The results of the latest Northern Territory public service conditions survey is a pointed reminder of the impact the Henderson Government’s disarray has had on the public sector.

Shadow Minister for Public Employment, John Elferink, said Labor’s desperation to cling to office has come at the expense of stable Government and the certainty required by our institutions to properly perform their jobs.

“Since the 2008 election, and more recently since the Government clung to power with the help of Independent MLA Gerry Wood, governance in the Territory has been in chaos,” Mr Elferink said.

“This is reflected in the turnover of ministers over recent years with, for example, 4 Child Protection ministers since 2007 as well as a swag of Business ministers.”

Mr Elferink said the dysfunction is also reflected in the delivery of Government policy, which has been basically non-existent.

“This can be no better illustrated than the uncertainty over the construction of a new prison,” he said.

“The Government wants to build the facility at Weddell, Gerry Wood wants it in Holtze and against that back-drop the bureaucracy is supposed to develop plans to build the new prison.

“This type of confusion and lack of direction leads to increased workloads and poorer productivity without any results on the ground.

“The public service does a terrific job for the Northern Territory against the back-drop of a dysfunctional Government.”

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