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FURTHER INCREASING POLICE NUMBERS IN THE ACT

The Stanhope Government will inject an extra \$3.3 million to further increase police numbers in the ACT by an additional 20 positions over the next two years, a total of 40 new officers since the Government was elected, Police and Emergency Services Minister Bill Wood said.

“A further \$1.1 million has been allocated to fund an extra 10 positions in 2004-05, increasing to \$2.2 million in 2005-06 for the total of 20 additional officers,” Mr Wood said.

“Following the Stanhope Government’s commitment in its first Budget to increase numbers by 20 officers, the overall effect will be an increase of 40 new positions funded by 1 July 2005.

“This increase will enhance the capacity of ACT Policing to respond to its general duties, investigative and communications and inquiry functions.

“The Government will also have the opportunity to examine further the scale of policing resources required in the ACT during a major review to begin shortly of ACT Policing resourcing and community policing needs.

“The five-year agreement between the ACT and the Commonwealth under which the AFP provides policing services to the ACT is due to expire in March 2005, so the review will help inform the negotiations for the new agreement.

“The Stanhope Government is proud of the achievements of ACT Policing and the standard of service it provides to the people of the ACT.

“We all share in the benefit of living in one of Australia’s safest cities because of the good work undertaken by ACT Policing.

“Canberra is a unique city and ACT Policing has been able to tailor its services to meet our specific needs.

“These additional 20 police over two years for ACT Policing will build on the already capable service that is provided to the people of the ACT,” Mr Wood said.

Statement Ends.