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STOP HIDING THE FACTS

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The Henderson Government needs to provide a detailed summary of the impacts of the blanket ban on live cattle exports to Indonesia.

Shadow Primary Industry Minister, Kezia Purick, said the Chief Minister failed to respond today to a question from the Opposition about the extent of job losses in the Territory as a result of the blanket ban.

“A leaked report identified 160 job losses across the Territory for the month of June as a result of the ban,” Ms Purick said.

“In the six weeks since, the impacts could only have got worse.

“Today the Country Liberals brought on a debate to get from Government a comprehensive summary of the damage caused by the live export ban on the Territory’s agricultural and transport industries.

“In particular, the summary should detail the impact on hay and fodder production; road transport; helicopter and heli mustering; veterinary services; management of export yards and holding depots and loss of employment in all areas of the agricultural sector.

“The Henderson Government’s initial support for the ban should not prevent it from providing a detailed analysis for Territorians.”

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