42 DAYS TO PRINT A REPORT?

The latest delay in the release of the report into the Protection of Aboriginal Children from Sexual Abuse is deeply disturbing,” says Fay Miller, Acting Shadow Minister for Justice.

“The pretence that the Chief Minister, Clare Martin, is waiting for the report to be printed is transparent nonsense and always has been.

“That excuse may have washed in the 19th century, not in the age of the internet.

“The fact is the report could be printed within days if the Chief Minister so desired.

“The longer the Chief Minister dithers, the longer children are at greater risk than they need to be.

“Child abuse is inter-generational, greatly extending the potential cost of the delay in Government action.

“Each day the Chief Minister delays releasing the report she compounds her poor record on this issue.

“There was a time lag of 18 months between when the Chief Minister first became aware of credible allegations of the traffic in petrol for sexual favours with children at Mutitjulu, and the announcement of the inquiry.

“There was also a delay when the preferred co-chair, Mick Palmer, pulled out and another co-chair had to be found.

“Remember it took the Lateline interview with Dr Nanette Rogers, aired in May last year, to prompt the Government into action.

“Release the report.”

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