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BURNING NEED FOR INVESTMENT

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The Territory Labor Government should come forward and explain to Territorians why it has cancelled the construction of a new Fire and Emergency Services facility in Berrimah, says Shadow Minister for Construction, Adam Giles.

"While an announcement was made in the Government Gazette of 6 September 2011, that a $13.186M contract on much needed investment in Fire Services infrastructure had finally been issued, the tender is now cancelled on the procurement website," Mr Giles said.

“What appears to have happened is another bureaucratic bungle with the rolling over of committed expenditure into the revoted works program. This is something that Chief Minister Paul Henderson and his government have consistently done in their past – promising projects to the community but never delivering.

“Labor’s failed economic policies have created a spending slump in the Territory and they are not doing enough to deliver a kick-start in private construction investment.

“Most importantly for Territorians, Labor is not even holding up its own Government infrastructure spending promises.

“The Chief Minister should explain exactly where the money has gone that would otherwise keep construction on the move.”

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