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HENDO’S HUB HYPOCRISY

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Tourism Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy, should explain to Territory taxpayers what’s happened to the $8million it promised Jetstar as part of Labor’s 2008 election commitment to establish an aviation hub in Darwin.

Opposition Leader Terry Mills said Ms McCarthy claimed in a media statement today the Government had invested $8million towards the development of the aviation hub, but later told journalists it had spent $5million.

“The Minister should end the double-talk and clarify how much Labor has spent on the hub,” Mr Mills said.

“Either way, she should explain to Territorians why the Government has failed to deliver the 2008 pre-election hub promise.

“The hub was Chief Minister Paul Henderson’s big play during the 2008 campaign.

“Where are the 570 additional jobs, the 250,000 extra tourists, the 7 extra planes and the additional $160million Paul Henderson promised during the 2008 election campaign?

“In today’s media release the Government downgraded the hub from an election commitment to a ‘key priority’.

“It’s another case of Labor overselling and under-delivering during an election campaign.”

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