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No answers and no detail

The Chief Minister today failed to advise Territorians about the detail on topics that matter to the Northern Territory and to Territorians.

Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins said today's questioning of the Chief Minister simply amounted to more questions for the Opposition, and Territorians.

"The Chief Minister deferred questions, didn't have any detail and couldn't table plans when asked.

"Today was a talk fest. The Chief Minister had no definitive answers, no deadlines and no drive to deliver for Territorians.

"We posed questions to the Chief Minister on subjects Territorians care about, including:

- **The Cities Deal** – all the Chief Minister could say was there is a smorgasbord of projects on the table, he could provide no detail on potential projects that he is discussing with the Federal government and he could not confirm the contribution of the Darwin City Council
- **Statehood** – the Chief Minister has done nothing to progress this, and had no plan to pursue Statehood for the Northern Territory
- **City investment in Alice Springs** - \$19.4 million revote in the latest budget, and no specific detail on when the amount would be spent other than on audits
- **Growing the population** – there was no detail or plan that could be tabled during Estimates, despite much public commentary by the Labor government
- **State Square carpark** – the Chief Minister was not able to table a cost-benefit analysis, nor the detail on who made the decision on the number of carparks available or enlighten Territorians as to who the operator would be or how much it would cost to park there.

"Put simply, the Chief Minister failed to live up to his own open and transparent rhetoric today," said Mr Higgins.

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