Defence Support Minister Paul Henderson today congratulated a Darwin business on securing a $3.6M Defence contract and said the Martin Government will continue to work to see more Territory businesses secure Defence related contracts.

“Paul Baxter and his team at PW Baxter and Associates Pty Ltd, who have secured the contract to construct fuel tanker vehicle shelters at RAAF Base Darwin and RAAF Base Tindal, are a great example of the capabilities of our local industry,” Mr Henderson said.

“The Martin Government, through our dedicated Defence Industry Support Division, is working to see that Territory businesses benefit from projects such as the Air 87 Tiger helicopters, the Bradshaw Field Training Area and the arrival of the new Armidale Class Patrol Boats.

“In addition to working with industry and Defence representatives to identify opportunities for Territory businesses, the Government is also offering practical assistance to small business.

“Four workshops – two in Katherine and two in Darwin – to help businesses get the edge in securing defence contracts have already been held this year, with about 60 people attending each one.

“The Government will continue this kind of practical assistance to see more Territory businesses like PW Baxter benefit from Defence spending.”