Nicole Manison
Treasurer

Bigger benefits from Home Improvement Scheme begin flowing Today

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Treasurer Nicole Manison today visited a local business that will now benefit from the NT Labor Government’s bigger, better Home Improvement Scheme (HIS).

Applications for homeowners have opened today, meaning work from the bolstered scheme will start flowing to small businesses and tradies.

More than $60 million is expected to be generated into the economy, with the additional $15 million investment into the Home Improvement Scheme.

“The NT Labor Government re-launched the scheme earlier this month after listening to the business community and made significant improvements to it to enable more jobs to flow and more tradies to benefit from it,” Ms Manison said.

“Today we are visiting one of the many businesses that can now benefit through changes that allow subcontracting under the scheme so tradies will now be able to get help from tradies with other skills.”

The improved scheme will enable Territorians who have already used the scheme to use it again and access $2000 and those that have not previously accessed a voucher to receive up to $4,000 total on a dollar-for-dollar co-contribution.

As well as improving the scheme for those subcontracting, it will also:

- Allow up to 50% of the voucher can be used towards the cost of goods and materials, which reflects the nature of home renovation.
- Accept applications until 31 December, 2017 (unless funding is exhausted).
- Introduce integrity measures (including site spot audits) will be undertaken to ensure compliance.

Homeowner/occupiers can register for the scheme from TODAY by visiting www.homeimprovement.nt.gov.au

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