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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **MINI-BUDGET TO SET PRIORITIES AND FOCUS ON THE FRONTLINE**

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Treasurer, Robyn Lambley, will deliver a Mini-Budget in Parliament on Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> detailing the Country Liberals Government's spending and savings priorities.

Cabinet approved the Mini-Budget date when it met yesterday.

Ms Lambley said the Mini-Budget will provide a platform for the development of the 2013-14 Budget and incorporate the Government's election commitments and savings targets.

It will also factor the new agency structures into the Budget process and provide a framework for balancing the Budget over the next four years.

"The Country Liberals have committed to balancing the budget and putting the Territory back onto a sound fiscal footing," Mrs Lambley said.

"The current fiscal deficit of approximately \$867million and debt of around \$3.47billion is unsustainable going forward.

"Projected interest repayments of up to \$1million a day reduce the Government's capacity to provide essential front-line services for Territorians.

"While the Territory's economic future is bright, sections of the community are labouring under the weight of unaffordable housing and this affects the capacity of business to recruit skilled workers and to grow.

"The Mini-Budget is an opportunity to re-set the priorities of Government back to front-line service delivery."

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