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State and Territory Treasurers Meet in Canberra

Treasurer, Delia Lawrie, travelled to Canberra today to meet with State and Territory counterparts ahead of tomorrow’s Ministerial Council for Federal Financial Relations.

Ms Lawrie said the meetings were key forums to lobby for the interests of Territorians.

“Most importantly, the recently announced review of GST distribution will be discussed for the first time,” Ms Lawrie said.

“This review is of crucial importance to the Territory as a jurisdiction with significant challenges due to its small dispersed population with high needs.

“I will be taking the opportunity to lobby the Federal Treasurer Wayne Swan for a continued fair slice of GST revenue for the Territory; we won’t accept one cent less.

“For the Territory to deliver services comparable with the rest of Australia and take full advantage of our huge economic potential, it is vital we get our fair of the GST.

“The council has many important issues on the table which can impact Territorians including the national economic outlook, implementation of National Health Reform and new and expiring National Partnership funding agreements with the Commonwealth.”

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