While I have begun working my way through the detail of the Bath inquiry Report, a key Government failure is the unacceptably high number of child protection reports that have not been investigated,” says Opposition spokeswoman for Child Protection, Robyn Lambley.

“This illustrates the extent of the Henderson Government’s neglect of its responsibility to protect children in care and shows Labor has lost control of the systems designed to protect at risk children in the Northern Territory.

“A backlog of more than 1000 reports that have not been investigated is simply unacceptable.

“That the Government says it is surprised at that high figure illustrates the extent of its failure.

“The Government has been aware since at least 2003 of serious failings within child protection but have put the focus on defending themselves from criticism instead of fixing the problem.

“The Country Liberals will work to ensure Chief Minister, Paul Henderson, honors his commitment to implement the Bath Report’s 147 recommendations in a timely manner.

“We will do all we can to ensure the failures to act on the Little Children Are Sacred Report, which resulted in the Commonwealth’s intervention, are not repeated.”

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