Opposition Leader, Terry Mills, used Parliament to highlight the Government’s failure to deliver natural justice to a member of the Police, Fire and Emergency Services.

“I called on the Territory Government to consider the case of a Top End firefighter who has been involved in a three-year battle seeking justice to an unseemly dispute involving a failed employment selection process,” Mr Mills said.

“Through no fault of his own, the selection process has been seriously compromised. The officer applied for and was awarded a promotion, which was overturned after a challenge from another colleague.

“The complainant challenged this decision – eventually taking the Territory Government to the Supreme Court at considerable personal expense.

“The Supreme Court found in the claimant’s favour, but even with court backing the Government still hasn’t moved to address inherent problems in the public sector’s promotion and appeal processes.

“It’s time the Public Employment Minister, Chris Burns and the Police, Fire and Emergency Services Minister, Paul Henderson, took their heads out of the sand and helped negotiate a solution which delivers natural justice to the employee.”

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