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WILL AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE INVESTIGATE GILES’ ALLEGATIONS?

The CLP government needs to explain why it has taken so long to commence the criminal investigation into former NT Police Commissioner John McRoberts.

They must also assure the public that the memorandum of understanding and terms of reference are broad enough to cover the serious allegations made by Chief Minister Adam Giles in early February, Labor’s Shadow Minister for Police Lynne Walker said today.

“I am alarmed to hear that the criminal investigation can’t start because the government hasn’t drawn up the paperwork,” she said.

“I’m also concerned that the terms of reference won’t be wide enough to investigate the CLP’s involvement or receive the evidence that Adam Giles said he’d collected when he raised very serious allegations about senior police and CLP politicians colluding to damage him.

“Adam Giles has undermined public confidence in the criminal justice system and has made public comments which tarnish our hard working police men and women.

“He promised to hold a Judicial Inquiry into these serious matters but walked away from that undertaking.

“Media reports yesterday indicated that the Police Minister, Peter Chandler is confused about the arrangements.

“This is just more dysfunction from an incompetent government."

“Peter Chandler needs to confirm that the memorandum of understanding and the terms of reference for the investigation are wide enough to capture all the allegations made by the Chief Minister."

“Has the Chief Minister referred all the evidence he says he has to the AFP – emails, phone records, text messages to find out – in his own words ‘who knew what, when’?”

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