Leader of Government Business, Dr Chris Burns, today said the Northern Territory Government will focus on protecting Territory jobs when Parliament sits from Tuesday.

“The Henderson Government is committed to protecting Territory jobs across the Territory during difficult economic times,” said Dr Burns.

“Over Parliamentary sittings the Treasurer Delia Lawrie will deliver Budget 2009 which outlines the Henderson Government’s plan to protect jobs across the Territory.”

Dr Burns said the two weeks of Parliament sittings will also be used to debate Hoon Behaviour legislation.

“Hooning is unacceptable behaviour which puts the lives of Territory families at risk.

“The legislation before Parliament will help make our roads safer by giving police and the courts greater powers to impound and forfeit vehicles used in hooning.

“Sadly, since the last parliament sittings two distinguished Territorians, Tony Fitzgerald and Hyacinth Tungutalum have passed away.

“On the first day of sittings the Northern Territory Parliament will offer its condolences to the family and friends of Tony Fitzgerald.

“After discussions with Mr Tungutalum’s family the Northern Territory Parliament will wait until the June sittings to offer a condolence motion to the family of this great Territorian.”

On the first Wednesday and Thursday of Parliamentary sittings, Chief Minister Paul Henderson will attend COAG to represent the Territory.

The member for Arafura Marion Scrymgour will be absent from the 6 days of sittings as she is recovering from a thyroidectomy in South Australia.

A pair has been arranged with the CLP Opposition for both members.

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