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Population woes under Labor rule continue

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The exodus of families from the Territory continues with another 2100 people leaving latest Bureau of Statistics figures have revealed.

The figures show population increased by 0.7% but it was due only to births and to a significantly lesser extent overseas migration.

CLP Leader Terry Mills said problems in the Territory continue to be evident with the on-going loss of income generating families from the Territory.

"This further hurts the Territory's ailing economy and is alarming because it shows that people are still doing it tough," Mr Mills said.

"It makes it clear that the Chief Minister's mission around Australia trying to recruit families and businesses to the Territory fell on deaf ears.

"Instead the exodus of families packing up their homes and leaving the Territory continues and not even projects like the Wickham Point gas plant or the desperate need for skilled workers can stem the loss of workers and convince people to stay.

"It reinforces what I have said in the past - the Territory under the Martin Government's tenure has lost its sparkle and is no longer the exciting place to live that it used to be.

"This is a sad indictment on the economic environment and way of life that three years of Labor has produced."

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