Darwin businesses will have the opportunity to speak directly with Government at the 10th Business Round Table meeting for 2004, being held at Parliament House today.

Treasurer Syd Stirling will chair the meeting, with around 20 Darwin business people expected to attend.

Issues likely to be discussed at the meeting include matters related to Mr Stirling’s portfolios of treasury, employment and training, as well as racing, gaming and licensing, although participants are encouraged to discuss any topic they like during the sessions.

The last BRT held in Darwin discussed business confidence, exporting, competition, employment and horticulture.

“Business Round Table meetings were introduced by Chief Minister Clare Martin to enable business people to speak freely and directly to Government about issues affecting them,” Mr Stirling said.

“They are part of Government’s commitment to help Territory business do business, and all Territory business people – from small and large corporations – are encouraged to attend a meeting in their region.

“They are a valuable tool, because they allow Ministers to hear directly from business about their concerns and wishes.”

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