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Estimates: Somebody has to pay

Estimates commencing tomorrow, Tuesday 12 June, will shine a light on the wasteful, top end focused Labor government.

Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins said that at the end of the day, somebody has to pay for Labor's spending habits, and that somebody is Territorians.

"Following two historic debt-ridden Territory budgets by Labor, the approaching fortnight of Estimates will reinforce the Territory's path to insolvency.

"Beyond the huge budget blowout, the Opposition will pursue a line of questioning across all portfolios that scrutinises the missed opportunities, delays and inaction by Labor, including its so-called record infrastructure spend and open and transparent rhetoric.

"In addition, we have major concerns about the lack of priorities of the Chief Minister, as he continues to negate the child protection crisis and ongoing crime epidemic sweeping the Territory.

"Beyond the Berrimah line, we share the fury of remote and regional Territorians who feel they have been forgotten.

"These people deserve the facilities, government services and opportunities as good as those who live in Darwin," said Mr Higgins.

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