Parliament to focus on more jobs and environment

The last Parliamentary Sittings for this year will highlight action taken by the Henderson Government to create and secure thousands of jobs and work to protect the environment.

Leader of Government Business Chris Burns said there is also a range of legislation on the agenda.

“The Chief Minister will be delivering an important jobs statement that highlights how the Territory Government continues to secure and create more jobs for Territorians,” Dr Burns said.

“In original terms, nearly 6000 new jobs were created in the Territory in the year to September 2010 which once again shows that if you want a job, then come to the Territory.”

“To meet the strong jobs growth we are building our local workforce by committing to 10,000 apprenticeship and traineeships commencements over four years which we are on track to achieve.”

Legislation will be introduced and debated in Parliament to further protect the Territory’s pristine environment and increase recycling.

“The Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Bill will be introduced this sittings.

“The will establish a container deposit scheme to encourage more people to recycle and reduce rubbish.

“This will also allow us to ban plastic bags from supermarkets which can be damaging to the environment.”

The Human Tissue Transplant Amendment Bill will also be debated, to allow medical students to study anatomy at the new NT Medical School commencing in Semester 1 2011.

Parliament will sit from Tuesday through to Thursday for the next two weeks.

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