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DOUBLE STANDARDS ON SPENDING UNDER CLP

Shadow Minister for Government Accountability, Ken Vowles, today said that in stark contrast to the Territorians tightening their belts to try and cope with the CLP’s cost of living pain, the Chief Minister, Adam Giles, and his CLP ministers are spending up big.

“Adam Giles is jet setting around, armed with a taxpayer-funded credit card to rack up $3,409 on ‘entertainment’,” Mr Vowles said.

“Answers to estimates questions last week exposed that Adam Giles has charged $3,409 to this card for “entertainment”.

“He’s also cracked the $2 million mark for his personal office, coming in at a staggering $2,059,000.

“Adam Giles and the CLP Government have spent $1.8 million on their own travel, entertainment and hospitality.”

“$554,000 spent on the Chief Minister’s office’s travel alone – with Minister Conlan’s office hitting the next highest travel spend at $184,000.

“A projected $413,000 is being spent on parties and functions not including the expensive V8 Supercar events or Territory Day celebrations.

“And the CLP’s entertainment and hospitality bill comes in at a staggering $111,000 to March this year – which equates to spend of more than $2,100 a week.”

Mr Vowles said Territorians deserve better from the Government which claims budget pressures for the reason to axe education and health funding.

“Adam Giles has the wrong priorities, he has an extra $33 million into the Department of Chief Minister for advice and spin while Territorians pay more for fewer services,” Mr Vowles said.

“Territorians are sick of the spin of this out-of-touch government.”

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