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ESA Station expansion project

The ACT Government will deliver \$4.7 million in the 2011-12 Budget for feasibility and due diligence studies, design, and community consultation on the upgrade and relocation of new emergency services facilities, Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Simon Corbell MLA announced today.

“The Government has been considering a range of options for the future delivery of emergency services to meet the needs of a growing city.

“The ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) has undertaken extensive analysis on where ambulance and fire stations, rural fire service brigades and state emergency service units should be located in the Territory for the next 20 years, through a series of detailed reports.

“The studies identify options as to where new ESA stations will be required to meet current and projected demand as the city grows, and which stations require major capital upgrades.

“As the Canberra population grows, so too does demand on our emergency services, and it is the responsibility of the Government to keep up with growing demand,” Mr Corbell said.

The funding will allow the establishment of a project team to commence detailed investigations into options for Stage 1 of the station relocation and upgrade program. Importantly the funding will also facilitate a detailed community consultation strategy to explain the outcomes of the technical analysis and seek community views on specific proposals.

“The Government will consult closely with the community to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to have their say.

“This project is about maintaining and improving the coverage of our emergency services to service the Canberra community. Maintaining and improving standards of fire and ambulance cover is an essential task for the Government. The Government will announce details of the new project, including consultation processes, once the project team is established, expected to be later this year.

“This is an important project that will ensure Canberrans continue to receive high standards of ambulance and fire cover to meet the demands of our growing and prospering city,” Mr Corbell concluded.

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