



ACT Government

2002-2003 BUDGET

CAPITAL WORKS AN INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY'S HEALTH

The 2002/2003 Capital Works Program for the ACT health portfolio offers a great deal of scope for vital and continuing improvements to the Territory's health system.

Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope, announced that the ACT Government had approved \$10.7 million for new capital works in the 2002-03 Budget, with \$7.7million to be funded in that financial year.

"This program will see improvements in health facilities across the portfolio," Mr Stanhope said.

"It will commence a process of change in the sub and non-acute sectors and signal systemic improvements to transitional and sub-acute care.

"\$300,000 will be devoted to a study to establish shortfalls or gaps in the provision of sub acute services and future facilities will be designed with these shortfalls in mind," Mr Stanhope said.

A further \$1.77m has been earmarked for a new Emergency Department Diagnostic and Observation Unit at Calvary Hospital for patients that don't require hospital admission but still need a long period of care. There is also provision of \$1.9m over the next two financial years for the restoration of Calvary's roof decking.

The Canberra Hospital receives \$3.2m over the next two financial years for refurbishments to the Emergency Department and \$900,000 to upgrade its security system.

"We need high quality facilities in order to deliver high quality health care and our investment in capital works over the next financial year and beyond will ensure this is the case," Mr Stanhope said.

"This Government's Capital Works Program is a very real investment in the health and well-being of our community."

The full program for new capital works is on the following page.



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Project	Project Cost \$'000	Proposed Completion Date
<i>Department of Health and Community Care</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility Study - Canberra Medical School - a study to determine what facilities are needed and when these can be provided. 	70	September 2002
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward Design - Sub and Non-Acute Inpatient Services for the ACT (see above) 	300	February 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward Design - Redevelopment of Karralika Facilities – Fadden and Isabella Plains – redevelopment of the two existing sites to bring the service into line with national services and best practice. 	300	June 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate the "Junction" Youth Health Service into the new City Youth Centre - Section 84 City 	200	June 2003
<i>Calvary Hospital</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility Study - New Back-Up Generator and Alternator 	50	September 2002
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of an Emergency Department Diagnostic and Observation Unit – a new ward that provides an observation facility for emergency patients that don't require admission to hospital but still require a long period of care. 	1,770	June 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake Restoration of Roof Decking - Hospital wide 	1,915	June 2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Department of Anaesthesia 	180	April 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationalise plant rooms and storage areas, Xavier Building 	240	December 2002
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbish Occupational Therapy Services 	230	December 2002
<i>The Canberra Hospital</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade the Security System 	900	June 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment of the Emergency Department - will result in improvements to workflow and observation levels 	3,200	June 2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake Refurbishment works to Paediatric Wards on Levels 4 & 5 – work that will progress the development of a “Childrens Hospital” concept. 	700	June 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Security to Wardsmen's Rooms 	150	June 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a Radiation Oncology Examination Room 	80	June 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbish Orthopaedic Theatre 	250	June 2003
<i>ACT Community Care</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade Child Health Clinics (at various sites) 	226	June 2003

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