The Territory will receive an extra $7.5 million a year from the Commonwealth for adopting nationally uniform laws in relation to the road and rail transport of dangerous goods, Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling said today.

Mr Stirling said the Dangerous Goods (Road and Rail Transport) Act 2003, which was passed in Parliament today, ensured the Territory complied with National Competition Policy requirements, allowing for the release of the additional funds.

"Adopting these laws in line with the rest of Australia will also provide greater certainty for the transport industry by removing jurisdictional differences in relation to the transport of dangerous goods by road or rail," Mr Stirling said.

"The new legislation also upholds community safety and environmental concerns by providing for:

- the safe road and rail transport of dangerous goods;
- the maintenance of public safety;
- the protection of the environment; and
- the protection of property against damage through the negligent transport of dangerous goods.

"It is further proof of Government’s commitment to balancing the interests of industry with the need to protect Territorians."