Housing Minister Chris Burns must provide details of the settlement struck between Government and the SIHIP Alliance, Earth Connect, following its sacking from the $672million project last month.

Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister, Adam Giles, said taxpayers had a right to know the terms of any agreement struck following the sacking of Earth Connect.

Earth Connect was contracted to build houses on Groote Eylandt and Gunbalanya.

At the time Earth Connect was sacked, Minister Burns said on ABC Radio:

‘The advice that I’ve had Julia is that there has been this transition and there has been an agreement on a settlement in terms of that’.

“Now that the month long transition plan has elapsed, Mr Burns should tell Territorians what the settlement cost has been,” Mr Giles said.

“Chris Burns should also clarify:

• How many Earth Connect employees have lost their jobs as a result of the consortium being dumped;
• How many SIHIP bureaucrats will lose their jobs;
• The cost of redundancies paid;
• The progress of work on Groote Eylandt and Gunbalanya since Earth Connect was dumped;
• Why a senior FAHASCIA bureaucrat from Canberra was appointed to administer the transition;
• The cost of having the senior bureaucrat in Darwin; and
• The cost of the Brisbane-based KPMG forensic audit team;
• What was identified by the KPMG audit.
“Now that the Territory Government has control of the project, maybe Minister Burns would like to publicly release the cost of building houses before and after last year’s joint-Government review of SIHIP.

“How is value for money calculated between what was achieved under SIHIP before and after the review?”

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