God help the Territory’s environment because there’s no hope the Environment Minister Karl Hampton will.

“The Minister for the Environment wilted in Parliament today, indicating he’s simply not up to the job of protecting the Territory’s environment,” says Peter Chandler, Shadow Environment spokesperson.

“In a performance of abject failure the Minister for the Environment dug himself into a deep hole trying to avoid answering basic questions about the ongoing pollution of Darwin Harbour.

*Asked a straightforward question the Minister began reading from his prepared script – the only problem is his minders had anticipated the wrong question.

“Rather than telling the Parliament when he was first informed about Sunday’s contamination spill in Darwin Harbour, the Minister started jabbering on about when he heard of the copper concentrate spill in the Harbour.

“I’m used to having Minister’s avoid answering questions but I still expect them to listen to the actual question.

“No wonder Karl Hampton’s media appearances have been as rare as rocking horse droppings since the copper concentrate pollution scandal broke.”

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