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TIME TO EXPAND ON THE DETAIL

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The Chief Minister should provide specific details on the benefits of the Commonwealth’s health reforms to the Northern Territory.

“Paul Henderson has been vague at best in his appraisal of Kevin Rudd’s health reforms,” says Shadow Health Minister, Matt Conlan.

“He’s told us we’ll get $208million over 10 years, 14 new beds and one additional elective surgery every day.

“He should also tell us:

• The timetable of reform and from when improvements in the system will take effect;
• The impact on remote health care;
• The number of extra aged care places;
• The extent of reductions in emergency waiting times;
• The nature of anticipated improvements in mental health services;
• The number of additional GPs;
• The impact on specialist services;
• The impact on primary health services;
• The on-going role of the Territory’s three regional hospitals;
• Operational guidelines for Local Hospital Networks.

“It’s important that Paul Henderson now releases the Treasury advice to Government on the health reforms so we can have a clearer understanding on the bottom line.

“It’s up to the Chief Minister to follow through his praise for the agreement with detail.

“I will be seeking a briefing with the Chief Minister and Health Minister Kon Vatskalis in an effort to bed down some of that detail.”

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