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LIVE IN CANBERRA RETURNS TO UK AND TESTS AMSTERDAM

The Live in Canberra and Skilled and Business Migration teams return to the UK next month to participate at the Australia Needs Skills Expo and conduct Live in Canberra seminars in the UK and the Netherlands.

Chief Minister Jon Stanhope said the recent announcement of Canberra's record low unemployment rate of 2.3 per cent highlighted the need to continue to promote Canberra to skilled workers from overseas as well as interstate.

Since March 2006 the Skilled and Business Migration Program has helped arrange 92 Government and employee-sponsored visas for skilled workers from the UK. More than 70 of these new Canberrans have already arrived.

"Our continuing focus is attracting skilled workers to Canberra to help overcome labour shortages across every section of the workforce," Mr Stanhope said today.

"The Live in Canberra and Skilled and Business Migration programs have again joined forces to combine their marketing and visa expertise. Canberra competes with other States and Territories for foreign skilled workers and it is essential that we have a presence in strong markets like the UK and the Netherlands."

The team will participate in the Australian Needs Skills Expo, organised by the Department of Immigration, on 15 and 16 March. During the week leading to the Expo Live in Canberra seminars will be conducted in partnership with UK-based migration agents. These agents have large client bases of skilled workers who have already decided to migrate and can be persuaded to make Canberra their destination.

The trip will also see the ACT, Northern Territory, Tasmania and South Australia combine to promote their jurisdictions to skilled workers and their families in Amsterdam. The ACT will conduct two seminars in Amsterdam, with the help of local migration agents.

"The ACT delegation, which includes local employers Premium Placements and IP Australia, will have a great story to tell," Mr Stanhope said today.

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Editors note – Live in Canberra Manager Simon Kinsmore will be in United Kingdom and The Netherlands from 6 – 19 March and is available on 0417 208 345.

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