NEW MINISTRY REACHING OUT TO TERRITORIANS

Administrator Tom Pauling QC has sworn in the new Northern Territory Government Cabinet – including three new Ministers.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the new Ministry reflects the whole Territory and will govern for all Territorians.

“The new Ministry will reach out to all Territorians, with every corner of the Territory represented,” Mr Henderson said.

“We have the strongest economy in the country, and we will continue to work hard to keep it that way.

“The new Cabinet includes Ministers from across the Territory, and we will restructure the public service accordingly.

“There will be a new Department responsibility based in Alice Springs, and new Offices of the Chief Minister in Tennant Creek and Katherine.

“Today's announcement is the most significant devolution of decision making to the regions in 20 years, and presents a unique opportunity to continue to grow the Territory.”

The Chief Minister will take on responsibility for Economic Development in the new ministry.

Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour remains the Minister for Indigenous Policy and Education and Training.

Treasurer Delia Lawrie retains responsibility for Planning and Lands and Infrastructure and Transport, as well as Leader of Government Business.

Karl Hampton is the new Minister for Regional Development, with this section of the Department to be based in Alice Springs.

Any Departmental transfers will be done over time.

New Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy, is the Minister for Children and Families, and Child Protection.

Alison Anderson is the new Minister for the Environment and Heritage, and Parks and Wildlife, and Minister for Central Australia.

Dr Chris Burns will retain his portfolios, including Minister for Justice and Attorney-General.
Business Minister Kon Vatskalis will take on the new responsibilities of Employment, and Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources.

Local Government Minister Rob Knight will assume responsibility for Housing, Essential Services and Public Employment.

The Member for Barkly, Gerry McCarthy, is the Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development.

Member for Fannie Bay, Michael Gunner is the Parliamentary Secretary for Business and Employment.

As previously announced, the Member for Nightcliff, Jane Aagaard, has been nominated as the Speaker.

The Member for Nhulunbuy, Lynne Walker, is the Government’s nominee for Chair of Committees and Deputy Speaker.

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NEW HENDERSON MINISTRY

PAUL HENDERSON
Chief Minister
Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Major Projects, Trade and Economic Development
Climate Change
Territory/Federal Relations
Multicultural Affairs

MARION SCRYMGOUR
Education and Training
Indigenous Policy
Arts and Museums

DELIA LAWRIE
Treasurer
Planning and Lands
Infrastructure and Transport

CHRIS BURNS
Justice and Attorney General
Health
Racing, Gaming and Licensing
Alcohol Policy

KON VATSKALIS
Business and Employment
Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources
Tourism
Asian Relations
Defence Support

ROB KNIGHT
Housing
Local Government
Essential Services
Public Employment

MALARNDIRRI McCARTHY
Children and Families
Child Protection
Statehood
Senior Territorians
Young Territorians
Women’s Policy
Minister Assisting the Chief
Minister on Multicultural Affairs

ALISON ANDERSON
Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage
Parks and Wildlife
Central Australia

KARL HAMPTON
Regional Development
Sport and Recreation
Information, Communications and Technology Policy
Minister Assisting the Chief
Minister on Major Projects and Economic Development
CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

- The Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development re-titled the Department of Business and Employment.

Economic Development is transferred to the Department of the Chief Minister.

- The Department of Employment, Education and Training to become the Department of Education and Training.

Employment moves to the new Department of Business and Employment.

- NT WorkSafe will transfer from the former Department of Employment, Education and Training to the Department of Justice.

- The Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport will become the Department of Local Government and Housing.

Sport and Recreation and Libraries will be transferred to the new Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport.

- The establishment of a new Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources.

This includes the former responsibility of Mines.

The Regional Development sector will be based in Alice Springs.

- The Department of Corporate and Information Services will be abolished and its responsibilities transferred to the Department of Business and Employment.