

GOVT TO STOP COMPETING WITH LOCAL PRINT BUSINESSES

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Government will no longer run its own print business in competition with local Territory businesses.

Minister for Corporate and Information Services David Tollner said government will begin sourcing printing services under contract from the private sector and discontinue printing services from the Government Printing Office.

“The transition will begin immediately and be completed by July 2014 and open a new market for local print businesses,” Mr Tollner said.

“The Government Printing Office began in 1978 to meet the printing needs of government. Now 35 years down the track the significant advances in technology have overtaken it and it is no longer a viable business.

“Last financial year it lost \$761,000 and so far this financial year it has lost \$500,000.

“DCIS will work closely with staff, unions and the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment to provide the 31 staff affected with access to voluntary redundancy or redeployment opportunities.”

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