CLP Minister Peter Chandler today announced cuts to the public housing budget of $7 million.

Shadow Minister for Public and Affordable Housing Nicole Manison said the CLP Government is also hiding public housing wait list times from Territorians.

“Today’s announcement that the CLP is going to improve public housing fails to mention they have cut the budget by more than $7 million from Labor’s investment in public housing last year,” Ms Manison said.

“The CLP Government has also removed public housing wait times from the internet and hidden it away from public view – what are they hiding?

“This decision goes against their promise that they’d be open and accountable to Territorians.

“We know the CLP have returned to a public housing sell off with five homes being auctioned in Alice Springs this weekend and homes are being left vacant in this time of need.

“It is fair to assume that wait list times are blowing out with the sell offs, vacancies and cuts to the budget.

“Labor had committed to redeveloping multiple public housing blocks such as Shiers St, Kurringal, Tomaris Court and Runge Street – but there are no details from the Minister about these much needed works in today’s Budget announcement.

“However I do welcome 28 new homes to be built which appears to be the continuation of Labor’s commitments to build 150 new public housing dwellings.
“The CLP need to guarantee there will be no net loss of dwellings from their housing sell offs and budget cuts,” Ms Manison said.

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