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Bus and print decision- hidden from Parliament and the people

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says maybe there should be an inquiry into the NT Government and the way it has deliberately avoided scrutiny of its decision to privatise the Darwin Bus Service.

Gerry says the Minister of Transport read out a statement in Parliament on Tuesday which detailed a comprehensive report on transport in the NT.

Gerry says that if you read that report where the Minister speaks about Improved Passenger Transport there is absolutely no mention of the privatisation of the bus service.

On top of that the Minister announced his decision the day after the Parliament had finished so the Parliament could not question anything.

Gerry says that when an important issue like the privatisation of the bus service is left out of a Ministerial Statement and in the same week the Minister announces the privatisation the day after Parliament is in recess, is it any wonder that you have to be very suspicious about what deals the Government might have done in relation to the public bus service.

After all if the Government wasn’t hiding something, why wasn’t it up front with Parliament and the people of the Northern Territory?

And why did the Minister for Business announce, also after Parliament has finished, that the Government Printing service is closing down.

Gerry says the Government espouses ‘open and transparency’ but what it really means is ‘what’s the buggers don’t know, won’t hurt them’ - we have mandate!

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