Transport Minister Adam Giles today in Parliament slammed the Labor Opposition for misleading Territorians on vehicle registrations.

Mr Giles said the recent distribution of a booklet, endorsed by Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie, “should have been titled ‘50 Shades of Lies’ because it’s a bigger work of fiction than I’ve ever seen”.

“The exaggerations and false facts in this booklet about registrations are pure rubbish. She should be embarrassed by having had her endorsement on this booklet,” Mr Giles said.

- Claim 1 – Rego up $159 for 4WDs. Fact: Average 4WD ie. Toyota land cruiser increased by $105.
- Claim 2 – Rego up $105 for large cars. Fact: Average large car ie. V6 Holden commodore 3.0L increased by $57.
- Claim 3 – Trailers. No idea what sort or size trailer this refers to. If it is a standard box trailer of 800kg to 1000kg then the increase was $26.
- Claim 4 – Rego up $26 for motorbikes. Fact: small engine less than 600cc increase of $11; for a large engine more than 600cc the increase is $16.
- Claim 5 – the $20 fee. This is plain wrongly stated. It is an administration fee that is only charged where people attend the MVR when there are other online options available. It has not been implemented as yet anyway.
- Claim 6 – all fees up by 15 per cent. Did not and will not happen. In a word – garbage.

“This booklet put out by Labor in the lead-up to the Wanguri byelection is a stunning work of fiction and it would be fascinating to know the exact extent of involvement of the Opposition Leader and her ex-spin doctor, now Labor candidate, in crafting such mistruths to deceive Territorians,” Mr Giles said.

“The reality is the Territory continues to have among the lowest vehicle registration fees and administration costs.

“But we are talking about Labor’s three Ds here – Debt, Deficit and Delia. And now there is a newly earned D – Deceit.

“This Country Liberals Government will cut waste and reduce debt, strengthen law and order, grow a three hub economy, plan properly for the future and be accountable.”

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