IS HOMER HEADING TO THE BACKBENCH?

Chris Natt, Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries and Minister for Mines and Energy, has become a liability for the Martin Government.

“His complete refusal to deal with whether he has misled the Parliament and his woeful attempts to answer routine questions about his portfolio responsibilities has left him a marked man,” says Jodeen Carney, Leader of the Opposition.

“The Territory can’t afford to have such an incompetent parliamentarian in such important portfolios.

“Nor was today the first debacle Minister Natt has been involved in.

“It was Minister Natt who approved the further expansion of an underground mine at McArthur River when it was being converted to an open cut mine.

“That blunder resulted in emergency legislation being rushed into the Parliament and culminated in three members of the Labor Party crossing the floor to vote against the Martin Government.

“Minister Natt also chose the day after Valentine’s day to promote the Territory’s flower industry.

“Today he failed to answer two straight forward parliamentary questions about important aspects of the cattle industry.

“Those cumulative blunders have pushed the Minister to the end of a short plank.

“Minister Natt's repeated refusal to admit and apologise for misleading the Parliament should be enough to push him off the end.”

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