For the second year in a row the Martin Labor government is out of control and this financial year is worse than the last financial year.

Last year the government spent nearly $100 million more than it budgeted and so far this year they have already blown out spending by over $80 million and we are only half way through the year.

“The contemptuous manner in which the Martin government is treating territory taxpayers is breathtaking. We can only hope that when the razor gang is sent in to cut and shred and hide the mess that they do not cut front line services in essential areas of health, education or policing,” said Opposition Leader Jodeen Carney.

With the GST revenues ‘gravy train’ this government has got more money than any NT government has ever had. However, the Martin Labor government is spending like ‘drunken sailors’.

“The failure of the Martin government to control itself in respect to the budget is putting our future prosperity at risk. If they continue to spend the way they are we will not have the money necessary to invest in necessary infrastructure and growth opportunities.

“Working families are having to watch their money and spend within their means. Not only has this government spent this week’s grocery money but next weeks as well.

Instead of coming clean on where the NT economy and budget is really at, what we are instead seeing is tricky accounting and moving debts from one financial year to the next.

“Our public servants have good grounds to be worried about their futures and sadly it all comes down to this arrogant government’s mismanagement.

“This government just cannot manage its money. If there was any good news their mega media machine spin doctors would be thumping out their usual predictable ‘good news’ propaganda. Instead all we can hear is the silence.”