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2019 ALP Budget Reply

CANBERRA – The Australian Progressives have welcomed the Australian Labor Party 2019 budget in reply to restore penalty rates to ordinary workers. “We also welcome wages growth in real terms and better pay and superannuation conditions for women in female dominated industries,” said Robert Knight, National President of the Australian Progressives. “Specifically,” he said, “We especially welcome 10 days paid leave for women who are experiencing issues such as family violence. This is one of the Australian Progressives key policy planks” said Knight.

Knight also welcomed the \$2.3b Medicare cancer plan. “Cancer has a massive social, economic and personal costs to so many Australian families,” he said. “The costs of treatment for all cancer types is very expensive, so we very much welcome the extension of Medicare coverage for cancer care and related services”.

“The Australian Progressives hold that healthcare is a right for all Australians, not a privilege” said Knight. “Australian Progressives policy includes a fully funded Medicare primary healthcare system that supports our citizens, provides a world class healthcare system that is accessible for all Australian”.