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GILES’ HAND IN YOUR POCKET TO PAY FOR CLP LIES

Shadow Minister Lauren Moss today called on Chief Minister Adam Giles to repay funds which have been spent on a blatantly misleading and political smear campaign.

“It’s now clear that Adam Giles intends to use taxpayers money like it’s his own to fund a desperate spin and smear campaign, in clear breach of laws design to prevent such abuses of public money and trust,” Ms Moss said.

“Not only are the CLP using public funds to advertise their own political message they have now decided to use taxpayers’ money to fund attacks on other Members of Parliament.

“The fact that Adam Giles has now been forced to pull these advertisements is further evidence that the CLP knew that it was a complete fabrication of the truth and a waste of taxpayers’ money. That’s why I have today referred these advertisements to the Auditor General.

“Neither Territory Labor nor independent members of parliament blocked any laws. And to suggest anyone’s life has been put at risk is gutter politics at its best.

“We all know this government is sinking fast. The Chief Minister is a minority leader in a minority government, lacking any authority or leadership.

“If any integrity remains in this Government the Chief Minister must immediately answer the following questions:

- Who approved the expenditure of taxpayers’ money on blatantly false, offensive and partisan advertising?
- Why didn’t the advertisement contain the appropriate authorisation?
- When will the CLP be reimbursing Territorians for this gross misuse of taxpayer money?

“Now he’s thrashing around attempting to smear everyone. It’s time for this abuse to stop,” Lauren Moss said.

“This smear campaign is about trying to cover up for the appalling performance of his Parliamentary team.

“It’s a campaign based on the lowest possible political tactics. It reinforces the fact that the people of the Territory just cannot trust this government.”

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