



ACT Government

2002-2003 BUDGET

ENSURING THE SMOOTH OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE

The 2002-03 Budget contains a number badly needed upgrades required to ensure the smooth operation of the ACT Public Service.

ACT Treasurer Ted Quinlan said the sorely needed Government information technology maintenance initiatives and upgrades were designed to continue whole of government orientated service delivery to the community and improve security.

“\$10.061 million has been provided in 2002-03 for a range of initiatives that will ensure InTACT, the ACT Government’s IT providers, has the necessary infrastructure and systems support to provide the core capabilities on which most Government activities and services depend,” Mr Quinlan said.

“This includes \$180,000 allocated to the development of an information security plan that will ensure that essential security requirements are fully met.

“Also included are upgrades to whole of government servers that have reached end-of-life, replacement of The Canberra Hospital Local Area Network, the implementation of a data communications strategy and an upgrade of the government’s common operating environment.

In addition, the budget contains \$7.4 million for a whole of government Human Resource Management System that replaces the existing system that is becoming unsupportable.

“The human resource system is vital to the operation of the Public Service and is an upgrade that needs to happen sooner rather than later,” Mr Quinlan said.

Capital funding of \$5.287 million is allocated to the Oracle upgrade of the government-wide financial systems that will maintain the financial integrity of the Territory’s financial systems – providing a robust, reliable and auditable platform.

“This system will be used for the production of the annual Territory budget, audited financial statements and financial reporting to the Assembly.

The Government Solicitor Office is receiving a \$280,000 capital upgrade to its legal management IT system, with the existing system to be decommissioned by December this year.

“The system is an integral part of the Government Solicitor's Office and tracks all legal matters handled by the Office, the time keeping of solicitors, costing and invoicing, legal payments and workflow of all matters,” Mr Quinlan said.

“These maintenance and upgrade initiatives are vital to the delivery of services to the community by the ACT Public Service

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