Katherine businesses to benefit from defence exercise

An extra 450 personnel are due to arrive in the Territory for Operation Southern Frontier, an annual joint exercise between the Australian Department of Defence and the United States Marines.

“Most of these personnel will be based in Katherine throughout the three months, bringing a significant boost to the local economy and good opportunities for Katherine’s small businesses,” Mr Henderson said.

“The local hospitality industry, newsagents, taxi and bus companies and food suppliers are just some of the areas that can expect a boost from the influx of military personnel.

“Of course, the tourism industry will receive a boost as the personnel make the most of recreation time to enjoy the sights of the Top End.

“The Martin Government is committed to ensuring Territory businesses benefit as much as possible from the Defence presence and military exercises in the Northern Territory.

“The business briefing will give local businesses a clearer picture of the opportunities available and I encourage all interested Katherine businesses to attend the free briefing to hear about potential opportunities for your business.”

The business briefing is being run by the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development and will be held from 6pm to 8pm on Tuesday 20 April at Knotts Crossing Resort.

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