The Martin Labor Government's Estimate Committee farce continued for the second night in a row last night with the Chief Minister's time restrictions again blocking full examination of the Territory Budget for Territorians.

Last night's Estimates hearings finished with only 15 minutes allowed for examination of the Government's Housing Budget. No Time was available to examine the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority.

This followed Tuesday night's abuse of the Budget Examination process by the Martin Government that blocked questioning of the Chief Minister's Tourism portfolio, the Women's Policy, Seniors, support for Community organisations, policy advancement, the Chief Minister's expenditure, her broken promise not to waste money on expensive interstate consultants, the fortune she is spending on self promotion on television, radio and in the print.

“This Government even refuses to accept tabled written questions. Why? To block full examination of its Budget,” CLP Leader Terry Mr Mills said last night.

“Again the Martin Labor Government has treated examination of its Budget and the way it is using tax payer's money, with contempt.

“The Martin Labor Government holds the books of the biggest business in the Territory on behalf of Territorians. It is contemptuous and dishonest to block full examination of how that business is being run.

“Under the previous CLP Government there were no time restraints on Budget questioning and the process did not stop until every question that needed to be asked was. As soon the Martin Labor Government came to office full questioning of the Budget was stopped.

“There can be only one answer as to why? To prevent full examination of how the Martin Labor Government is spending Territorians money administering the Budget.”

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