Indigenous Territorians are being asked to consider a career with Treasury as part of the agency’s **Indigenous Employment and Career Development Strategy**, to be launched today by Treasurer and Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling.

“The strategy is part of wider Government efforts to get more Indigenous staff working in all areas and at all levels in our agencies,” Mr Stirling said.

“Government decision-makers need to be able to make balanced and informed decisions about the future of the Territory that reflect its cultural diversity and needs.

“Indigenous people in the Territory represent almost 30% of the population, yet only 5.6% of Territory Government staff. We need to do all we can to get more Indigenous Territorians into Government agencies beyond the traditional career paths of health, education and police.

“This initiative is not just about getting more indigenous people in the public service. It’s also about increasing Treasury’s ability to support Government and the community it serves, while improving the advancement of Indigenous people in the Territory.

“Treasury is a key agency providing essential advice to Government on issues affecting the whole of the Northern Territory, including government revenue and spending, economic and financial analysis, and regulation of the liquor and gambling industries.

“As well as dealing with the fiscal side of Government, it also has a key role to play in the social development of the Territory. I would encourage Indigenous Territorians to really consider a career in a key policy agency like Treasury.”

Treasury’s **Indigenous Employment and Career Development Strategy** includes:

- visiting high schools and developing links with schools’ career advisers to promote employment opportunities in Treasury;
- more staff development, training and education for all Treasury staff;
- enhancing work exchange programs with other agencies and non-government organisations to give Indigenous people in both the public and private sector a better understanding of the workings of Treasury; and
- encouraging Treasury staff to undertake Cross Cultural Training.