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SEMINAR BRINGS GOVERNMENT SERVICES TOGETHER FOR SMALL BUSINESS

The challenges small business have in navigating the way through a myriad of Government services is being addressed by the Office of the Small Business Commissioner.

Through the Bizlinks Seminar series, the Office is aiming to co-ordinate an ongoing program of half day information sessions aimed at small business operators.

“All levels of Government are working to assist small business but it is often not easy to find out exactly what services are available”, Small Business Commissioner, John Chapman said.

The first of the seminars will be held at the Office of the Small Business Commissioner in Grenfell St Adelaide on Friday 27th March 2015 between 9am and 12 noon.

“What we are aiming to do is connect small business operators with Government representatives who can help them in a wide range of areas,” Mr Chapman said.

“With the new workers compensation system, Return to Work about to be rolled out, I am pleased that we have a speaker who will outline employers’ responsibilities in this important area.

Speakers also include a representative from the Office of the Industry Advocate which is working to improve small business access to State Government contracts.

Support for business growth will be outlined by speakers from Business Enterprise Centre’s SA, the Department of State Development and AusIndustry while on taxation matters there will be representatives from the Australian Taxation Office and Revenue SA.

“Every business owner knows that staff are a vital part of success and we have the Equal Opportunity Commissioner, Ms Anne Gale; Training Advocate, Ms Therese O’Leary; and Mr John Bradbury from the Fair Work Ombudsman’s Office scheduled to speak”.

Representatives from the Australian Securities and Investments Commissioner and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission will also speak at the seminar.

Other seminars will be scheduled every two months at different suburban locations.

Mr Chapman said the Office was currently exploring conducting regional seminars as well.

Bookings for the March seminar can be made at www.sasbc.sa.gov.au

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