



# NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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## **DR PETER TOYNE MLA Minister for Justice**

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### **FUEL PRICES TO BE MONITORED: LABOR**

The Labor Government today announced retail fuel prices will be monitored in the Northern Territory.

“The former Government was only too happy to sit on its hands and concede that fuel prices in the Territory were high,” Justice Minister Dr Peter Toyne said.

“The Labor Government prefers to take a pro-active approach which will see retail fuel prices monitored twice weekly from this week.

“This will give our Government exact figures on pump prices for diesel, unleaded and premium unleaded. It will also allow us to view trends in fuel prices and gain a better understanding as to why, and when, fuel prices increase.”

Dr Toyne said it was timely the fuel-monitoring survey was announced only days before the four-day Easter break.

“The first survey has shown a mean average of 94.1 cents per litre for unleaded in Darwin on March 25 and a 101.7 cents/litre for the same product in Alice Springs on the same day.

“It will be interesting to record the mean average once the four-day Easter break commences.”

The Minister said NT trends would be cross-matched against national mean average fuel prices in both capital city and country regions.

“In a short space of time, we expect to be in a position to better understand when and why fuel prices fluctuate.

“We can then look at ways of tackling those fluctuations to ensure Territory motorists are not being ripped off at the bowser.”

The Minister said the NT Government would share information on fuel pricing in the Territory with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) “where it is appropriate”.

The Office of Consumer Affairs is conducting the survey with Darwin and Alice Springs outlets already being monitored. Other NT centres will join in the survey in the near future.

Twice weekly details will be available on the department’s website from next week – [www.caba.nt.gov.au](http://www.caba.nt.gov.au)

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