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**Two months into new term and no work for parliament**

There is no work in Parliament, and all the Government can do is to pad out the day with two statements, one on Maternal and Child Health, and another one on Territory Housing (HomeNorth), according to the Opposition Whip Dr. Richard Lim

Dr. Lim has branded the Labor Government fat and lazy.

“Labor believes that it has the next election already won, so it does not feel that it has to work, such is the arrogance of this government,” Dr. Lim said.

“The Chief Minister was absent from the sittings last week, saying that her government has the numbers in Parliament and so her presence is not needed. Such practice by a Chief Minister is unheard of in the NT.

“Labor dominates Parliament with its numbers - so it does not care.

“This Government went to Territorians at the last election a message that it has ‘More to Do.’ This is clearly demonstrated as a lie by the absence of any work in Parliament this week.

“On Tuesday, we adjourned Parliament at 6.15pm.

“This is a disgrace.”