More Funding For Territory Schools

Acting Education Minister Delia Lawrie today welcomed further Australian Government funding to build new facilities in primary schools across the Territory.

Ms Lawrie said nearly 70 Territory schools would benefit from more than $70 million in funding as part of the latest round of the Australian Government’s Primary Schools for 21st Century program.

“This is fantastic news for government and non-government schools in communities across the Territory – and it’s also great news for the Territory’s economy,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The Australian Government’s stimulus package – which includes these infrastructure improvements in our schools – has helped the Territory’s economy in the face of the global financial crisis.

“Each project means stimulus for local economies, work for Territory businesses and jobs for Territorians.

“It also means new classrooms, covered learning areas and resource centres and other facilities for our schools.”

Today’s announcement brings Australian Government funding for the Territory under the Primary Schools for the 21st Century program to $222 million – funding which will benefit all our primary schools.

Ms Lawrie said the Territory Government had acted to ensure that the stimulus package had the maximum benefit for the Territory.

- The Development Consent Authority is to meet every fortnight instead of every month
- An industry reference group has been formed;
- Dedicated Stimulus Action Squads have been set up in Government Departments; and
- Procurement guidelines have been streamlined.

“While no-one will be immune from the global financial crisis, the Territory Government and the Australian Government are working to ensure we are well placed to withstand the fallout.”

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