Education, Employment and Training Minister Syd Stirling MLA today announced that the result of the Teachers Enterprise Bargaining Agreement ballot showed strong support for the government’s offer.

"In a record turnout for a teachers EBA ballot, 85 per cent of votes were in favour of the government's offer," Mr Stirling said.

"A total of 1,667 teachers voted (out of 2,300 teachers) and I am pleased that such a large majority of Territory teachers accepted the government's enterprise agreement offer.

"This government places the highest value on education and teachers. I take this opportunity to restate my undertaking to all teachers that I will work with them.

"We will now be able to deliver on our promise that our teachers are the best paid in Australia."

Also included in the agreement is:

- the deployment of 25 extra teachers per year over the first term of this government
- a review of school funding requirements
- a further review of class sizes
- consideration of staffing formulas and non contact time for teachers.

"The review will be completed by October 2002. Negotiations will also begin on a new agreement in October 2002."