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Giles opts for holiday over police integrity

Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie today slammed Chief Minister Adam Giles for failing to act appropriately on allegations surrounding former Police Commissioner John McRoberts and has called on him to resign.

“If the CLP Government don’t instigate an independent judicial inquiry then the Labor Opposition will move a motion to create one in the February Sittings of Parliament in a fortnight that has powers to question the Chief Minister about what he knew and when, Ms Lawrie said.

Ms Lawrie said it was outrageous that Adam Giles chose to go on holiday rather than get to the bottom of rumours he had heard about the former Police Commissioner.

"Why did Mr Giles go on holiday rather than seek an explanation from the former Police Commissioner?" Ms Lawrie asked.

"Exactly what was the rumour he heard and from whom?"

"The integrity of our Police is paramount and for Mr Giles to ignore rumours and instead go on holiday shows appalling judgement which reinforces he is not up to the job of governing our great Territory.

"It's time to restore public confidence. For this to occur Mr Giles should resign and the CLP Government should instigate an Independent Judicial Inquiry to investigate these serious allegations."

Ms Lawrie said that the clumsy attempts by Mr Giles to sweep these serious matters under the carpet were damaging the Territory’s reputation.

"Territorians deserve to know the truth and the only way to get to truly uncover what has occurred is a judicial inquiry," Ms Lawrie said.

"So many questions remain unanswered as to exactly what Mr Giles had heard.

"What is unacceptable is that he failed to act and it took Acting Chief Minister Peter Chandler to raise the matters with the former Police Commissioner which led to his resignation.

"From his unbelievable denials over CLP slush fund Foundation 51 to his failure to act now, Mr Giles has shown he simply can't be trusted."

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