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Martin discusses opportunities with Palau President

A number of Territory business and tourism organisations will meet with the President of the Republic of Palau, Tommy E Remengesau Jr, and a delegation of 70 government and business leaders in Darwin over the next few days.

The group arrived last night on the recently established Palau Micronesia Air flight to Darwin Chief Minister, Clare Martin, said.

Ms Martin and Asian Relations and Trade Minister, Paul Henderson, hosted the President and key members of the delegation at Parliament House this morning.

“The delegation is here to explore trade and tourism opportunities between Palau and the Territory and my Government is facilitating this visit,” she said.

“With Palau Micronesia Air starting flights earlier this month we are now connected by two, three-hour flights per week between our capital cities, Darwin and Koror.”

Ms Martin said that the delegation will look at tourism related services including taking a harbour cruise, visiting the Parap Markets and the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT.

“They will also and meet potential suppliers to address the demand for fresh produce including diary products, meats, vegetables and bread,” she said.

“Another area of interest to them is in the supply of materials, machinery and repair services.”

The delegation will meet with Parmalet, Independent Grocers, Darwin Bakery, Fresh Produce Distributors and other businesses.

“There is potential to develop trade links and my Government is working with Palau to build new business opportunities - we currently have an officer based there exploring opportunities for Territory business.”

Palau is known for its natural beauty and as a world class dive destination which will also result in tourism spin-offs for the Territory.