

Fast car in mo-show

A MULTIMILLION-dollar concept car billed as one of the world's fastest machines will make its world debut in Sydney during October.

The Exelero coupe, from the Maybach division of Mercedes-Benz, will appear at the Australian International Motor Show.

The Exelero recently recorded a terminal velocity of 351.45 km/h in Italy. It has a 5.9-litre twin turbocharged V12 engine with 515kW of power and can reach 100 km/h in 4.4 seconds.

The Australian International Motor Show will run from October 14 to 23.



NEED FOR SPEED: Maybach's 350km/h Exelero concept car

TAFE cash clash

LABOR has accused the Federal Government of abandoning more than one million students across the country with its decision to withhold TAFE funding from all States and Territories.

But Canberra says State governments are the ones to blame because of their stalling on a new funding agreement, which has been under negotiation for the past couple of years.

The key sticking point is the States' failure to sign off on a training agreement proposed by the Commonwealth because they disagree with conditions such as individual contracts for staff.

Stone's plans to restructure the CLP

Penalty whistle blown

By PAUL DYER
in Canberra

THE average Australian worker could be more than \$2800 out of pocket each year if overtime penalty rates are cut under the Federal Government's proposed workplace relations changes, the Labor Opposition claimed last night.

Shadow Treasurer Wayne Swan has compiled figures suggesting the average worker - who does about seven hours of overtime each week - stands to lose about \$233 a month if overtime is not protected.

"Taking away penalty rates for the thousands of Australians who work overtime will cost them hundreds of dollars a month," he said.

"The Government's extreme workplace relations agenda strikes right at the heart of the family budget."

The Federal Government has refused to give any guarantees of revealing the details of the IR changes until the legislation is tabled in Parliament in October.

But a spokesman for Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Kevin Andrews last night said some overtime rates were to be axed.

"Penalty rates and loadings are going to remain part of awards - if you are covered by an award you are going to fully covered," he said.

"The guarantee the Government will give is: if we don't have reforms, we are not going to have higher wages and ... jobs growth for our kids."

The Labor estimates, based on compiled Australian Bureau of Statistics data, suggest the state most likely to be hit by any changes to overtime penalties is Western Australia.

Workers in WA do an average of 8.9 hours in overtime each week - and could lose about \$297 per month.

South Australians - who do the least overtime of about 5.8 hours each week - could lose \$177 each month.

Mr Swan equated the loss to a jump in interest rates.

Based on the average mortgage, he said it was the equivalent of a 1.6 per cent rate hike across the nation.

"Families are having to work harder and longer to pay the mortgage and raise their children," he said.

"The impact felt by many families who work overtime could greatly exceed the impact of interest rate rises."

Labor estimates on what the average Territory worker stands to lose each month and how it equates to interest rates based on the average mortgage:

NATIONALLY - \$233.75, equivalent to a 1.6 per cent interest rate rise;

NT - \$236.88, equivalent to a 2 per cent interest rate rise.



By STEPHEN JOHNSON

FORMER NT chief minister Shane Stone called on the CLP to recruit younger members as an ageing gathering of party faithful looked on yesterday.

"Take a young'un to a branch meeting and they take fright and flight," Mr Stone quoted a Darwin party member as saying.

"Look around the room - it scares me."

Opposition Leader Jodeen Carney, 39, was one of the youngest of about 50 party members, aged beyond their forties, who gathered at the Darwin Airport Resort to hear Mr Stone deliver a 91-minute review on the CLP's devastating election loss on June 18.

"Territorians didn't make a mistake at the last election," Ms Carney said. "No, we do not have a right to govern."

"If we can't manage opposition we don't deserve government."

Mr Stone blamed lazy MLAs and a poorly targeted ad campaign for the party losing six seats at the past election.



BRUTAL HONESTY: Former chief minister Shane Stone (MAIN, INSET LEFT) shakes hands with new CLP leader Jodeen Carney (INSET, RIGHT) yesterday. Pictures: KELLIE BLOCK

Mr Stone, the former Federal Liberal Party president, berated the NT Criminal Lawyers' Association and Aboriginal legal aid services for previously criticising CLP law and order policies but falling

the 'usual suspects' about the past, particularly the partisan media who are more participants these days than commentators," he said.

Former opposition leader Denis Burke was notably

ally of Prime Minister John Howard, said. "What better illustration than her 'lock up the drunks' policy ... contrasted with Denis Burke captured by TV news speaking at Wadeye claiming he didn't want the

ton and Marshall Perron also shared.

The review recommended the CLP appoint a full-time director, who would work with the management committee to audit the performance of sitting party MPs. It also called on the party to do focus group polling on issues annually, commit its pollster to formulate an election strategy and raise at least \$300,000 a year.

The review called for branches to merge and for meetings to be held every second month rather than every month.

'Territorians didn't make a mistake at the last election'

silent on Labor's election promise to lock up drunk itinerants.

Mr Stone said the media had unfairly labelled the CLP as a party that ran "race-based elections" and practised "wedge politics".

"I don't intend to debate

absent as Mr Stone said the CLP at the election resembled Federal Opposition Leader Kim Beazley in trying to stand for everything.

"(Chief Minister) Clare Martin has learned her lessons well from the CLP," Mr Stone, a close political

'redneck' vote of the northern suburbs."

Mr Stone said former Goyder MLA Peter Maley should have been asked to leave the parliamentary wing long before the election - concerns that former chief ministers Steve Hat-