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Economic mismanagement a Labor hallmark

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In the same day that Treasurer Wayne Swan announced he had miscalculated the amount the mining tax would raise by a whopping \$12 billion, the Labor Government has curiously tried to convince the Australian people that their economic credentials are sound, said Western Australian Senator Alan Eggleston.

“Here we have a Government that just a few months ago assured us they could achieve a very small budget surplus of \$1 billion within three years,” said Senator Eggleston.

“Between the recent release of the budget and now we are now being asked to forgive a miscalculation of a staggering \$12 billion.

“How can the Australian people have confidence in this Labor Government given this significant blunder?

“After the long list of budget blow-outs, flawed policies and colossal waste that this Government has overseen, Australians are forgiven for not having any faith in the Labor Government’s ability to handle a trillion dollar economy,” said Senator Eggleston.

Senator Eggleston said that the political assassination of Kevin Rudd was designed to put a new face on the Labor Party; however the economic failures administered over the past three years were not just the work of the deposed leader, rather the Building the Revolution waste was supervised by Julia Gillard herself.

“To try and present the Labor Party as fiscal conservatives is simply disingenuous - history will show that in Australian politics the Labor Party will spend time in office destroying the nation’s finances and the Liberal Party will invariably come in and clean up their mess,” said Senator Eggleston.

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