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\$700,000 FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES STATION UPGRADES

Emergency Services will undertake work to upgrade the standard of its stations following funding approval in the Stanhope Government's 2006-07 Budget," Minister for Police and Emergency Services Simon Corbell has announced today.

\$700,000 has been allocated to carry out a range of works at ambulance and fire stations throughout the ACT and ACT Rural Fire Service and ACT State Emergency Service volunteer sheds.

"The ACT Government is committed to providing our emergency service workers and volunteers with a high standard environment and facilities," Mr Corbell said.

"This is money that will be spent on the frontline of emergency services in the ACT," he said.

The first step under the program will be to conduct a condition audit of all Emergency Services buildings.

"A priority works list will then be developed in consultation with all of the services," Mr Corbell said.

"This will allow for the immediate commencement of a program to ensure identified problems are addressed.

"The highest priority will be given to any outstanding Occupational Health and Safety issues."

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