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Boost for Adelaide Small Business

Federal Small Business Minister Dr Craig Emerson today launched the Australian Government's \$9 million program to support small business in Adelaide.

Dr Emerson said: "This funding for eight one-stop small business advisory centres will help them expand their capacity to provide low cost advice to local small businesses.

"And it's vitally important in a tightening economy that business operators and small business debutants are spared the runaround on legal, tax, accounting and marketing advice."

Business Enterprise Centres (BECs) and development centres in Adelaide to receive funding over the next four years are:

- Eastside BEC Norwood - \$1.2 million
- Inner Southern BEC Morphettville - \$1.2 million
- Inner West BEC Thebarton - \$1.2 million
- Southern Success BEC Morphett Vale - \$1.2 million
- Tea Tree Gully BEC St Agnes - \$1.0 million
- Northern Adelaide BEC Elizabeth West - \$1.0 million
- Salisbury Business and Export Centre Mawson Lakes - \$1.0 million
- North West Business Development Centre Port Adelaide - \$1.2 million

Adelaide BECs are part of a network of 36 small business advisory centres that will benefit from \$42 million in Australian Government funding over the next four years.

"These invaluable centres provide a suite of services to local small businesses such as mentoring, business planning advice, guidance about loans and banking products and the development of marketing plans," Dr Emerson said.

Dr Emerson launched the program at the Observatory Centre at Hackney today along with Member for Hindmarsh Steve Georganas, Member for Kingston Amanda Rishworth, Member for Wakefield Nick Champion, Member for Makin Tony Zappia and Member for Port Adelaide Mark Butler.

"These centres will also provide legal and accounting services, information about leasing, advice on compliance with government regulations, training programs, and referrals for businesses expanding interstate," Dr Emerson said.

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