BACKING BUSINESS WITH SKILLED WORKERS

The Martin Government has helped Territory businesses sponsor more than 140 skilled workers from overseas to meet their business needs since the 1 July last year, Business and Industry Minister Paul Henderson said.

“The skills shortage is the key issue for Territory business at the moment, and boosting the Territory’s skills base is a priority for the Martin Government,” Mr Henderson said.

“Business and skilled migration is one way we’re backing business to address skills needs in the short term, and the Government has committed more than $1M over the next two years to attracting more business and skilled migrants to the Territory.

“In March alone, the Government helped businesses bring 15 skilled migrants to the Territory, including a welder, a refrigeration mechanic and registered nurses.”

Of the 141 skilled migrants who have entered the Territory workforce since last July, 62 are working in Darwin, 25 in Alice Springs, and the remaining are Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Yulara and Yirrkala.

“The Martin Government will continue to back Territory business to address the skills shortage through programs such as the Business and Skilled Migration and the $160M Jobs Plan,” said Mr Henderson.

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