Northern Territory teachers and teaching assistants have until tomorrow night to sign up to an Enterprise Agreement (EA) that would see them earn on average $26,000 in extra pay over the lifetime of the deal.

Teachers and educators will be among the best paid in the country under the new deal which offers a six percent increase in 2014 and three per cent each following year over the lifetime of the agreement.

More than half of Territory Teachers will earn above $100,000 per year at the end of the agreement, something available in very few jurisdictions.

Minister for Public Employment John Elferink said teaching staff can vote easily and quickly online or over the phone with a unique pin activation code.

“I urge staff to use these new voting options to ensure that their voices are heard.

“For too long, teachers have been led by a Union Executive that is in disarray and not only fails to run effectively but also provides their members with woeful advice.

“The NT Education Union Executive continues to reject enterprise bargaining offers on behalf of all teaching staff, not just those who are their members, meaning everyone has lost out at the hands of their decisions.

“I hope that all teachers participate in the Ballot and have their say on the offer on the table.”

The Ballot closes tomorrow at 11.59pm.

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