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GOOD RESPONSE TO *LIVE IN CANBERRA* CALL CENTRE

There has been a good response from local employers seeking access to resumes of skilled workers from England and Ireland, with hundreds of resumes hitting the post this week after calls to the *Live in Canberra* call centre.

Chief Minister Jon Stanhope welcomed the strong response from Canberra businesses and government departments to the Government's campaign to link up prospective employers with skilled British workers seeking a lifestyle change.

"The Live in Canberra team has fielded a steady stream of enquiries from people seeking skilled workers right across the board," Mr Stanhope said today. "*Live in Canberra* call centre staff are now posting out hundreds of resumes for carpenters, engineers, nurses, mechanics, IT workers, accountants, disability workers, hairdressers, electricians, chefs, journalists and refrigeration technicians.

"These workers indicated during the *Australia Needs Skills* expos in London, Manchester and Dublin that they were very interested in moving to Australia, and Canberra in particular."

The teams from *Live in Canberra* and Skilled and Business Migration within the Chief Minister's Department are now working cooperatively with the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs to help employers work through the visa application process.

Employers still wanting access to the nearly 350 international resumes can contact the *Live in Canberra* team through Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

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