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Arafura Games Heads of Delegation Meeting

Minister for Sport and Recreation Karl Hampton today heads to Macau to attend the Arafura Games Heads of Delegation meeting.

The most senior sports officials from the 18 Arafura Games member countries meet each year at the Heads of Delegation Meeting and decide on the future direction of the Games.

“With less than 100 days to the 2009 Games in Darwin this is an important opportunity to discuss key issues with member countries,” Mr Hampton said.

“The meeting will cover a number of topics including the definition of the level of competition for each sport, opportunities for junior sports development and the overall future direction for the Games.

“Sports coordinators along with the Arafura Games staff are busy planning and preparing for the Games and it is important to update member countries.”

“It is a credit to the Arafura Games that a number of senior sports officials from fourteen other countries attend this important meeting, it demonstrates the importance of the Games” Mr Hampton said.

“The ongoing support and direction provided by the Heads of Delegation meeting plays a vital role in the strength and direction of the Games.

“Territorians love their sport and the Arafura Games are no exception with the Games being a fantastic celebration of sport.

“The Arafura Games also provide a boost to our tourism and business industries with the large numbers of visitors that the games bring.”