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DESPERATE DAVE DOES A BACKFLIP

Opposition Leader, Delia Lawrie, said Treasurer, Dave Tollner, has hit the Blain by-election panic button and delivered a backflip on PowerWater compensation to households following Labor’s pressure today.

In Parliament on 18 March Treasurer Tollner said: “Madam Speaker, as I was saying, as the opposition well knows there is a system in place to provide a credit on people’s power bills, who have suffered a power outage of 12 hours or more.”

CLP Member for Daly Gary Higgins repeated the CLP stance in Parliament on 19 March saying: “More recently, we have spoken about the power and the compensation paid in the northern suburbs, or in Darwin, if your power is out for more than 12 hours.”

Yet today Treasurer Tollner after Labor highlighted consumer confusion and anger over compensation the Treasurer does a backflip and promises an ex gratia payment to all customers affected by the power blackouts.

“Tollner in a desperate panic to appease voters in Blain is now offering up $80 to all affected customers. Why is this the same amount for households and small businesses when compensation usually has different payments for these customers?” Ms Lawrie asked.

“The CLP are a mess, they can’t even sort out compensation to customers affected by the catastrophic blackout and are busy hiding a report about the cause of the blackout.

“They are so chaotic that the CLP are asking customers to trust them that they’ll get an $80 credit to the account within three months from 1 May. Is this because they’ve been making it up as they go along?

“Stop keeping us in the dark Dave and release the blackout report this week. What are you hiding?”

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