



ACT Government

2002-2003 BUDGET

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE SENTENCE ADMINISTRATION BOARD

The Government demonstrated its commitment to community safety and the successful restoration of offenders and victims by announcing today increased funding of \$585,000 for one of the Territory's releasing authorities – the Sentence Administration Board.

Mr Quinlan said that the new Board's workload had increased significantly. The increased workload is attributable to increasing numbers of prisoners, increasing complexity and seriousness of prisoners coming before the Board and an increasing number and complexity of offenders on parole.

Mr Quinlan said that in the past, the resources allocated to the Board had been manifestly insufficient to sustain the workload.

"The Government has recently appointed another Board member to assist the Board to manage its increased responsibilities and we will be looking to add to the Board's expertise through the appointment of further members in the near future", Mr Quinlan said.

He also said that the rights of victims have been recognised through the increased funding.

Mr Quinlan said that the additional funding would assist the informed development of policy and legislative direction, and provide for the practical implementation and coordination of services to victims.

Statement ends 25 June 2002

Media Release

