

Questions within the Discussion Starter

Your feedback is sought about employment and workforce development issues affecting Territorians; and about policies, programs and initiatives that could be incorporated within the strategy, which contribute to improving employment opportunities and outcomes. The following discussion questions are from the Discussion Starter and are provided to provide as a guide to stimulate discussion and feedback on programs and strategies.

Growing the Workforce

- 1.1. How well do the programs/strategies help to grow the Northern Territory workforce?
- 1.2. Are there other options you believe would provide a better result in growing the workforce? If so, what do you suggest?

Skilling the Workforce

- 2.1 Are the programs/strategies helping to skill the Northern Territory workforce?
- 2.2 What can be done to ensure that the training outcomes for individuals and enterprises translate into appropriate employment outcomes?
- 2.3 What are the best ways of achieving skills development for people who are disengaged from the world of work and have low skills or face other barriers to employment?

Supporting the Workforce

- 3.1 Are the current programs supporting business and employees?
- 3.2 How effective are employment incentives for taking on apprentices and trainees and can they be better targeted?

Coordinating the Workforce

- 4.1. Do current Northern Territory Government policies and activities help to create or inhibit an environment in which employers can take advantage of and benefit from economic opportunities?
- 4.2. In what way can the programs and services be changed to deliver better employment outcomes for all Territorians?
- 4.3. Partnerships between industry and training organisations can produce good outcomes - what can be done to extend their use?
- 4.4. How should government coordinate with major projects?

Strengthening Regional Workforce

- 5.1 What is the best way to ensure that local content is included in government planning and programs?
- 5.2 How can government encourage businesses to invest in, develop and better utilise regional areas in the Northern Territory?

Interstate Programs

- 6.1 Which of the above programs are suitable for implementation in the Territory?
- 6.2 What other programs/initiatives could the Government invest in to assist with growing, maintaining and skilling the Territory workforce?

Response to this discussion starter has been extended and is now due by COB Monday 11 May 2009.

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