CLP LARISSA LEE DRIVES 280 KLM EVERY SINGLE DAY FOR 9 MTHS? BUT YOU’RE PAYING

Questioning by the Opposition in the first session of Estimates has revealed that the CLP’s Member for Arnhem claimed an extraordinary $14,402 in fuel costs from her election until March 31 this year, Leader of the Opposition Delia Lawrie said today.

“The Member for Arnhem has used her taxpayer funded fuel card at a rate that equates to $66 a day, every single day for 217 days in a row. Taxpayers are coughing up $464 every week just to fill up her car?

“No other Member of Parliament even comes close, including those with similarly large electorates. The neighbouring bush seat of Stuart only incurred $2,414 in fuel expenses for the same period.”

Larissa Lee has already admitted in parliament earlier this year that she misused her fuel card. However it’s only today that the full extent of her extraordinary fuel card usage was revealed.

The Opposition has asked for full details on all her fuel receipts and her vehicles mileage to try and get to the bottom of how this extraordinary use of taxpayer money was achieved.

Larisa Lee drives a Nissan Patrol which according to factory figures uses 14.5 litres per hundred kilometres. Larisa Lee lives in Barunga where according to the Australian Institute of Petroleum fuel the average price of fuel in nearby Katherine in May was $1.60 a litre.

“Let’s not forget that half of the member’s electorate live on Islands and can’t be reached by vehicle. Further this period of travel includes the wet season where many of the roads in her electorate were impassable.

“Based on these figures it would mean that Ms Lee has apparently travelled about 280 kilometres every single day of the past nine months. Something just doesn’t add up here.”

It was further revealed the CLP Member for Arafura has failed to repay more than $2,500 from six months ago when he missed his flight to the Cook Islands as he had slept in.

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