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MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS AND TOURISM  
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# MEDIA RELEASE

## NEW HIGH SECURITY PRODUCT – MICROSWITCH BOX

The Minister for Economic Development, Business and Tourism, Mr Ted Quinlan MLA, launched the AMS Australia's new Microswitch Box product range.

Mr Quinlan said "the Government understands the fundamental importance of business to the ACT and that local small businesses such as AMS Australia are central to the economy and employment. There are 20,000 small and micro businesses in the ACT making up approximately 96% of all ACT businesses and they employ over 50,000 people, accounting for 53% of private sector employment."

He also said "the ACT has the highest rate of small business formation in Australia and the ACT Government is assisting Canberra to become the most small-business friendly place in Australia by making doing business in Canberra simple and profitable."

The ACT Government delivers a suite of programs and services to assist small business expansion from start-up through to export opportunities. In fact since June 2002 well in excess of 420 businesses have been supported with a stunning \$11.6M in grant funding.

The Microswitch Box product range is based on a microswitch, housed in a sealed box capable of fitting any locks manufactured by the industry leaders in locks/security. The unit will generate an alarm if tampered with and send a signal to the computer system monitoring the high security environment to confirm the lock/room is secure. It is a unique product developed to meet the needs and requirements of Top Security Classified security systems/buildings. No other comparable product exists at this time.

Through this innovative product, AMS Australia will make a substantial contribution to the ACT economy by creating employment within the business and in other local businesses that are involved in product manufacturing.

Mr Quinlan said "This business is an excellent example of the way ACT Government business support programs assist companies to gain market advantage by commercialising and exporting new innovations in a shorter timeframe than would otherwise be possible."

For information about other business support programs and assistance, businesses should contact BusinessACT on 1800 244 650 or visit [www.business.act.gov.au](http://www.business.act.gov.au)."

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