



Australian Capital Territory

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Phase II

Justice and Community Safety

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DRAFT BUDGET INITIATIVES

Summary of Financial Impact

| | 2001-02 Budget \$'000 | 2002-03 Estimate \$'000 | 2003-04 Estimate \$'000 | 2004-05 Estimate \$'000 |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Expenses | | | | |
| Family Violence Intervention Program | 537 | 549 | 561 | 573 |
| Crime Prevention Initiative 1 - Introduction of Home Detention | 354 | 355 | 362 | 368 |
| Crime Prevention Initiative 2 - Management of Interstate Custodial Clients | 545 | 573 | 601 | 630 |
| Crime Prevention Initiative 3 – Better Managing the Belconnen Remand Centre | 349 | 353 | 358 | 363 |
| Police Ombudsman | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| Statutory Office Holders | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 |
| Surrogacy Inquiry - ACT Law Reform Commission | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Government Solicitor's Office | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Volunteer Support in Bushfire and Emergency Services | 90 | 92 | 94 | 96 |
| IT - Court Support Systems and Service Level Agreement Fees | 245 | 96 | 98 | 99 |
| Crime Prevention Initiative 4 – Intervention Programs to Reduce Recidivism | 1 484 | 1 544 | 1 538 | 1 567 |
| Provision of Additional Ambulance Paramedics | 1 057 | 1 024 | 1 040 | 1 055 |
| Public Access to Legislation | 319 | 323 | 328 | 333 |
| ACT Appellate Court | 163 | 167 | 171 | 176 |
| Maintenance of Fire Brigade Capabilities | 851 | 927 | 962 | 962 |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Expenses | 6 564 | 6 573 | 6 683 | 6 792 |
| Net Impact on Operating Result | (6 564) | (6 573) | (6 683) | (6 792) |
| Capital Injection | | | | |
| IT - Court Support Systems and Service Level Agreement Fees | 180 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Injection | 180 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Initiative Descriptions

| Family Violence Intervention Program | 2001-02 \$'000 | 2002-03 \$'000 | 2003-04 \$'000 | 2004-05 \$'000 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenses | 537 | 549 | 561 | 573 |

This provides for a coordinated and strategic approach to managing family violence in the ACT. This program has been developed through two pilot phases since 1998. It has resulted in changes to the management of family violence incidents, including a strongly interventionist police response, the creation of a specialised family violence prosecutor and the establishment of the perpetrator education program with fast tracking through the DPP, Courts and other agencies.

| Crime Prevention Initiative 1 - Introduction of Home Detention | 2001-02 \$'000 | 2002-03 \$'000 | 2003-04 \$'000 | 2004-05 \$'000 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenses | 354 | 355 | 362 | 368 |

This will establish home detention as a viable sentencing option available to the ACT Courts. The program will have the benefits of introducing new technology, having a positive effect on rehabilitative outcomes and could lead to less costly sentencing options.

| Crime Prevention Initiative 2 - Management of Interstate Custodial Clients | 2001-02 \$'000 | 2002-03 \$'000 | 2003-04 \$'000 | 2004-05 \$'000 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenses | 545 | 573 | 601 | 630 |

This funding will provide for the management of adults and juveniles held in NSW custody on ACT court orders. The program is divided into two streams; young offenders sentenced in the ACT to NSW juvenile justice custodial institutions; and NSW Corrective Services, which is used for temporarily holding remanded detainees unable to be accommodated in the ACT.

| Crime Prevention Initiative 3 – Better Managing the Belconnen Remand Centre | 2001-02 \$'000 | 2002-03 \$'000 | 2003-04 \$'000 | 2004-05 \$'000 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenses | 349 | 353 | 358 | 363 |

Additional custodial staff are required to manage the accommodation extensions recently completed at the Belconnen Remand Centre. The additional staff will provide the security required for expanded detention areas, which are essential in meeting the additional capacity of the centre.

| Police Ombudsman | 2001-02 \$'000 | 2002-03 \$'000 | 2003-04 \$'000 | 2004-05 \$'000 |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenses | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |

The Commonwealth Ombudsman has requested additional funding to meet the level of service provided by the Commonwealth for the ACT policing complaints role under the *Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act 1981*.

| Statutory Office Holders | 2001-02 \$'000 | 2002-03 \$'000 | 2003-04 \$'000 | 2004-05 \$'000 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenses | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 |

Determinations by the ACT Remuneration Tribunal and Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal in January 2001 and October 2000 respectively, require additional funds for Statutory Office Holders salary increases.

| Surrogacy Inquiry - ACT Law Reform Commission | 2001-02 \$'000 | 2002-03 \$'000 | 2003-04 \$'000 | 2004-05 \$'000 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenses | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |

This initiative supports additional remuneration for the Commission members and additional research support, particularly in relation to its Surrogacy Inquiry.

| Government Solicitor's Office | 2001-02 \$'000 | 2002-03 \$'000 | 2003-04 \$'000 | 2004-05 \$'000 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenses | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |

This initiative responds to increased workload demands in the Government Solicitor's Office (GSO). The funding will enable the GSO to continue to provide high quality and timely legal advice that includes changes to handling claims, increased litigation workload, increased complexity of property and commercial matters and periodic increases in urgent work.

| Volunteer Support for Bushfire and Emergency Services | 2001-02 \$'000 | 2002-03 \$'000 | 2003-04 \$'000 | 2004-05 \$'000 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenses | 90 | 92 | 94 | 96 |

This initiative will establish support for the recruitment and retention of volunteers in the ACT Bushfire Service and ACT Emergency Service. The program aims to provide innovative approaches to ensure that appropriate training and skills development are provided and maintained.

| IT - Court Support Systems and Service Level Agreement Fees | 2001-02 \$'000 | 2002-03 \$'000 | 2003-04 \$'000 | 2004-05 \$'000 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenses | 245 | 96 | 98 | 99 |
| Capital Injection | 180 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

This initiative allows for a refocus on information systems and technology and a move to a more modern environment. This will include developing courtroom technology with both audio and video systems in the courtroom.

A feature of the new technology will be the capability for the electronic presentation of evidence and electronic management of case information for exhibits and remote witness recording. A new IT strategic plan has now been developed and this funding will allow ACT Courts to achieve the efficiencies and provide the services expected of modern Courts.

| Crime Prevention Initiative 4 – Intervention Programs to Reduce Recidivism | 2001-02 \$'000 | 2002-03 \$'000 | 2003-04 \$'000 | 2004-05 \$'000 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenses | 1 484 | 1 544 | 1 538 | 1 567 |

This initiative aims to reduce risk factors and to strengthen positive attributes for individuals that have an impact on crime prevention and social and economic circumstances. The programs proposed are designed to reduce recidivism by assisting detainees and offenders to address offending behaviour.

Programs include programs for custodial facilities (\$80,000); alcohol and drug services at Belconnen Remand Centre (\$128,000); interventions for adult offenders on community based orders (\$521,929); risk management offenders on community based orders (\$322,450); Youth Justice community service orders (\$65,000); and supported accommodation for non-indigenous young offenders (\$350,000).

| Provision of Additional Ambulance Paramedics | 2001-02 \$'000 | 2002-03 \$'000 | 2003-04 \$'000 | 2004-05 \$'000 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenses | 1 057 | 1 024 | 1 040 | 1 055 |

This initiative will allow for additional ambulance paramedics to meet the demands of life threatening emergencies where a positive outcome for patients is critical. The program aims to maintain the current standards of emergency ambulance service response in the ACT, in response to population growth and movement.

| Public Access to Legislation | 2001-02 \$'000 | 2002-03 \$'000 | 2003-04 \$'000 | 2004-05 \$'000 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenses | 319 | 323 | 328 | 333 |

This initiative supports the establishment of a computer based register of Territory legislation (the *Legislation Register*) and to make it accessible, without charge, on one or more Internet web sites. This initiative will advance the provision of on line Government services to the public, and address delays and costs in making up-to-date legislation available.

| ACT Appellate Court | 2001-02 \$'000 | 2002-03 \$'000 | 2003-04 \$'000 | 2004-05 \$'000 |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenses | 163 | 167 | 171 | 176 |

This initiative will support the establishment an of Appellate Court. This will eliminate the problem of the ACT being the only jurisdiction in Australia not to control the process of appeals from its Supreme Court.

| Maintenance of Fire Brigade Capabilities | 2001-02 \$'000 | 2002-03 \$'000 | 2003-04 \$'000 | 2004-05 \$'000 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenses | 851 | 927 | 962 | 962 |

This funding supports the maintenance of the current standards of fire service response to all areas of Canberra. In particular the initiative provides additional funding for a revised organisational structure, recruitment, a range of occupational health and safety issues and training and staff development.

DRAFT CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Summary of Financial Impact

| | Estimated Total Cost \$'000 | 2001-02 Financing \$'000 | 2002-03 Financing \$'000 | 2003-04 Financing \$'000 | Estimated Completion Date |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Legal and Justice Services</i> | | | | | |
| Quamby Youth Detention Facility Improvement Program | 80 | 80 | 0 | 0 | Jan 2002 |
| Minor New Works – Legal and Justice Services | 200 | 200 | 0 | 0 | June 2002 |
| | 280 | 280 | 0 | 0 | |
| <i>Emergency Services</i> | | | | | |
| Belconnen Joint Emergency Services Centre | 350 | 350 | 0 | 0 | June 2002 |
| Joint Emergency Services Training Centre | 460 | 460 | 0 | 0 | June 2002 |
| Joint Emergency Services Centre - West Belconnen | 801 | 300 | 501 | 0 | June 2003 |
| Minor New Works – Emergency Services | 400 | 400 | 0 | 0 | June 2002 |
| | 2 011 | 1 510 | 501 | 0 | |
| <i>Police</i> | | | | | |
| Minor New Works - Police | 200 | 200 | 0 | 0 | June 2002 |
| | 200 | 200 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total New Capital Works | 2 491 | 1 990 | 501 | 0 | |

Justice and Legal Services

- *Feasibility Study - Quamby Detention Facility Improvement Program (\$0.080m)*

A study to identify improvements to the facility that are required to enable Youth Justice Services to provide a detention service that meets the standards required by Government. Includes the provision of a dedicated induction / assessment unit and gymnasium / sports hall for the Youth Detention Centre.

- *Minor New Works – Justice and Legal Services (\$0.200m)*

The minor new works projects for Justice and Legal Services aim to improve facilities and the Quamby Detention Centre and continue the Government's accommodation strategy target of 15sqm per staff.

Emergency Services

- *Forward Design - Belconnen Joint Emergency Services Centre (\$0.350m)*

Continuation of the Government's initiative to develop Joint Emergency Service Centres (JESC) in appropriate locations throughout Canberra. This project provides the opportunity to identify further

synergy between the respective services and possible commercial opportunities. Timing of this project is dictated by the Training Facility. Total estimated construction component of this project is \$6.7m.

- *Forward Design - Joint Emergency Services Training Facility (\$0.460m)*

This project is also a continuation of the Government's initiative to develop Joint Emergency Service Centres (JESC) in appropriate locations throughout Canberra. Timing of this project is dictated by the Belconnen JESC project. This facility is crucial for the ongoing training of all emergency services operational staff. Total estimated construction component of this project is \$3.0m.

- *Joint Emergency Services Centre – Charnwood (\$0.801m)*

Provides for the upgrade of the West Belconnen Fire Station and the construction of Ambulance Station facilities to develop a joint emergency services centre (Charnwood JESC). Upgrade works include improved amenities for staff, extended vehicle capacity, additional storage, and general upgrade of grounds and facade. Extensions to accommodate the immediate needs of the ACT Ambulance Service are also included.

- *Minor New Works – Emergency Services (\$0.400m)*

The provision of a range of minor new works projects, each individually costed up to \$250,000, within Emergency Services to address issues such as:

- improvements at fire and ambulance stations;
- provision of an automatic turnout system; and
- fitout of the Emergency Services Bureau headquarters.

Police

- *Minor new works - improvements to police stations (\$0.200m)*

A review of the building from which the AFP operates has identified the need for an uninterrupted power supply at Tuggeranong Police Station (\$0.183m) and for improvements to the Belconnen Operations Centre (\$0.017m).