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LAZY AND ILL DISCIPLINED

Leader of Opposition Business, John Elferink, has criticised the lazy, ill-disciplined approach to Government displayed tonight by the Labor Party.

Mr Elferink said the Henderson Government first gagged debate and then, for reasons known only to itself, adjourned Parliament two hours before it was due to rise.

“The debate they gagged focussed on their on-going contempt for the procedures of our Parliamentary system,” Mr Elferink said.

“Then, to add insult to injury, they ignored the outstanding items on the notice paper to adjourn before 7pm.

“For the Leader of Government business, Chris Burns, to lecture Country Liberals members about Parliamentary organisation and then bungle into an early adjournment demonstrates a level of confusion and disorientation usually reserved for the profoundly exhausted.

“If they cannot govern their own conduct in the house, how can they govern the Northern Territory?

“The Government has already shortened Parliamentary sitting times.

“It's an absolute contempt to Territorians that they should then shorten it even more just because they felt like it.”

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