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**Labor ICT promises low on information and services**  

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Territory Labor’s ICT promises released today by Shadow Minister for Corporate and Information Services Lauren Moss are lacking any substance.  

Minister for Corporate and Information Services Peter Styles said Ms Moss’ announcements were not only un-costed but uninspiring and utterly unconvincing.  

“Labor says it would have a whole-of-government ICT policy but doesn’t actually know what it would be other than it would adopt Commonwealth government policies,” Mr Styles said.  

“This policy, like most Labor promises, is embarrassingly lacking in any real detail.”  

“Ms Moss proclaims it would create jobs but fails to mention how many or in which areas these might be and not to mention how much the measures might cost Territorians.”  

“It is the policy you have when you don’t really have a policy, a lot of hot air and Territorians will not be fooled.”  

“Labor has no credibility in the ICT space after it failed Territorians miserably when in Government. It tried to put in place a new Asset Management System which was supposed to cost $7 million but ended of costing Territorians $70 million and still it ended up having to be abandoned.”  

“By 2015 we had replaced it with a working system for $10 million.”  

“The Country Liberals Government has pioneered new ground, creating easier and more efficient ICT processes for Territory businesses and residents.”  

“Throughout 2015-16 the Department of Corporate and Information Services has undertaken a series of ICT reforms to provide a more rigorous approach to managing government ICT projects that is reducing risk and providing benefits to the broader NT community.”  

“We are investing $5.9 million over three years to replace the government’s existing identity management system to ensure greater security of our ICT environment well into the future.”  

“We are revolutionising the health ICT system by replacing it with the $185.9 million Core Clinical Systems Renewal Program to ensure health professionals have all the information they need at their fingertips – ensuring improved patient care.”
“We are introducing a new whole-of-government grants management system, investing $1.4 million over three years into GrantsNT, to make for a simpler, more efficient and more transparent process for Territory businesses and organisations to apply for almost $1 billion in NTG grants each year.

“Our $30 million joint Telstra and NT government Co-investment program is helping Territorians living in remote areas to get connected to critical broadband and mobile coverage – boosting business opportunities in the bush.”

Mr Styles said the Country Liberals Government’s achievements have enhanced the Territory’s ICT reputation which would be at serious risk under Labor.

“Today’s latest un-costed, hollow Labor promises will send alarm bells ringing for Territorians who will inevitably be the ones to lose under Labor.

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