Territory Government delivers on indigenous graduates

The Minister for Business and Employment Rob Knight today congratulated 2010 graduates of the Northern Territory Government’s Indigenous Employment Program.

Minister Knight said the latest 9 of 36 graduates were celebrated at a special graduation ceremony at Crowne Plaza Darwin today.

“I’d like to congratulate to all the individuals who have graduated in 2010 and wish them well done passing all their assessments,” Mr Knight said.

“These hard working and talented individuals have now joined the ranks of the NT public sector and I’m sure will quickly become valuable team members.

“We set some ambitious targets to increase overall participation of indigenous employment in our JobsNT 2010-2012 Employment Strategy and we’re on track to meeting them.

“We’ve set a target to increase indigenous employment in the Territory’s public sector by 10 per cent by 2012 - so far we’ve reached 8 per cent, this exceeds the national target of 2.6 per cent for the same period.”

Mr Knight said the Indigenous Employment Program provides graduates with training, vocational qualifications and on-the-job learning.

“Successful graduates of this program are guaranteed a permanent position of employment within the Northern Territory Public Sector,” Mr Knight said.

“Through this program, the Territory Government has set a target to attract 340 indigenous people into jobs within the Public Sector through over the next five years.

“We’re committed to providing increased employment opportunities for Indigenous people and this program is a key initiative to address the Northern Territory Public Sector Indigenous Employment targets.

“Since 2009, 36 graduates have gained permanent positions across the Northern Territory Public Sector through the program.”

To find out how to apply for the Northern Territory Government’s Indigenous Employment Program visit www.trainingandemploymentprograms.nt.gov.au

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