The Northern Territory Government’s record $1.8 billion infrastructure program continues to keep Territorians working.

Acting Chief Minister, Delia Lawrie, today visited the visitor centre at Darwin’s Botanic Gardens which is being repainted and is part $1.4 million worth of contracts already awarded to Territory businesses since July 1.

“The Government has made a deliberate decision to invest in infrastructure to secure and create Territory jobs,” Ms Lawrie said.

“This minor works project at Darwin’s Botanic Gardens is a good example of how Government’s dollars are being spent to keep Territorians in a job.

“Since January the Territory Government has let more than 500 contracts worth $229 million ranging from small projects worth a few thousand dollars to the multi-million contracts.

“The Territory is currently between major projects so it’s important that the Government steps up its investment and ensure that our skilled tradespeople have enough work to keep them employed.

“Traditionally July and August are quieter months for tradespeople so the Government is working with industry to get more projects out the door and keep working flowing in between major projects.”

Ms Lawrie said last financial year the Territory Government spent $1.5 billion on important infrastructure projects.

“These projects to upgrade schools, hospitals and new roads across the Territory are not only improving vital community assets but also helping to keep Territory businesses working,” she said.

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