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**Heather Butler MP**  
**Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier**

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**25-Year Service Awards for Northern Employees**

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Department of Education employees from Northern Tasmania were today honoured for 25 years or more of service.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier Heather Butler today presented 34 awards at a ceremony in Launceston.

Ms Butler said that it was important to formally and publicly recognise the valuable contribution to those employees who had given long periods of service to the Department of Education.

“Today’s recipients include those who have worked in schools, administration offices and in other key roles,” Ms Butler said.

“The Department has certainly been enriched by these employees’ hard work, experience, talents and dedication.”

“It’s important to mark this occasion with a celebration of those years of service, and to recognise the wealth of experience, skills and corporate knowledge that we can draw on in the State service.”

Ms Butler said there had been more than 3000 awards presented at almost 60 ceremonies since the 25 year service awards were reinstated by the Department of Education in 1997.

“That takes the combined total of all those presented since 1997 to more than 80,000 years service,” Ms Butler said.