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CLP “on track” TO SPEND YOUR MONEY ON POLITICAL SPIN

“Last week Adam Giles pulled the full page ads detailing false information on Ice Legislation because they were referred to the Auditor General but has failed to apply similar principals to the current ‘on track’ political spin ads which have also been referred.

“The only thing the CLP Government is “On Track” for is to spend more taxpayer money on a politically fueled print and tv ad campaign designed to try and spin the worst government in Territory history,” said Natasha Fyles.

“As of today, the CLP have run 49 full page ads in just over four weeks.

“Last week, Adam Giles decided to cancel a series of advertisements which contained false and misleading information on Ice Legislation after Labor and Independent members referred the ads to the Auditor-General.

“In reference to those one page Ice Legislation ads, Adam Giles said:

“While that process is going on I’ve said let’s not do any more ads.”

- Adam Giles, ABC News, 21 September 2015

“By the Chief Minister’s own admission and self-set precedent, he must also pull his ‘On Track’ ads.

“The ‘On Track’ spin campaign also includes a series of television commercials running throughout the Northern Territory.

“To date, the CLP have refused to release costings associated with the production of their ‘on track’ campaign.

“Labor referred the ‘On Track’ ads to the Auditor-General weeks ago, because they are clearly politically motivated.”

“The Government does have a duty to advertise and promote relevant programs and events – but this is political spin which should be paid for by the party, not the taxpayer.

“Adam Giles must explain why he’s pulled the ICE ads but not the ‘On Track’ ads.

“Last sittings Labor introduced legislation which would put a stop to taxpayers’ funds being wasted on political advertising.

“Only a change of Government will restore integrity to Government and stop the abuse of taxpayer funds by Adam Giles and the CLP.”

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