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**Adam Giles has a duty to recoup misappropriated Taxpayer dollars from Latitude Travel**

Adam Giles must order an independent investigation into each and every Government office which dealt with Latitude Travel to uncover how many taxpayer dollars were potentially misappropriated by Latitude Travel and endeavor to recoup missing taxpayer funds.

“Adam Giles has a duty to get to the bottom of how many taxpayers dollars were potentially misappropriated and seek to recoup those funds on behalf of Territorians,” said Natasha Fyles.

“Each day that goes by that the CLP Government refuses to do this is cause for question and concern.

“It has come to light that $13,500 was overpaid when Minister Price went to New York and it is estimated that the CLP Government spent approximately $800,000 through Latitude Travel. Given Minister Price’s New York trip cost $50,000 we could be dealing with over $200,000 of misappropriated taxpayer funds.

“Even Minister Chandler raised serious concerns over the cost of his own trips to the UK and China booked through Latitude Travel.

“Adam Giles should be doing everything in his power to find out how much more taxpayer funds were misappropriated and pledge to Territorians that the Government will do everything it can to recover the money that belongs to taxpayers. Instead, he has chosen to do nothing.

“The longer he delays this absolutely reasonable course of action to recoup missing taxpayer dollars the more it looks as though his Government has something to hide.

“The review by DCM into travel only covered the period between July 2014 and June 2015 - the majority of Government bookings through Latitude Travel happened outside of these dates.

“If Adam Giles fails to do this, then he must explain to Territorians why he is not doing everything he can to recoup missing taxpayer dollars.”

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