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GOVERNMENT DELIVERS ON NEW REMAND CENTRE

A major component of the Government's capital works program for the next three years, is a funding provision of \$50m for a new remand facility to replace the ageing and inadequate Belconnen Remand Centre, Minister for Corrections Ted Quinlan said today.

"It is envisaged that this funding provision would be spent mainly in the 2003/4 financial year as planning and design for the new facility proceeds.

"The Stanhope Labor Government inherited the prison project from the previous Government, and is currently re-examining the parameters of that project.

"In the meantime, replacement of the Belconnen Remand Centre is urgent and cannot be delayed any longer", Mr Quinlan, said.

"The provision of this level of funding in 2003/4 will ensure the project to replace the remand centre goes ahead."

It is the Government's intention to locate the new remand centre on a site that would ultimately accommodate a prison for sentenced prisoners, if and when the Government proceeds with that element.

As well as replacing the Belconnen Remand Centre, the new remand facility would also replace the temporary remand accommodation which is being installed at Symonston with the modifications to the Periodic Detention Centre.

"With this announcement, it makes it abundantly clear that those arrangements at Symonston are truly temporary", Mr Quinlan said.

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