Building on Territory and Commonwealth Programs

Minister for Education and Training Chris Burns will be attending the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA) in Canberra on Friday.

He will also be meeting with his Federal Ministerial counterparts in Sydney and Canberra today and tomorrow.

“The Territory and Commonwealth has a strong working relationship under the two Labor governments and we want to see even more achieved for the NT,” Dr Burns said.

“At MCEECDYA we will be discussing a range of important early childhood and schooling issues.

“Progress of the My School website and work towards establishing a national curriculum will be on the agenda.

“I will also be meeting with Federal ministerial counterparts, Ministers Mark Arbib, Peter Garrett and Jenny Macklin.

“There is strong investment in housing and education by the Commonwealth and Territory Governments and we want to ensure we achieve the best possible outcomes from these programs.

“The $60 million investment by the Commonwealth Government in public, social and affordable housing under the stimulus package is full steam ahead and we are boosting the numbers of beds for Territorians in need.

“The $1.7 billion Remote Indigenous Housing National Partnership Agreement is delivering new and upgraded housing across the Territory.

“And we are working together to improve education and early learning outcomes with more programs, teachers and housing now on the ground in remote communities.

“I look forward to continuing this work to benefit Territorians,” Dr Burns said.

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