The Northern Territory Government has committed more than $700,000 towards the establishment of multicultural hub

The Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory (MCNT) and the Multilingual Broadcasting Council of the Northern Territory (MBCNT) have moved to new premises in the Malak Shopping Centre.

Ethnic Affairs Minister, Kon Vatskalis, today told Parliament the Northern Territory Government has spent more than $700,000 in capital and current funding to assist in the move.

“Having these two important Councils in one location will ensure easy access for our multicultural community,” Mr Vatskalis said.

The Minister said funding towards the project includes:

- $27,000 from the 2003/04 Ethnic Affairs Sponsorship Program towards the employment of a Project Officer at the MCNT to manage the relocation of the two Councils;
- $130,000 from the 2004/05 Ethnic Affairs Sponsorship Program to the MCNT as operational assistance;
- $154,000 from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment to cover the cost of relocation for both MCNT and MBCNT;
- $80,000 towards the lease of premises;
- $350,000 from the Metropolitan Shopping Centre Upgrade Program to upgrade the Malak Shopping Centre precinct.