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CYP7 – Youth Parliament Kicks off Today

More than 50 Youth Parliamentarians from around the world will attend their first party room meetings and the Commonwealth’s 7th International Youth Parliament will be officially opened by the Administrator at Parliament House today.

Youth Parliamentarians will convene for introductory sessions from 08.30 on Monday 2 November before taking up their party and independent roles and attending the opening of the Parliament with a formal speech from His Honour the Administrator as occurs once every four years when the Northern Territory Assembly convenes for the first time after an election.

Today’s Parliamentary events will be followed by a welcome from the Leader of Government Business in the Northern Territory Assembly on behalf of the Northern Territory Government to be held at Crocosaurus cove where Youth Parliamentarians will be able to get up close and personal with some real Territorians.

“Day one will be a day of nerves and setting in for some of the Youth Parliamentarians”, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly the Hon Kezia Purick said, “but no doubt they will find their feet very quickly and be debating points of order and principles of law-making from very early on.”

CYP 7 is being held at Parliament House every day this week and the public are welcome to observe proceedings from the galleries.

Youth Parliamentarians will be available for media interviews as time permits during the week.

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