Budget 2012 Sittings focus on Territory Families

May Parliamentary Sittings commence tomorrow for three days and will include the handing down of Budget 2012.

Leader of Government Business Chris Burns said Budget 2012 is a responsible budget focused on supporting families as the Territory gears up for growth.

“We know the Territory is set for strong economic growth and Budget 2012 invests infrastructure, jobs, training, health, education, housing, policing and the environment to deliver more opportunities for Territory families,” Dr Burns said.

“The May sittings also present an opportunity for the Opposition to reply to the Budget and announce their policies to Territorians, and detail how they will pay for them.

“All Territorians deserve to know exactly how the CLP intend to deliver and so far we have seen very little.

The Budget will be handed down on Tuesday May 1st at 11am.

Dr Burns said there will be a number of important Bills up for debate during the week, which will be the last sittings before the Territory election on August 25th.

“The Liquor Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill is up for debate, which will give police and the courts greater powers to address problem drinkers.

“2000 people have already been placed on the Banned Drinker Register, and this amendment gives police and the courts more power to deal with people who repeatedly get drunk and cause a nuisance in public.

“The CLP would rather put these people back on tap.

“The Health Practitioners Bill will also be debated, which will allow aboriginal health workers, occupational therapists, radiation therapists and Chinese medical
practitioners to take part in a national registration scheme enabling them to work anywhere in Australia and strengthen their professional quality, standards and ultimately, safety for patients,” Dr Burns said.

May sittings will run from Tuesday 1st May to Thursday 3rd May.

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