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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR PHASE TWO OF TRADES TRAINING CENTRES

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson today called on Newcastle secondary schools to consider applying for funding under Phase Two of the Trades Training Centres in Schools Program.

"The Trades Training Centres in Schools Program is a key element of the Commonwealth Government's Education Revolution," Ms Grierson said.

"It will provide \$2.5 billion over 10 years to enable all secondary schools to apply for funding of between \$500,000 and \$1.5 million for Trade Training Centres."

"Phase Two funding will be available for up to \$300 million this year. In each future year there will be a single round of more than \$210 million."

"I have this week written to secondary school principals in the Newcastle electorate to encourage them to consider applying for funding under Phase Two."

"The Government recognises that not all schools are in a position to immediately implement Trades Training Centres and is adopting a phased approach to the roll out of the centres."

"The assessment process for applications in 2008 gives priority to those schools which have the greatest need for and capacity to benefit from a new or upgraded Trade Training Centre."

"That assessment process is apolitical and independent. It considers a number of factors in assessing proposals including: the quality of the proposal, the need and capacity to benefit, value for money and the financial viability of the project."

"This is a responsible approach that will ensure the quality and integrity of the program over the long term."

"Interested schools can find information about the application process at:
www.tradetrainingcentres.deewr.gov.au"

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