Retail figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics today further highlight the strength in the Northern Territory economy.

Treasurer Delia Lawrie said today’s retail figures highlight the confidence Territorians have in the strong Territory economy that continues to buck national trends.

“The Henderson Government will work to ensure Territory families continue to benefit from the strong economy,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Today’s figures show in the year to November retail trade grew by 10.3 per cent demonstrating Territorians are enjoying good economic times.

“Nationally the average for retail trade spending grew by 7 per cent.

“These figures and the November Sensis Business Index show Territory businesses and consumers have confidence in our economy,” said Ms Lawrie.

Ms Lawrie urged Territorians to spend within their means. This week Federal Treasurer Wayne Swan encouraged Australian’s to show restraint in spending to ease inflation and pressure on interest rates.

“I will be meeting Mr Swan next week to hear how the Commonwealth Government plans to deal with inflation.

“In 2001 the Labor Government inherited a Territory economy on its knees. Through sound financial management and low taxes we have delivered a strong economy that continues to buck national trends.

“The Henderson Government will work to further grow the Territory economy so we remain to the best the place to live, work and raise a family,” Ms Lawrie said.

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