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A QUESTION OF INTEGRITY

The Territory Opposition is pleased that the Chief Minister has adopted its policy of using the Federal Government’s schools building program to construct cyclone shelters as part of dual use facilities.

“I’m highly sceptical of the Chief Minister’s claim made in Parliament this afternoon that he had already raised the matter at the COAG meeting on the 5th of February,” says Terry Mills, Leader of the Opposition.

“The problem for the Chief Minister is that there is no public record of his having raised this matter.

“Not in the National Partnership Agreement he signed at the COAG meeting, not in the Communique that was released after the meeting, not even in any of the numerous media releases he and the Treasurer have issued on the stimulus package.

“On ABC radio this morning when first confronted with my suggestion of dual use cyclone shelters the Chief Minister also neglected to tell listeners he already had the matter in hand.

“My own thought processes on the matter were spurred by the tragedy in Victoria.

“The COAG meeting was the week before the devastating fires broke out across Victoria.

“Now in one sense who came up with the idea first is not terribly important – getting a good policy outcome is the real issue.

“Too that end I’ve written to the Chief Minister asking for a list detailing the order in which the dual use buildings will be constructed.

“For his own credibility the Chief Minister must provide evidence that he raised this issue with the Prime Minister and other State and Territory Leaders on the 5th of February.”

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