PARLIAMENT SITS IN ALICE SPRINGS

Leader of Government Business Paul Henderson said the Alice Springs Convention Centre will be home to the Legislative Assembly for a three day sittings starting tomorrow.

During the sittings, the Government will bring on for debate important items of legislation, including:

- Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Bill;
- Justice Legislation Amendment Bill;
- Legal Profession (Consequential Amendments) Bill; and
- Mental Health and Related Services Amendment Bill.

“The Chief Minister will also be delivering a Ministerial Statement on the Government’s agenda for Central Australia,” Mr Henderson said.

“This is a fully fledged sitting of the Assembly with all the usual business of the Parliament taking place.

“The Government has scheduled a question time session on Wednesday evening so Centralians with day-time commitments have the opportunity to see the most interesting part of the Parliamentary day.

“Last sittings the Opposition Leader did not raise a single issue in three consecutive days of question time – a failure that has never occurred before in Territory political history.

“I’m hoping that since Alice Springs is where Jodeen Carney spends nearly all of her time she rises to the occasion.

“This is the third time the Territory Parliament has taken place in Alice Springs - previous regional sittings occurred in 2002 and 2004.

“Bringing Parliament to Alice Springs gives Centralians a great opportunity to see how it works,” said Mr Henderson.

The Parliament will resume sitting in Darwin on 1 May for the introduction of the 2007/08 Territory Budget.

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