Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, says the Government has started spin early in its new reign over the Territory Parliament.

He says today the Government moved a motion that would change the operation of question time on Wednesdays.

He says this would allow only questions from the Opposition and the Independents so removing Dorothy Dixers, and this was supported on all sides.

But the second part of the motion states that the Opposition and Independents cannot ask a Minister two questions in a row even a question on a different portfolio that the Minister may be responsible for.

Gerry said he supported a motion to get rid of the second part of the motion because in practical terms it is silly and is being used by the Government to hide its Ministers from too many questions.

Gerry says he supports the first part of the motion to get rid of the Dorothy Dixers.

But Gerry says it obvious the government will now try and say that the Independents and the Opposition don’t support these changes because they voted against the whole motion but the Government of course won’t tell the public that because the Government combined the two issues into one motion, the Independents and Opposition had no other option but to vote against the motion.