Another Govt billing bungle puts motorists at risk

Another Government billing bungle has revealed some drivers could be breaking the law driving unregistered vehicles, CLP Leader Denis Burke said today.

“We already know that the Government’s failure to resolve its computer problems at PowerWater means Territory families could be paying too much for their power bills without knowing, but now motorists are at risk because of another billing bungle,” Mr Burke said.

“The latest Government billing bungle leaves motorists vulnerable to prosecution for driving unregistered vehicles.

“The Government has been forced to write to motorists advising them that another Government billing problem has been detected that has meant an “unknown” number of renewal notices for vehicle registrations and driver licences, expiring during January and February were not dispatched and as a result motorists are unknowingly driving unregistered cars.

“The question now is will the Martin Government accept any responsibility for law breaches caused by this new billing bungle? What happens if someone has an accident and because of this latest stuff up has no third party insurance cover?”

* attached is a copy of Government’s advice to motorists

"Notice to MVR Customers

Unfortunately we recently detected a problem which has meant that an unknown number of renewal notices for vehicle registrations and driver licences, expiring during a short period in late January to early February 2005 were not dispatched.

If you have already received a copy of your registration or licence renewal notice or have since renewed your registration or licence, then please disregard this notice. We apologise for any inconvenience that may have been caused.

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