Census Makes Sense – Population Hits 212,551

Population figures show the Territory has experienced significant population growth, following a successful count of Territorians in the most recent Census.

Chief Minister Clare Martin and Treasurer Syd Stirling welcomed the Australian Bureau of Statistics figures, which show our population was 2% higher than first forecast for the December quarter.

“Our population is now more than 212,000 – a growing economy means more work for local business, more money and more jobs,” Ms Martin said.

“We all know the Territory is a great place to live – and more and more people are choosing to make the NT their home.

“The Census has picked up an extra 3986 Territorians who previously had not been counted.

“I congratulate every Territorian for participating in the Census – you have all helped to calculate a more accurate population figure for the Territory.”

Treasurer Syd Stirling said this is a major achievement for the Territory and is further evidence of our strong economy, and great lifestyle.

“The NT has one of the fastest growing populations in Australia – and we’ll do everything we can to keep attracting more people,” Mr Stirling said.

“The new figures mean that the Territory’s population grew by 1.8% in the year to December 2006, compared with the previous forecast of 1.6% growth.

“This is significantly higher than the national growth rate of 1.43%.”
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