MOVING ‘FORWAARD’ ON REHABILITATION

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Six laptops have been presented to an organisation that is helping people regain control of their lives and manage substance misuse.

Minister for Business David Tollner today presented the laptops to the longest serving drug and alcohol facility in Darwin, Foundation of Rehabilitation with Aboriginal Alcohol Related Difficulties (FORWAARD).

The NT Government’s Computers for the Community program provides assistance to community and not-for-profit organisations through the provision of refurbished ex-government computers.

Mr Tollner said the laptops would be put to good use by program participants at FORWAARD who were undertaking residential rehabilitation including sessions in a classroom environment.

“This is an important life skills program that will help people recovering from problems with alcohol and other drugs to build confidence in using computers,” Mr Tollner said.

“It will provide them with skills they can use to make themselves more employable upon graduating from this important program.

“The NT Government is dedicated to doing what is right for Territorians and is committed to training and up-skilling people to focus on the unique opportunities that the northern part of Australia has to offer.

“We support and will work with organisations to address alcohol rehabilitation. It is time that we looked at the real issues behind people who are suffering from alcohol and drug dependence and provide them with a treatment pathway to help them with their addictions.

“Something that Delia Lawrie’s former government failed to do.”

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