More than 1200 Territory businesses have cut their run around time in the past six months and gone online for their Government related transactions, Business Minister Paul Henderson said.

“The Government developed its one-stop-shop online access point, the Territory Business Centre (TBC) website, after hearing from Territory businesses that it was difficult to negotiate all the different department sites to find the information they needed,” Mr Henderson said.

“I was pleased to launch the TBC website last September, and the rate at which Territory businesses have taken up online transactions highlights that businesses are really taking advantage of the time-saving it offers.”

Through the Transact:NT section of the TBC website, businesses are able to renew their business name, apply for tobacco retail licences, interstate trade lotteries, special liquor licences and permits for fossicking in the Territory.

Amongst the online transactions carried out in the six months since the launch of the Business Channel, there have been applications for 352 Business Names Renewals, 44 Fossicker Registrations and 823 Interstate Trade Lottery Promotion licences.

“With the Business Channel and Transact:NT, Territory businesses can really cut back on their running around time and paperwork by going to one web location for all these forms,” said Mr Henderson.

“For a simple act such as renewing your business name, which must be done every three years, businesses can go to the one-stop TBC website rather than leaving the office and driving around town.

“The Territory Business Channel is a practical way the Government is supporting small business and I encourage all Territory businesses to have a look at the web site to see if it suits your business needs.”

The Territory Business Channel can be accessed at www.tbc.nt.gov.au.

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