Tourism Minister Dr Chris Burns today told Territory Parliament’s Estimates Committee that Budget 2009 provides the funding to continue the operation of Territory Discoveries.

“The Territory Government will continue to support Territory Discoveries as it provides an important service to small and medium size tourism operators across the Territory,” said Dr Burns.

“Many of these operators would miss out on business if they had to rely on commercial travel agents and other wholesalers.

“Territory Discoveries enables the establishment of small niche businesses like Indigenous Tourism.

“Establishing new tourism operators is essential to expanding the tourism industry across the Territory.

“The CLP opposition seems to favour closing down Territory Discoveries which would leave small businesses without the support they need to grow.

“In contrast the Henderson Government is committed to supporting small businesses across the Territory.

“Over the past 10 years Territory Discoveries has been refined and adjusted to suit changing circumstances, we will continue to adapt the business to meet the demands of the tourism industry.
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