The more than $14 million Alice Springs Convention Centre is on track to be completed in April this year, Acting Chief Minister Syd Stirling said today.

Mr Stirling, who toured the construction site during a visit to Alice Springs, said the centre had already taken advance bookings for more than 10,000 delegates, up from around 7000 bookings at this time last month.

"That equates to around $1.5 million in income to the convention centre alone, with a flow-on effect of an estimated $10.7 million to the economy of Alice Springs," he said.

"According to statistics from the Bureau of Tourism Research, this in turn will create or sustain approximately 200 jobs locally.

"The Northern Territory Government has made a substantial investment in the convention centre, in partnership with Lasseters Hotel and Casino who will operate the centre.

"I'm delighted to announce that Lasseters have also recently entered into an agreement with Centralian College to employ local hospitality students at the centre when large functions are held.

"Local suppliers, venues and residents have already been actively involved in the construction stage of the project.

"This agreement with the college will create further employment for local residents, particularly young people.

"For example, the convention centre will employ 15 Centralian College students for the Australia Day Ball which will be attended by around 500 people. These sorts of events will provide the students with invaluable on the job training, while receiving specialist convention training as part of their college course.

"And the centre will prove a major boost to the Central Australian tourism and hospitality industries in general.

"Delegates will be staying in a range of hotels in Alice Springs, they will be shopping, eating out, and going on post-convention functions and excursions. When they return home, they will also spread the word about what Alice Springs has to offer visitors."

The convention centre will incorporate a reception and foyer area, a banquet hall, four break out rooms, a kitchen and stores, and an administration centre. It will also include two new accommodation blocks, comprising 70 rooms.