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Giles must act now on Tollner and Elferink

Adam Giles must act immediately to end the continuing chaos and dysfunction and sort out the mess that is the CLP Cabinet, Shadow Minister for Government Accountability, Nicole Manison said today.

“Territorians deserve certainty and stability. At the moment, Adam Giles has two Senior Cabinet Ministers who are apparently out of control,” Ms Manison said.

“Adam Giles can’t control John Elferink, who it seems will say one thing and then do another.

“Last week, we saw Gerry Wood vote to save the government by abstaining from a no confidence motion, based on his understanding that Daniel’s Law would be withdrawn completely. But today John Elferink said that he still plans to introduce Daniel’s Law next year.”

Reporter: Daniel’s Law – has it been withheld for a period of time or totally withdrawn?
Wood: I got a phone call from John Elferink on Friday afternoon saying it will be withdrawn.
Gerry Wood, Mix 104.9, 30 November 2015

Elferink: In relation to Daniel’s Law, it hasn’t gone away. We’re doing more consultation. But I fully intend to bring it back next year.
John Elferink, ABC radio, 9 December 2015

“Adam Giles can’t control Dave Tollner, who up until today has been avoiding media since he was snubbed for preselection by the CLP,” Ms Manison said.

“Adam Giles needs to act now and confirm that the current cabinet is the one he will take to the election.

“If Dave Tollner and John Elferink keep their portfolios until August next year, Territorians will see another 8 months of backflips, chaos and tantrums from the CLP.

“If Adam Giles truly has the best interests of Territorians in mind, he will remove John Elferink and Dave Tollner from the Cabinet now so we can fix the crisis in Corrections and Child Protection and give someone time to construct a budget for next year.

“The CLP have continually broken the trust of Territorians. They just can’t be trusted. Territorians are once again paying the price for Adam Giles to cling onto power at any cost.”

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