Census Participation Makes Dollars and Sense

Treasurer Delia Lawrie is urging Territorians to participate in tonight’s Census of Population and Housing so that the Territory gets its fair share of future funding and service provision.

“Federal funding arrangements to the states and territories, including allocation of GST revenue, are based on Census information and that’s why it’s in everyone’s interest to participate,” Ms Lawrie said.

“It’s estimated that for each Territorian not counted, the Territory misses out on $11,400 in GST revenue per annum.

“The Census is held every five years and also helps community groups and the private sector plan for the future and make informed investment decisions.

“This snapshot of Australian cities, towns and communities provides a greater understanding of where people live so that key health, education, employment and other infrastructure or service needs are met and standards of living improved.”

There are three ways Territorians can participate in the Census:

- Use the eCensus at [www.census.gov.au](http://www.census.gov.au) to participate online;
- Complete a Census paper form. A Census collector should have delivered a form to your home by now and will return to pick up the completed form between 10 August and 28 August 2011. If you have not received a form call ABS on 1300 338 776;
- Mail your form back. If you have been given an envelope to mail your form back, please seal your completed Census form in the envelope and post it back promptly to:

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