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TREASURER’S SILENCE IS DEAFENING

Not satisfied with promising to slug Territorians extra for using Government services, Treasurer Delia Lawrie today refused to outline by how much Labor plans to increase fees and charges and where the increases will be applied.

Shadow Treasurer John Elferink said in an act of unbelievable arrogance, the Treasurer refused to outline which fees and charges it plans to “update” and by how much prices will climb before the introduction of a new indexation mechanism.

“There was no mention of an increase in Government fees leading up to last year’s election, now the Government tells Territorians about its plan in the context of today’s horror budget,” Mr Elferink said.

“The very least the Treasurer can do is tell Territorians what Government services will cost Territorians more.

“During Question Time today she simply refused to answer my question – totally trivialising the potential impact of the revised charges on Territory families.

“I’m also worried by the weasel words she uses in her budget speech.

“She says she plans to update fee and charge levels AND introduce an indexation mechanism from January 1st, 2010.
“I’m anxious that the fees and charges will balloon before indexation kicks in, further hitting the hip pocket of Territory families on top of the 25% power surge, 70 water tax and the Government imposed petrol pump price slug.

“That’s why the Treasurer should come clean now, so Territorians can prepare for the extra imposts being lumped on them by Labor.”

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