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TERRITORY COST OF LIVING HIGHEST IN THE NATION

Leader of the Opposition, Delia Lawrie, today said the latest CPI figures confirmed the Territory’s cost of living pressures remained painful under the Giles Government.

Darwin’s CPI of 3.3 percent for the 12 months to June was the highest in the country along with Perth, well above the National average of 3.0 percent.

“The CLP came to Government with a promise to ease the cost of living and has monumentally failed,” Ms Lawrie said.

“On the three key indicators of housing, transport and groceries our cost of living has increased faster than Sydney.

“In the case of transport we have leap-frogged every other Australian capital.

“All Territorian households are feeling the pinch because of the CLP’s inability to keep a lid on rising prices.”

Ms Lawrie said during Estimates Committee hearings Adam Giles used a report he commissioned to try to con Territorians that Darwin was actually a cheap city in which to live.

“But we now know Darwin is not only the most expensive city in Australia, it’s the 12th most expensive city in the world, with higher prices than London, Paris and even New York,” Ms Lawrie said.

“With another 5 percent power increase due on 1 January, there was little hope in site for a fall in the cost of living under Adam Giles.”

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