The Country Liberals used today’s Question Time to shine a light on the heavy handed role Julia Gillard has in setting Paul Henderson’s policies and political direction.

Leader Terry Mills said the Opposition blew the lid on the Federal Government’s hidden role in establishing the Banned Drinkers’ Register.

“Terry Mills MLA

The Government has always maintained the register was a Territory initiative,” Mr Mills said.

“But today the Chief Minister was forced to admit that the Commonwealth contributed $1.5million towards the underlying infrastructure that is the backbone of the BDR.

“Labor’s guilty secret was published in the Commonwealth’s Closing the Gap report, which was tabled this morning in the Federal Parliament.

“The report also reveals that the Federal Government will review:

‘All alcohol laws in the Northern Territory within three years of the commencement of the legislation.’

“In other words, Paul Henderson has again handed responsibility for the Northern Territory’s sovereignty to the Commonwealth.

“The Chief Minister should come clean about the Commonwealth’s role in establishing the BDR.

“Paul Henderson wants the Territory to become a state, but at every opportunity he shows himself to be servile to the Prime Minister’s wishes.

“Despite not knowing how many Territorians would be worse off, Paul Henderson also fell compliantly into line with Julia Gillard’s carbon tax.

“He supported Federal Labor’s blanket ban on live cattle exports to Indonesia and backed Julia Gillard on the nuclear waste dump.

“Paul Henderson needs to stop rolling over every time he’s told to by Julia Gillard and start standing up for Territory rights.”

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