MINISTER FOR BUSINESS

BUILDING THE TERRITORY WORKFORCE

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The Country Liberals Government will commit more than $106 million to support business and workforce development in Budget 2013.

Minister for Business David Tollner said this was $6 million more than the 2012-13 budget, and a greater commitment to the Territory’s business industry than provided by Delia Lawrie’s former Labor Government.

“We are committed to supporting Territorians to train up and benefit from our growing economy,” Mr Tollner said.

“We want to train Territorians for Territory jobs and we recognise the unique opportunities that the northern part of Australia has to offer.”

“It’s an exciting time for the Territory with a number of major projects heading our way – we want to create jobs and make the NT a better place to live and work.”

Around $8.3 million will be spent on workforce growth and about $98.1 million will be spent on training.

Workforce growth covers off workforce planning, business and skilled migration (including the Regional Migration Agreement) and the worker attraction program.

The Country Liberals Government has committed a total of $27.7 million for apprentices and trainees which includes an additional $1.5 million to the $2.9 million Apprenticeship and Traineeship Support Package.

This includes more money to support apprentices and trainees in completing their studies, such as travel and accommodation subsidies, and to attend off-the-job training.

The Country Liberals are also committing $1 million for the Indigenous workforce Participation Program that develops workforce planning and supports increased Indigenous employment opportunities.

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