CYCLONE CLEAN UP RULES TO BE STRENGTHENED

NT Emergency Service (NTES) personnel will be given stronger powers to enforce the clean up of dangerous material before a cyclone under laws to be passed by the NT Parliament this week.

Parliament resumes tomorrow for its second week of Sittings.

“Under the amendments to the Disasters Act Amendment Bill, NTES personnel will be able to enforce clean up of potentially dangerous material during a Cyclone Watch, strengthening current powers which only apply during a Cyclone Warning,” Leader of Government Business Paul Henderson said.

“Changes to the Taxation Administration Act to be passed this week will back small business by providing a simpler, clearer taxation framework including savings in administration and compliance costs.

“The Law Reform (Dust Diseases Amendment) Bill is also due to be passed this week, providing more support for families by allowing claims for damages of pain and suffering caused by dust diseases to carry on after the death of the claimant.”

A number of Ministerial Statements will be delivered this week.

“The Chief Minister and Minister for Asian Relations and Trade, Clare Martin, will deliver a statement outlining the development of the AustralAsia Trade Route and the benefits flowing to the Territory economy,” said Mr Henderson.

“A statement recognising the role of the Northern Territory’s volunteer Bush Fire Brigade will be delivered by Parks and Wildlife Minister Delia Lawrie.”

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