PARLIAMENT RESUMES FOR BUDGET SITTINGS

The Martin Government will hand down its fourth budget when the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly resumes for three days of Sittings on Tuesday.

“The Chief Minister, Clare Martin will move Motions of Condolence in relation to the passing of Pope John Paul II, and the deaths of nine Australian service personnel in the recent Sea King tragedy,” Leader of Government Business Paul Henderson said.

“Treasurer Syd Stirling will deliver Budget 2005 at 11am on Tuesday, and in keeping with past practice a post-Budget Business function will be held during the lunch break.

“Question Time on Tuesday will therefore be held from 2:30pm to 3:30pm, and at the usual time of 2pm to 3pm on Wednesday and Thursday.”

Other items of business for this week’s Sittings include:
- A Ministerial Report from the Minister for Essential Services Dr Chris Burns on the progress of the Undergrounding of Powerlines project;
- debate on legislation to help facilitate the Trans Territory Pipeline; and
- technical Bills involving amendments to the Classification of Publications Act, and a range of minor changes introduced through the Justice (Miscellaneous) Bill.

“The Criminal Code (Criminal Responsibility) Bill - which will strengthen the law relating to manslaughter and other offences will be introduced by the Attorney-General, Dr Peter Toyne,” said Mr Henderson.

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