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Treasurer looks for his own stimulus package

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STATE POLITICAL REPORTER

APPROACHES for jobs in the private sector were made on behalf of Treasurer Kevin Foley because he was seeking an escape from state politics, *The Advertiser* has been told.

It is understood an intermediary for the Treasurer approached a large Adelaide contracting firm around November, 2007, with a proposition that Mr Foley help with "business development". This would have involved lobbying to build the firm's business, trading on his parliamentary experience and government contacts.

But the price tag of "hundreds of thousands of dollars" was too high for one company, so it approached a financial firm to share the load - proposing Mr Foley represent both companies in South Australian and national business and government circles.

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WAY OUT: Treasurer Kevin Foley has denied he sought a job as a lobbyist 18 months ago.

TODDLER POLLIES

Guidelines for activists

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HIGH-PROFILE Labor MP Maxine McKew wants to train toddlers and pre-school children to become political activists.

She has drafted her controversial Early Years Learning Framework which, if adopted, would cover all kindergartens, childcare centres and other early childhood settings.

The guidelines would

also provide the basis for the education and care of all Australian pre-schoolers and are due to be implemented in July.

Ms McKew, the woman who ousted former Prime Minister John Howard at the 2007 election, is the Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood Education and Child Care. She wants children to:

CONTRIBUTE in a meaningful way to reconciliation, including flying the Aboriginal flag and inviting elders to give talks.

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