



ACT Government

2002-2003 BUDGET

NEW EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY

Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Corrections, Ted Quinlan MLA today announced that as part of the 2002/03 Budget the Government would be providing a capital injection of \$750,000 into the Territory's emergency services to further enhance communications capabilities.

“This funding is a further reflection of the Government's recognition of the role of Emergency Services and the need to ensure that these critical services are provided the best possible equipment to look after the ACT community.

“The Capital injection will allow the Emergency Services Bureau to continue into stage 2 a Communications Upgrade Project which will substantially modernise the Bureau's communications infrastructure.

“Specifically the new communications system will be able to provide critical data to operational vehicles through mobile data terminals, and automatic vehicle location technology for ambulance and fire emergency response vehicles.

“This will enable quicker responses to emergencies, better preparation of crews prior to arrival on scene and substantially improved major incident management.

“The technology currently being considered is state of the art and will serve the ACT well into this millennium” Mr Quinlan concluded.

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