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UK MISSION TO BOOST TERRITORY’S SKILLS BASE

Skilled and professional Britons looking to move to Australia will be in the Territory’s sights next week when the Northern Territory Government participates in one of Europe’s largest migration Expos.

Mrs Mary Cunningham, the Business and Skilled Migration Director from the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development, leaves for London tomorrow morning.

Mrs Cunningham will first represent and promote the Northern Territory in the Australian Migration Information Day at the Australian High Commission’s office, and then Emigrate 2005 in Surrey, the largest migration fair of its kind in Europe.

“Boosting the Territory’s skills base is a priority for the Martin Government, and through our recently launched Business and Skilled Migration Strategy we are actively targeting migrants from a range of industries with the skills that will help meet Territory business needs,” Business and Industry Minister Paul Henderson said.

“About 1700 people interested in migrating to Australia have registered for the High Commission event, which allows the opportunity for potential migrants to get a better understanding of the opportunities and the unique lifestyle enjoyed in the Northern Territory.

“The Northern Territory will then take its place in the Australian stand at Emigrate 2005, where potential migrants can consider specific specialist job vacancies in health and education sectors – real positions and opportunities that will set the NT apart from the pack.

“Business and skilled migration programs are already delivering results for Territory business in filling skills gaps, and the Northern Territory Government is actively promoting the business and professional opportunities in the NT in countries as diverse as China, the UK, South Africa and Bangladesh.

“Business and skilled migration is another way the Government is working to champion small business and of build our population, keeping the Territory moving ahead.”

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