SMALL BUSINESS INDEX SHOWS CONFIDENCE IN CLP GOVERNMENT FALLS AGAIN

Labor Leader Michael Gunner says another fall in Northern Territory business perception of the effectiveness of the Territory Government shows more than ever why a change of government is needed to boost confidence.

“Business does not trust the CLP Government and their policies to steer the Territory out of our current economic troubles,” Mr Gunner said.

“The CLP Government has gone even further backwards with business, slipping to -7%.”

“46% of small business said that the economy was slowing while just 2% felt it was growing - a massive gap in confidence.

“Most telling the Northern Territory has the lowest expectations for the year ahead of any state or territory sitting at -29%

“The problems facing the Territory economy are obvious when you combine this lack of confidence with economic figures released this week that show building approvals for units are down 33%, renovations are down 59%, slow retail sales growth and ANZ Job Advertisements down 29%.

“This, coupled with more people leaving the Territory than ever before, highlights that the CLP are incapable of providing a safe pair of hands for our economy and local business.

“Labor has a plan to provide certainty and restore confidence in the Territory. Over the last four years the CLP have not provided any certainty and they have destroyed business confidence.

“The worst thing for Territory business will be four more years of CLP government infighting and scandals,” Mr Gunner said.

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