The Premier's admission today that the "details will be developed" on this policy that he has already announced shows him to be a hypocrite and that he is more interested in headlines, and spin, than details and substance, something that is becoming more apparent with every day that passes," Mr Hodgman said.

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