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More delays for Palmerston Hospital?

Shadow Minister for Government Accountability, Nicole Manison today called on the CLP Government to outline plans for the Palmerston Hospital now they have revealed it has blown out to well over $200 million and if this will cause more delays.

“Territorians have been waiting long enough for the Palmerston Hospital to be built and the CLP have now admitted the project will well exceed $200 million,” Ms Manison said.

“Last week, we heard from Adam Giles that hospital costs would be over $200 million, $50 million more than initially funded in the budget.”

“The government is now receiving estimates for the fit out, IT systems and operational costs, which will take the total value of the project to well over $200 million.”

Adam Giles, NT News 28 April 2016

“But this week’s Federal Budget didn’t see a single extra cent for the Palmerston Hospital,” Ms Manison said.

“The CLP Government clearly know they have more costs to cover for the hospital and they need to reveal what exactly they are and if this will impact timelines.

“Under Labor, this hospital would have opened its doors to the public by now and would have been relieving pressure on our stretched Royal Darwin Hospital.

“But the CLP Government has been more interested in publicity stunts, like the infamous concrete pour, than it has been with getting on with the job and delivering for Territorians.

“It’s no wonder the Commonwealth is not contributing to the increased costs. The Federal Government doesn’t trust the CLP to deliver and they won’t reward the CLP for their incompetence.”

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