4.2 BUDGET INITIATIVES

Innovation

Chief Minister's Department

Public Service Renewal	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	50	0	0	0

Public Service Renewal provides funding for the finalisation and implementation of the ACT Public Service Renewal Strategy.

Canberra Connect	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	7 000	5 560	4 146	2 450
Capital Injection	4 000	3 000	1 500	1 500

This initiative provides funding to complete the establishment of Canberra Connect and support its ongoing operations.

The object of Canberra Connect is to greatly improve the quality and scope of the common services and information which the Government provides to citizens; as well as supporting the simplification and streamlining of the underlying business rules and processes both within and across agencies.

Canberra Connect is "citizen focused", structuring information in a more logical manner and on a whole of Government basis while providing access for all citizens through the means they find most convenient, be it shopfronts, kiosks, on line or by telephone.

In addition, this initiative will support new e-service projects which contribute to the objectives.

Integrated Document Management Project	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
Capital Injection	1 500	6 157	1 764	1 109

This initiative provides funding for a whole of government electronic Integrated Document Management System (IDMS) and associated work flow management capability.

The program will provide a whole of government solution to record/document management that allows economies of scale and savings that would not occur if each agency sought its own records management solution.

The program will support the means by which agencies would meet the provisions of the proposed Territory Records Bill. It will also support better client service delivery by providing improved electronic access to information through Canberra Connect, the Business Gateway and other client relationship projects.

Arts – Participating in the Cutting Edge	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	150	100	50	0

This initiative provides for innovative arts programming and presentation by progressive ACT arts organisations.

The program will provide the most progressive arts organisations receiving multi-year funding through the ACT Arts Program with opportunities to explore, research and develop innovative methods of profiling the best of Canberra's arts practice. The initiative will be delivered through existing Performance Agreements which will identify objectives for each specific project, with related outcomes and performance measures.

The Program will support projects that will attract new audiences and showcase locally and nationally Canberra's capacity to be innovative through the arts.

National Photonics Training Institute	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	300	300	0	0

This initiative will assist with the creation of a National Photonics Training Institute in the ACT. Photonics is the technology of light and has a broad range of applications including high-speed communications, data storage, medical imaging systems and sensors.

The program will provide assistance with the operating costs during establishment stages (eg office accommodation, staffing, computers and office expenses), assistance with the marketing of the Institute and the Photonics Industry, a Careers Web page to promote both the Institute and the Photonics Industry within the ACT, and research and surveys of the ACT's industry base and education environment for the photonics industry.

The program will support existing education providers deliver courses that are industry relevant, identifying any skill gaps, and delivering a Photonics outreach program for years 10, 11 and 12, as well as the wider community.

Building Export Capability of ACT Firms	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	550	500	500	500

This initiative provides for an integrated program of support for ACT firms, aimed at increasing exports from the capital region.

The program will provide an export assistance program, export action plans for specific industries, development of an export capability database and a pilot program on e-commerce for exporting.

The program will support the push into export markets of the ACT companies, thereby enhancing industry diversification and employment opportunities in the ACT.

Festivals Strategy and Incentives	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	250	250	250	250

Under the new Office of Festivals ACT, $50,000 has been allocated for the development of a festivals strategy. A festival development fund of $200,000 will assist Festivals ACT to plan and promote quality events. The basic staffing costs of the office will be met from existing resources.

The festivals strategy will provide an opportunity to assess the status, role and needs of festivals in the ACT, and the Office will play a central role in developing a strategic and coordinated approach to the support and management of the increasing number of community festivals in the ACT. The strategy will include targeted criteria for government support for festivals.

Product Development – Event Development Fund	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	200	200	200	200

This will provide additional capacity for the Event Development Funding Program managed by Canberra Tourism and Events Corporation (CTEC).

The program will aim to attract new events to the ACT that:

- fill gaps in tourism demand;
- generate an economic benefit to the ACT;
- generate media exposure for the ACT; and
- re-position Canberra in the minds of potential visitors.

Department of Education and Community Services

Centre for IT Excellence	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	500	511	523	535

This initiative establishes a school education technology centre of excellence, which builds on the Government's commitment to enhance the teaching and learning of information technology in schools. The centre will have a strong hands-on focus for both teachers and students and act as a demonstration school of the future. It will also promote partnerships with business, provide leadership and expertise in the use of IT in teaching, establish demonstrations and evaluations of emerging technologies for teachers and students as well as provide modern facilities for teacher IT professional development.

IT School Grants	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	1 250	1 250	0	0

This initiative extends the four-year IT School Grants program by two years. Schools receive between $10,000-$30,000 per annum, depending on enrolments, as a contribution towards school expenditure for any information technology purpose such as acquiring and maintaining hardware, acquiring software, installing networks and undertaking staff professional development. This allows government schools to provide and maintain schools' IT facilities that will give access to the internet and national online curriculum resources.

Online Curriculum	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	150	150	150	150

This initiative provides for the ACT's contribution to the development of online curriculum through a joint Federal and State/Territory governments project over 5 years. This initiative will assist the improvement of teaching quality through improved access to high quality curriculum materials. Priority areas include innovation; enterprise and creativity; languages other than English; Literacy; Numeracy; Mathematics; Science and Studies of Australia.

Development of CIT Virtual Campus	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	500	0	0	0

This initiative provides for the development of an on-line virtual campus for delivery of CIT programs through the Internet, linked to the take up of the broadband cable across Canberra. This initiative will enable lifelong ACT learners to access vocational education from their home or workplaces.

Department of Urban Services

Information Infrastructure – Completion of Service Easements and Stormwater Core Data	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	0	65	65	65
Capital Injection	647	0	0	0

This initiative provides for the capture of stormwater and easement data. Accurate and complete data will provide substantial benefits to developers, builders, certifiers, the Government and the community.

The project will gather information on the location and type of service easement and stormwater pipes. This data will form a repository of information to enable the provision of broad planning advice. It will reduce the risk of approving applications without reference to complete data and will provide for better customer service.

The initiative will support the Government's commitment to making Canberra a leader in IT services in both the public and private sectors. The provision of information to the public through an electronic 'one stop shop' relies on having the required information available and this initiative will ensure that accurate information is available to the public in an easily accessible and timely manner.

Home Detention	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	354	355	362	368

This will establish home detention as a viable sentencing option available to the ACT Courts. The program will have the benefits of introducing new technology, having a positive effect on rehabilitative outcomes and could lead to less costly sentencing options.

Court IT Support Systems	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	245	96	98	99
Capital Injection	180	0	0	0

This initiative allows for a refocus on information systems and technology and a move to a more modern environment.

A new IT strategic plan has now been developed and this funding will allow ACT Courts to achieve the efficiencies and provide the services expected of modern Courts. The development of new business systems will take account of the needs of other stakeholders in the justice system and provide new facilities such as electronic filing.

Volunteer Support for Bushfire and Emergency Services	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	90	92	94	96

This initiative will establish support for the recruitment and retention of volunteers in the ACT Bushfire Service and ACT Emergency Service. The program aims to provide innovative approaches to ensure that appropriate training and skills development are provided and maintained.

Poverty

Chief Minister's Department

Redressing the Digital Divide	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	500	826	805	501

This program encompasses a number of initiatives to bridge the digital divide in the ACT community. Key digital divide factors include income, gender and age, access to computers, different language and cultural backgrounds, education and disability.

The program will provide a package of measures to address priority target group needs and will be subject to the findings of the Digital Divide Task Force being chaired by Jacqui Burke MLA.

Demographic Profile of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community and Multicultural Community in the ACT	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	100	0	0	0

This initiative provides for the development of an agreed methodology for the continued reporting on services for and status of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and the multicultural community. The development of a snapshot demographic profile of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and the multicultural community in the ACT is required to inform national and local reporting requirements.

These reports will provide reliable and consistent data collection and analysis and will better enable the provision and monitoring of the effectiveness of service delivery. These will also assist in the establishment of benchmarks for Territory reporting mechanisms such as the State of the Territory Report.

Poverty Project Response – Assessing Unmet Need	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	150	100	100	100

This initiative will allow research to be undertaken into the level of unmet need for community services within the ACT community in response to the Report of the Joint ACT Government / ACTCOSS Poverty Research Project which calls for the Government to address unmet need.

Department of Education and Community Services

CIT Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	100	100	100	100

This initiative provides 50 scholarships to enable financially disadvantaged students (including indigenous students) to undertake study at CIT. The scholarships would include both new and continuing students in the target group and would be awarded based on previous academic performance.

Improved Information Systems for Community Organisations	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	13	25	25	25

This initiative provides for the development of a flexible data collection and reporting system for contracted community services. This initiative will improve the efficiency of data collection processes and the reliability of data. This will assist the Department with the development of policy and funding initiatives within the sector.

Transport Concessions – Responding to Poverty	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	400	400	400	400

This initiative widens the eligibility of low income earners to concessional rebates on public transport to include holders of a Health Care Card.

Department of Health, Housing and Community Care

Poverty Project Response – Transport Concessions	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	100	100	100	100

This initiative will enhance the Taxi Subsidy Scheme, particularly targeting people who are wheelchair dependent to ensure they are not placed at risk of poverty through lack of transport.

Home-Based Outreach for Young People with Special Needs	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	120	123	126	129

This initiative supports the Government's commitment to building social capital, by supporting young members of the Canberra community with special needs. The funding will provide for a range of home-based outreach services to support sustainable accommodation arrangements.

The program is specifically targeted to support young people with special needs (people aged 12-25 years with a mental illness, substance abuse problem, disabilities, and behavioural problems) to assist their independence and wellbeing in the community. Clients will be supported to live in their own home, whether the home is a private dwelling, rooming house, supported residential service or Government owned house, unit or flat.

Integrated Community Based Psycho/Social Rehabilitation	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	155	159	162	166

This initiative provides for integrated community based psycho/social rehabilitation and early intervention services.

The program will provide a community based partnership between the ACT Mental Health Service and the Belconnen Community Services Inc. Rehabilitation opportunities will be provided to people who suffer from, or who are at risk of suffering from, mental illness. The program is aimed at enhancing their participation in community activities to improve mental health.

Dental Waiting List Reduction	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	1 000	513	525	538

This initiative will assist in reducing waiting times for elective dental restorative treatment and for dentures for clients of the Dental Health Program.

The program will allow an additional 950 clients to be treated in 2001-02 and ensure an ongoing reduction in waiting times. The program will provide additional access to elective dental treatment within a reasonable time for the vulnerable members of the community.

Short Term Crisis Accommodation	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	240	297	304	311

This funding contributes to the provision of a safe overnight environment for people at risk of homelessness for a range of reasons or who are intoxicated.

The program will enable intoxicated people to recover safely as an alternative to being placed in police custody and overnight accommodation and a brief intervention to access other health and social services for individuals at risk of homelessness.

The program will support intoxicated people, people with a mental illness or drug related problems and those at risk of homelessness through the leasing of appropriate premises and support staff.

Early Intervention

Chief Minister's Department

Indigenous Employment Mentoring Program	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	60	60	60	60

This initiative provides for a mentoring program to support indigenous people in their employment. The *Indigenous Employment Strategy* launched by the Government in 1999 recommends this innovative approach.

The program will provide mentoring services to 15 indigenous participants in a minimum of five different industries per year. The methodology and evaluation will be based on a pilot study being conducted in 2000-01.

In the longer term the program will address the higher unemployment rate of indigenous people and by providing a mentoring service, the individual worker will be supported personally in the work place with the aim of achieving higher retention rates.

Indigenous Business Support Program	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	75	75	0	0

This initiative supports the recently incorporated Indigenous Business Chamber (IBC) with the aim of increasing indigenous small businesses in the ACT and therefore providing indigenous employment opportunities. The program accords with the recommendations of the *Indigenous Employment Strategy*, launched in 1999 by the Government.

The program will provide services to the indigenous business community through the IBC. The IBC will operate like any other Chamber of Commerce in the provision of information, networking opportunities, representation of business interests, marketing, employment and training, focusing on the indigenous community.

Department of Education and Community Services

Early Intervention Student Management Program	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	62	96	98	101

This initiative will allow government schools to address better the growing number of student management issues in schools, with a particular emphasis on early intervention and professional development. The initiative complements the *Schools as Communities* project, in that it is based on the philosophy of early intervention. The professional development aspect of the initiative will be developed in consultation with the *Schools as Communities* team.

Lower Early Childhood Class Sizes for Primary Schools – Government Schools	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	1 468	4 394	7 221	8 732

This initiative provides additional teachers to enable the reduction of kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 class sizes in government schools to a maximum of twenty-one students. The reduction would occur progressively over the period from 2002 to 2004. This initiative will support better educational outcomes for lower primary students, particularly those with a range of challenging life circumstances.

Support for Students at Risk	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	206	211	211	211

This initiative provides for the establishment and operation of a Support for Students at Risk Program to support students at risk of early school leaving. The program will strengthen partnerships with agencies, schools and community groups to improve transitions between education, employment and training activities for young people.

Early Childhood Support – Non-Government Schools	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	82	248	412	500

This initiative provides additional per capita funding to non-government schools, for kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 in recognition of the importance of the early years of schooling. The provision of funding would occur progressively over the period from 2002 to 2004. This initiative will support better educational outcomes for lower primary students.

Non-Government Schools Common Assessment Process for Literacy and Numeracy	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	120	250	256	263

This initiative provides for the provision of a common literacy and numeracy assessment process for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in non-government schools, as presently operates in government schools. The initiative supports the assessment of Years 3 and 5 in 2001, expanding to Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in 2002 and subsequent years. The initiative will also provide information for parents and teachers on student performance and assist with the provision of required ACT wide results to the Commonwealth.

Expansion of the Out of School Education Program	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	120	122	124	126

This initiative expands the successful Out of School Education Program. This program provides young people, who have left mainstream educational settings, with the opportunity to re-engage in education in a non-threatening, flexible and informal environment. The initiative will enable increased attendance for the program, enhance quality and flexibility of delivery and develop outreach support.

Supporting Families with Adolescents	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	165	254	258	262

The funding from this initiative will establish a pro-active, early intervention program for families with adolescent children who are experiencing family conflict and/or dealing with issues such as substance abuse. The program will focus on young people aged 16 years and under and have the resources to intervene within 48 hours. It will include components of high intensity family mediation and counselling, and the capacity for ongoing follow-up to manage and prevent the escalation of family crisis.

Youth Connection Family Support	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	75	76	77	79

This initiative provides support to some of the most at risk families in the ACT, through the provision of counselling and support services. The program will provide a specialised family counselling service for 60 at-risk families, in order to support improvements in the level of resilience in these families.

Indigenous Youth Centre	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	100	102	105	108

This initiative provides additional funding for the enhancement of the Indigenous Youth Centre's services, which will include an Indigenous High School Support Centre. This initiative will allow the Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation to build on their capacity to address the needs of Indigenous young people in the community, and indigenous students who are at risk of performing poorly in the ACT education system.

The program will also support Indigenous students and other young people to achieve additional opportunities for better performance at school, transition from school to work and access to culturally appropriate support and recreation services.

Protecting Children	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	351	359	367	375

This initiative aims to strengthen measures for the protection of children, early intervention to prevent family breakdown, child abuse and neglect. The program will raise the level of child protection through improved child protection decision making; provide support to children leaving foster care; provide an increased level of support to the Indigenous community; and strengthen the capacity of families generally to keep their families safe.

Recreation Support Program for at Risk Youth	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	225	225	0	0

This initiative will establish a community-based program to provide accessible sport, recreation, and support programs for at risk youth. The program will work intensively with young people to increase community participation and encourage the constructive use of leisure time. The target group would include young people aged between 12 and 25 years who are at risk of homelessness, substance abuse, being victims of crime, or becoming involved in the juvenile justice system.

Support of Learning for Life	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	100	102	105	107

This initiative expands the work of the successful "Learning for Life" program of the Smith Family. The Program supports disadvantaged young people from primary school through to university to participate more fully in the education process and recreational activities. The Program provides financial assistance (scholarships) directly to the student or the student's family who meet the eligibility criteria of low income and commitment to their child's education.

Department of Health, Housing and Community Care

Drug and Alcohol Initiatives	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	0	625	768	786

These initiatives were launched in last year's budget after funds were reallocated following the deferral of the supervised injecting place trial.

The program will provide a package of community based alcohol and other drugs services encompassing treatment, education and prevention. It will build capacity in the community to support drug dependent people. The program will support opiate dependent people, and people with other dependency problems including targeted services for women and teenagers.

This initiative provides funding to enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of the community by addressing the complex issues surrounding alcohol and other drug use. The initiatives are consistent with the ACT Drug Strategy *'From Harm to Hope'*.

Additional Public Methadone Clinic Funding	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	261	267	274	280

This initiative provides for the Public Methadone Program.

The program will provide the ACT with the ability to cope with additional demand for public methadone places as well as new pharmaceutical drug treatment programs as they become available. An additional 100 treatment places will be purchased through this initiative.

The program will support opioid dependent people and enable them to access methadone and other pharmaceutical treatments within reasonable timeframes. This will include the possible establishment of a satellite clinic on the north side of Canberra. This funding will enable additional pharmaceutical treatment, such as buprenorphine, to be provided through the public clinic.

National Disease Control Effort	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	398	205	206	133

This initiative maintains national public health standards for the implementation of the new food safety regulations. The program will provide proactive strategies to enhance food safety in the ACT through the provision of education and support to businesses on this area of change.

This initiative will also support improved air quality monitoring through better air monitoring equipment, analysis and feedback to the public as required under new national standards for air quality monitoring.

The program will also support implementation of a range of actions targeting disease control in the areas of environmental health and communicable diseases.

Newborn Hearing Screening Program	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	186	95	98	100

This initiative provides for the establishment of a Newborn Hearing Screening Program. The program will provide early detection of hearing loss in newborns to reduce developmental delay as a result of untreated hearing loss.

The program will support routine hearing screening of all babies in the ACT before the age of 3 months and ensure the availability of intervention by 6 months of age.

Parenting Services in Gungahlin	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	220	201	204	207

This initiative provides for new and extended parenting services in Gungahlin.

This initiative will enhance child health services through co-location and partnership with other services with a parenting focus.

Indigenous Mental Health Workers	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	186	190	195	199

This initiative provides funding for indigenous mental health workers. The additional indigenous mental health workers will ensure improved access for the indigenous community to more culturally aware and responsible mental health services.

The program will support the Indigenous Regional Health Plan. This initiative seeks to build on current efforts to be more culturally aware and responsive to the mental health (and spiritual wellbeing) needs of the indigenous communities who access ACT mental health services.

Additional Counselling for Women	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	200	300	400	410

This initiative provides for non-crisis counselling services for women. The program will provide generalist counselling services to women in non-crisis situations, consistent with the priorities outlined in the ACT Women's Action Plan 2000-01.

Services offered will include therapeutic groups, education and short term counselling and will be targeted toward women with anxiety and depression, and will increase services for women affected by violence.

Disability Service Improvement Scheme	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	250	256	262	268

This initiative provides funding for the implementation of the Disability Service Improvement Scheme. The program will provide independent advice on client satisfaction and quality of services provided to people with a disability.

The program will encompass both the government and non-government disability services sector and incorporates independent audits of disability service outlets against the National Disability Service Standards. The program will identify areas of compliance with the standards and areas that require development.

Alcohol and Drug Family Skills Based Programs for Parents	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	82	83	85	86

This initiative provides for alcohol and drug family skills based programs for parents. It will provide for the implementation, in the ACT, of the NSW Family Drug Support Stepping Stones skills based program.

The program will support the friends and families of those affected by alcohol and other drug use.

Health Promotion Strategy	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	400	750	760	780

This initiative provides for a comprehensive Health Promotion Strategy encompassing social capital and disease prevention approaches.

To build health promoting social capital the strategy will: expand our healthy city activities; reorient our health protection service to become more health promoting; introduce a city-wide (whole of government, NGO and private sector) health promotion web site; encourage health agencies to build health promoting links to community organisations; and provide a health promotion recognition scheme, including a small scholarships program.

To prevent disease and reduce its impact, the strategy will work on the National Health Priority Areas to support rolling health promotion campaigns about Smoking, Nutrition, Alcohol and Physical Activity, support destigmatisation of mental illness; encourage young people to come of age injury-free; and promote better management of asthma and respiratory illnesses.

Youth Smoking and Health Campaign	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	200	205	210	215

This initiative provides for funding to reduce the incidence of teenage smoking in the ACT. The program will be delivered over 4 years commencing with an evaluation of interstate youth based anti-smoking initiatives. The most effective campaign design will then be implemented and will target teenagers aiming to generate behavioural change. The program will prevent uptake of smoking and also assist youth to stop smoking.

This targeted education and support program will be auspiced by the Health Promotion Unit in consultation with appropriate NGO providers.

Cervical Cytology Register (CCR) Upgrade	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	100	50	51	52

This initiative provides for an urgent upgrade of the cervical cytology register. The funding is required to provide for the continued functioning of the system to ensure ongoing support for women participating in the scheme.

Community Linkages in Housing	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	500	512	523	535

This initiative provides for a service 'broker' to link residents of public housing to a range of services and organisations. These include employment program/opportunities, living skills (eg parenting, family, computer skills and school tuition), clinical services (ie community nursing, mental health), support and advocacy services (eg debt management, drug and alcohol services) and pastoral services provided by local churches and other community based organisations.

A number of social and community benefits are expected from the initiative, including safer living environments, particularly at the multi-unit complexes, more sustainable tenancies, greater stability in families and communities, increased social connection between residents and decreased poverty amongst public housing tenants.

Enhanced Indigenous Health Services	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	250	256	262	268

This initiative provides funding to enhance indigenous health services including outreach and case management workers. This is an acknowledgment of the difficulty that indigenous people face in accessing mainstream services. The program will provide linkages with existing services for indigenous people in the ACT and will progress the priorities identified in the regional health plan.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Funding	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	100	102	104	106

This initiative provides for support for families following a still birth, prenatal or sudden and unexpected death of an infant or young child. The program will provide for three key areas: a safe sleeping education program; training for peer support emergency volunteers; and an expansion of the existing bereavement support program.

The program will support new parents and ACT families who have experienced an unexpected death of an infant or young child.

Mental Health Eating Disorders	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	350	358	367	376

This initiative provides an intensive day treatment program for those affected by eating disorders.

The program will provide diagnostic and treatment services through a multidisciplinary team for people who would otherwise receive traditional inpatient care together with assistance to primary health care professionals in the prevention and early identification of eating disorders. Treatments will be adjusted to client improvement.

Department of Justice and Community Safety

Intervention Programs to Reduce Recidivism	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	1 484	1 544	1 538	1 567

This initiative aims to reduce risk factors and to strengthen positive attributes for individuals that have an impact on crime prevention and social and economic circumstances. The programs proposed are designed to reduce recidivism by assisting detainees and offenders to address offending behaviour.

The programs will target cognitive skills, anger management, drink driving prevention and communicable disease education at the Periodic Detention Centre, and educational health programs, specifically targeting blood borne viral diseases at the Belconnen Remand Centre ($80,000). The programs will also deliver alcohol and drug services at Belconnen Remand Centre ($128,000); interventions for adult offenders on community based orders ($521,929); risk management offenders on community based orders ($322,450); Youth Justice community service orders ($65,000); and supported accommodation for non-indigenous young offenders ($350,000).

Conflict Resolution Service	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	50	50	50	50

This initiative will provide funding for a mediation services to resolve neighbourhood disputes. It will build on a trial project undertaken in Tuggeranong in 2000 that used a three pronged early intervention approach to resolve neighbourhood disputes.

Service Capacity

Chief Minister’s Department

Centenary of Federation	2001-02 $’000	2002-03 $’000	2003-04 $’000	2004-05 $’000
Expenses	100	0	0	0

This initiative provides for continued support of the National Capital Educational Tourism Project, which commenced in 2000.

The program will provide grant funding to a consortium, consisting of the ACT Government, the National Capital Authority and the National Capital Attractions Association, to manage the National Capital Education Tourism Project until the end of 2001. This program aims to double the number of students visiting the ACT during 2001 through the development and promotion of special Centenary of Federation educational programs.

Increase in Multicultural Grants	2001-02 $’000	2002-03 $’000	2003-04 $’000	2004-05 $’000
Expenses	50	50	50	50

The Multicultural Grants Program was implemented in 1998 to provide one-off funding to community groups to assist with projects that advanced community harmony, community participation in the National Multicultural Festival, and with community development activities.

The past three rounds of the Program have attracted over three hundred and fifty applications from community groups seeking around $1 million in financial support for projects. The 100 per cent increase in funding will enable more applications to be supported.

Australian Football League Contribution	2001-02 $’000	2002-03 $’000	2003-04 $’000	2004-05 $’000
Expenses	250	250	0	0

This initiative is based on a three year contract, providing funding for four Australian Football League (AFL) matches at the Manuka Oval each year.

Two Ansett Cup matches and two AFL Home and Away matches will be held in Canberra each year. The Home and Away matches will feature the Kangaroos against one Victorian AFL Club and one non-Victorian Club opponent.

The funding will also allow promotion of the AFL code at junior and school age levels in the ACT and include funds for the ACT RAMS team. The AFL will commit to live broadcasts of the matches in other Australian states. This increased audience exposure will enhance the ACT’s potential for tourism and related industries.

Through the ACT's hosting of AFL matches stronger links can be formed with the AFL, enhancing future AFL involvement in the ACT.

Global Biodiversity Information Facility	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	150	150	150	0

This initiative provides for the establishment of the OECD's Global Biodiversity Information Facility in the ACT. There is strong competition for the opportunity to host this facility.

If Australia's bid is successful, this program will provide a facility, jointly funded by the ACT Government, Australian National University, CSIRO, Department of Industry, Science and Resources and the Australian Research Council. The facility will be a peak world institution in the field of global biodiversity.

The program will support the ACT in its endeavours to be positioned as a global leader in environment and biotechnology. It will attract international scientists for long and shorter term appointments, along with international conferences.

GMC 400	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	1 500	1 500	1 500	0

This initiative provides additional funding for the GMC 400 car race, a round of the Shell Championship Series for V8 Supercars. It is expected to inject $65 million dollars into the ACT economy over five years.

The funding will allow for improvements to be made to road surfaces, track condition, safety of spectators and race drivers and increased viewing areas for spectators.

Australian Masters' Games	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	650	650	0	0

The Government has signed a draft management agreement with the Confederation of Australian Sport to stage the 9th Australian Masters Games in 2003.

The ACT hosted the Masters Games in 1997, which attracted 10,000 participants producing a positive economic impact of $8.3 million. This event will provide a further economic benefit, particularly for the accommodation and hospitality industries. The planned use of ACTSPORT to coordinate the event will allow the associations to gain valuable experience in the running of major sporting events.

Rally of Canberra	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	200	200	200	200

This initiative provides additional support for the "Rally of Canberra", a round of the Asia Pacific Rally Championship in Canberra. The Government has a contract with the Confederation of Motorsports to stage the Rally as a round of the Asia Pacific Rally Championship for five years.

The Rally of Canberra provides significant economic benefits to the ACT through the expenditure of teams and supporters on accommodation, food, beverage and general supplies during their stay. In excess of 60 teams participated in the 2000 Rally including over 20 international competitors.

Contemporary Glass Centre	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	73	73	73	73
Capital	300	2 600	0	0

This project will provide for the development of detailed specifications, scope of works and the selection of a Project Director before construction of a Contemporary Glass Centre commences in 2002-03.

The construction of a glass centre in 2002-03 will ensure that a fully equipped workshop is established for the production and sale of innovative, high quality Canberra branded glass, to identified markets. The Centre will provide a commercial environment for the unique design skills for which Canberra glass artists' are renowned.

The Centre will also be of considerable interest to visitors to the ACT and will enable local residents to experience the glass-making process.

Tourism Marketing and Promotion	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	750	750	750	750

Assistance to the Canberra Tourism and Events Corporation to continue the currently successful consumer marketing and media campaign will be expanded through this initiative. This will include general destination marketing and seasonal marketing associated with specific events.

The assistance will also improve IT-based delivery of tourism information and reservation services provided by the Corporation.

Floriade Free Entry	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	450	460	470	481

This initiative allows for the removal of entrance fees from Floriade 2001 onwards. This will allow the community and tourists to enjoy Canberra's premier spring festival as often as they wish. This should provide the opportunity for the event to increase visitor numbers.

Community Planning Adviser	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	250	256	261	267

To enable the community to participate more effectively in planning issues which concern them and to contribute to good planning outcomes, the Office of the Community Planning Adviser will provide individual and community groups with direct advice and assistance on planning process and planning issues. This advice will be provided independently of the formal ACT planning process.

Canberra Technology Park	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	0	10	10	10
Capital Injection	100	0	0	0

Canberra Technology Park forms part of the Academy of Interactive Entertainment, a Registered Training Organisation offering training in multimedia development, with particular application in the interactive computer games industry. Located at the former Watson CIT campus, Canberra Technology Park will offer facilities for training, commercial business operations and business incubation services in the multimedia industry.

The Watson facility requires substantial renovations to bring it to a standard considered suitable for these activities. This facility will enhance development of this high growth industry in the ACT and assist new and existing ACT businesses to take advantage of significant business opportunities through the provision of highly trained graduates.

Pilot of Community Government Online Access Points – Weston Creek	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	10	10	10	11
Capital Injection	70	0	0	0

The Government is increasing the number of locations where ACT Government online services can be accessed through the internet. As a pilot for this project, two internet access terminals will be installed within the Weston Community Centre. ACT citizens in the Weston Creek area will have online access to Canberra Connect and to the wide range of other ACT Government and Commonwealth Government websites. This access will enable more ACT citizens to both undertake transactions and access a wide range of information concerning subjects as diverse as bus timetables and planning guidelines.

Canberra Convention Bureau	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	280	286	293	299

The Canberra Convention Bureau (CCB) is supported by a mix of CTEC and convention industry funding. This additional allocation will allow CCB to expand its matching efforts in targeted areas – pursuing niche conferences and exhibitions to help the ACT hold its share of the convention market in the face of increasing competition.

Department of Education and Community Services

Enhanced Transport Scheme for Students with Disabilities	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	700	700	700	700

This initiative complements the School Student Bus Scheme and provides for free transport for eligible school students with disabilities to the school in which they are enrolled. The initiative enables the removal from the existing free special needs transport scheme of the eligibility criterion that provides for students to be assisted to the nearest appropriate school.

Additional funding for Non Government Schools	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	250	256	261	267

This initiative provides for an increase in the per capita grants to the non-Government sector. These funds are paid to schools based on student enrolment numbers and the funding category of the school. The purpose of the grant is to assist schools with the recurrent costs of education delivery.

Interest Subsidy Scheme	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	300	307	314	321

This initiative will assist in meeting the increasing demand on the current Non-Government School Interest Subsidy Scheme. The Scheme provides payments for interest payments made on loans associated with capital improvements up to a maximum limit of 10%.

ANTA Agreement – Matching Funds	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	0	0	150	0

This initiative will address the increase in new apprenticeship places to be delivered in 2002-03. The New Apprenticeship program funds the training apprentices and trainees across the broad spectrum of ACT industry. The additional places will provide incentives for employers to take on more employees, and provide opportunities for a diverse range of persons to develop the required skills to get a job and to improve the skills required of their workplace.

Under the ANTA Agreement expected to be signed about the middle of the year the ACT Government has agreed to provide matching funds for the $1.2m extra from 2001-02 to 2003-04. Other elements of the ACT budget provide $1.05m of this contribution and this item provides the balance in the last year of the agreement.

Building Community Capacity	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	400	409	418	428

This initiative will facilitate improvements in service delivery by the non-government sector through current service purchasing arrangements, particularly in health and community services areas. Additional funding will be used to further enhance the capacity of the non-government sector to meet needs and improve the quality of services provided.

The Budget also provides a further $0.6m for similar capacity enhancements in the Department of Health, Housing and Community Care's programs.

Child Care Infrastructure	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	0	167	167	167
Capital Injection	950	3 050	0	0

This initiative aims to increase the availability of child care places in the ACT, by providing capital for the provision of childcare facilities, particularly in the Gungahlin area. Provision of an additional facility elsewhere in ACT will depend upon an assessment of need. Service providers will be invited by public tender to operate these new children's services.

Crisis Accommodation and Management	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Revenue	838	849	860	871
Expenses	1 523	1 543	1 563	1 583

This initiative provides increased funding to service providers of crisis accommodation to meet increased costs associated with introduction of the SACS Award for services provided under the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP). The initiative will enable the service providers to maintain quality service provision at current service delivery levels. The initiative is jointly funded by the Commonwealth and ACT with the Commonwealth contribution being $838,000 per year.

Sportsground Maintenance Supplementation	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	650	665	680	695

This initiative will enhance the standard of maintenance of sportsgrounds, including Manuka Oval, to ensure that playing surfaces remain functional, safe and sustainable. A range of key operations will be undertaken such as de-thatching, aerating and supplementary fertilising. This initiative includes bringing two low maintenance ovals to full functionality.

Young Carers Package	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	125	255	260	265

The aim of this initiative is to raise awareness of young carer issues with schools, professionals, community and government services. It will also assist with a brokerage program that supports young carers in their education by providing such assistance as additional tuition and school materials, as well as support in addressing their responsibilities, accessing counselling and providing in–home practical support.

New Griffin Centre Enhancement	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Capital Injection	1 700	0	0	0
Expenses	0	30	30	30

This initiative provides for additional space to be provided as part of the replacement of the new Griffin Centre on Section 56 and part of Section 35 Canberra City. This initiative will also provide for fitout of the new Griffin centre. The extra space will provide meeting, office and storage space for a range of additional community organisations that serve the ACT community and wider ACT region.

HACC Matching Funds	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	150	150	150	150

This initiative provides funding towards the matching requirements of the Commonwealth Specific Purpose Payments under the Home and Community Care Program.

The program will provide increased maintenance and support services essential to the wellbeing of the frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers to assist their independence in the community. Services provided include home support, transport, respite and meals.

Community Care Management Information System	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	4 761	2 912	2 912	2 912
Capital Injection	3 515	0	0	0

This initiative provides for the delivery of a Community Health Information System.

The program will provide implementation of an agency wide information system for ACT Community Care to allow for efficient delivery of client focussed disability and community health services, collection of data sets, participation in portfolio and whole of government initiatives, and delivery of productivity improvements.

The program will support all clients of ACT Community Care.

Funding for the *Strengthening the Nursing Workforce Offer*	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	2 276	3 119	3 150	3 182

This initiative provides funds to support Calvary Public Hospital to agree to an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement variation with nursing staff, and for the Government scholarships for re-entry and specialist nursing courses.

The proposed EBA variations at Calvary Hospital will provide benefits to staff including wage increase of 11.7% through to 1 July 2002, pay bonuses for qualified nurses who work in specialty areas of need, increased night duty pay bonuses, and workplace reforms including voluntary flexibility of shift lengths and performance reviews for future level 2 nurses.

The scholarships scheme is available to all ACT public sector hospital nurses, and aims to increase the skills of the workforce as well as increase attraction and retention of staff.

Additional Disability Services	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000

This initiative provides additional funding for Disability services in the ACT.

The program will provide for a range of services including young people with disabilities leaving school, support for clients with complex needs in residential care and to meet unmet need. Funds will also be utilised in assisting agencies to put in place policy and procedures to ensure services are delivered in accordance with the National Disability Standards which will complement the work of the new Disability Service Improvement Scheme.

The additional funds are designed to build capacity in the disability services sector, particularly the non-government sector, to enable agencies in the ACT to enhance existing services.

Alcohol & Drug Foundation ACT (ADFACT)	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	125	128	131	134

This initiative provides funding for an enhanced treatment program to be implemented through the upgrading of staffing levels.

The program will provide an improved residential program for drug dependent people and their families.

Canberra Schizophrenia Fellowship Inc Vocational Rehabilitation Program	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	212	217	222	227

This increases recurrent funding for the vocational rehabilitation program.

The program will provide mental health consumers training and work experience to assist them gain skills, confidence and self esteem.

Public Oncology Service and Lymphoedema Clinic	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	100	205	210	215

This provides for enhanced cancer services through the provision of an integrated ACT wide public oncology service and a lymphoedema clinic for post-mastectomy patients.

Clinical Pastoral Education Program	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	28	29	29	30

This initiative provides pastoral and spiritual care to The Canberra Hospital (TCH).

The program will provide training for the volunteer pastoral care workers at TCH, provide non-denominational pastoral and spiritual support services for the TCH and qualify for registration as a training centre with the NSW College for Clinical Pastoral Education.

Clinical School Expansion – Dept of Internal Medicine	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	150	295	303	310

This will provide support for the progressive development of the Canberra Clinical School.

Community Based Liver Clinic	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	150	154	157	161

This provides for the establishment of a Liver Clinic based in the community. The rate of Hepatitis infection in Australia is growing at a rate above the capacity of hospital based liver clinics. Hospital based services should support those people with the greatest medical needs. Where possible, services should be provided in the least threatening environment.

Eden Monaro Cancer Society	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	45	46	47	48

This initiative provides for marketing of the ACT and Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group.

The program will facilitate corporate sponsorship of the group as well as the selling advertising in the groups biannual newsletter.

Post hospitalisation care for older people	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	1,501	583	596	610

This initiative provides funding for the development of a range of transitional services to meet the needs of older persons immediately after discharge from hospital.

The program will fill an identified gap in the provision of health and support services for older people in the ACT, and strengthen and build on existing partnerships within the service provider community. Additional support will be provided through improved discharge planning, in-home support, overnight or short stay accommodation or day centre based care.

The program will support older people in the ACT who have had a hospital episode and will reduce unplanned readmissions to hospital.

Enhancement of Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	500	511	522	534

This initiative provides for the enhancement of existing drug and alcohol services to ensure a high quality service for treatment clients.

The program will provide for: additional support for the women's and children's supported withdrawal service; additional injecting equipment to support the needle and syringe program; Enhancement of the women's half way house to enable more chaotic clients (including those on methadone and benzodiazepines) to be adequately cared for in the community; funding to enable public drug and alcohol doctors to be upgraded to specialist level to meet national standard; ongoing funding support for drug and alcohol and mental health services to be trained in dual diagnosis; and coordination of methadone and pharmacotherapy accreditation.

The program will support those in need of drug and alcohol services in the community.

Residential Youth Withdrawal Beds	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	500	479	490	501

This initiative provides for a 4 bed residential withdrawal service in association with the Ted Noffs Foundation youth residential rehabilitation service.

The program will provide a coordinating link between detoxification and rehabilitation for young people in the ACT and will also provide withdrawal services for young people progressing to other services for treatment. The program will support young men and women under the age of 18 in the ACT.

Sexual Health Services	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	508	523	533	543

This initiative provides for the implementation of strategies to address the needs of sexual assault victims and to provide sexual health services.

The program will provide funding for the provision of a sexual assault service to the indigenous community, establishment of a part time Cantonese speaking sexual health worker and the establishment of a sexual health outreach worker.

These new support mechanisms will also be part of a strategy to improve sexual health education for the wider community.

The program will support victims of sexual assault in the ACT and those who work in the sex industry. It will also provide an integrated service to sexual assault victims, with choice of gender of medical practitioner and streamlined therapeutic and forensic procedures within the Health portfolio.

Building Community Capacity	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	600	614	628	642

This initiative will facilitate improvements in service delivery by the non-government sector through current service purchasing arrangements, particularly in health and community service areas. Additional funding will be used to further enhance the capacity of the non-government sector to meet needs and improve the quality of services provided.

The Budget also provides a further $0.4m for similar capacity enhancements in the Department of Education and Community Service's programs.

Corrections Health	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	55	56	58	59

This initiative provides additional Corrections Health funding.

The program will provide funding for additional medical and pathology services to Belconnen Remand Centre, and joint Corrective Services and Health case management training and health promotion initiatives aimed at improving health outcomes for remandees.

This initiative will support detainees at the Belconnen Remand Centre.

Extended General Practitioner outreach hours to meet young client needs	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	50	51	52	53

This initiative will provide for extended General Practitioner hours at the Junction Youth Health Service. This program will support at risk and disadvantaged young clients.

Older Persons Mental Health Service Stage One	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	292	299	306	314

This funding will expand the Older Persons Mental Health Services. It will provide assessment and treatment of older persons with mental illnesses and education for service providers, families and carers regarding dementia and mental illness.

Rehabilitation services – Unmet Need	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	200	205	210	215

This initiative provides for the enhancement of public rehabilitation services in the ACT. The ACT has experienced significant growth in this area in recent years. This will assist in meeting the increased demand for rehabilitation services as well as minimising the need for ACT residents to access services from interstate.

Renal Services – model enhancement and growth	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	313	321	329	337

This will enhance Renal Services in the ACT. The rate of renal disease in the ACT is faster than the general demand for health services. The program will provide a holistic renal service including hypertension management and outreach support for patients able to manage self-care in the home.

The Psychiatric Consultation for GP's project	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	215	221	226	231

This will increase the availability of psychiatric consultation for GPs. The program will provide telephone advice and support, formal assessments as requested by the GP along with developing client management plans and better integration between GPs and community mental health teams.

Increased Hospital Sector Funding	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	0	2 600	7 800	10 600

This initiative provides increased funding for hospital services.

The Government has reviewed the past practice on utilising comparative hospital performance data, such as the data generated by the Commonwealth Grants Commission, as a tool for setting efficiency benchmarks in the ACT hospital system.

The increased funding of $21 million provided in 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, together with increased payments for hospital services received from NSW (including a reimbursement for prior years), removes the efficiency dividend applied in the 2000-01 budget.

To maximise service provision to the community from the available funds, the Government will continue to target every possible improvement in efficiency in the hospital sector.

Department of Justice and Community Safety

Management of Interstate Custodial Clients	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	545	573	601	630

This funding will provide for the management of adults and juveniles held in NSW custody on ACT court orders. The program is divided into two streams; young offenders sentenced in the ACT to NSW juvenile justice custodial institutions; and NSW Corrective Services, which is used for temporarily holding remanded detainees unable to be accommodated in the ACT.

Increased Staffing at Belconnen Remand Centre	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	349	353	358	363

Additional custodial staff are required to manage the accommodation extensions recently completed at the Belconnen Remand Centre. The additional staff will provide the security required for expanded detention areas, which are essential in meeting the additional capacity of the centre.

ACT Law Reform Commission	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	50	50	50	50

This initiative supports additional remuneration for the Commission members and additional research support, particularly in relation to its Surrogacy Inquiry.

Government Solicitor's Office	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	250	250	250	250

This initiative responds to increased workload demands in the Government Solicitor's Office (GSO). The funding will enable the GSO to continue to provide high quality and timely legal advice that includes changes to handling claims, increased litigation workload, increased complexity of property and commercial matters and periodic increases in urgent work.

Provision of Additional Ambulance Paramedics	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	1 057	1 024	1 040	1 055

This initiative will allow for additional ambulance paramedics to meet the demands of life threatening emergencies where a positive outcome for patients is critical. The program aims to maintain the current standards of emergency ambulance service response in the ACT, in response to population growth and movement.

Police Ombudsman	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	90	90	90	90

The Commonwealth Ombudsman has requested additional funding to meet the level of service provided by the Commonwealth for the ACT policing complaints role under the *Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act 1981*.

Statutory Office Holders	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	180	180	180	180

Determinations by the ACT Remuneration Tribunal and Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal in January 2001 and October 2000 respectively, require additional funds for Statutory Office Holders salary increases.

Family Violence Intervention Program	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	537	549	561	573

This provides for a coordinated and strategic approach to managing family violence in the ACT. This program has been developed through two pilot phases since 1998. It has resulted in changes to the management of family violence incidents, including a strongly interventionist police response, the creation of a specialised family violence prosecutor and the establishment of the perpetrator education program with fast tracking through the DPP, Courts and other agencies.

Public Access to Legislation	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	319	323	328	333

This initiative supports the establishment of a computer based register of Territory legislation (the *Legislation Register*) and to make it accessible, without charge, on one or more Internet web sites. This initiative will advance the provision of online Government services to the public, and address delays and costs in making up-to-date legislation available.

ACT Appellate Court	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	163	167	171	176

This initiative will support the establishment of an Appellate Court. This will eliminate the problem of the ACT being the only jurisdiction in Australia not to control the process of appeals from its Supreme Court.

Maintenance of Fire Brigade Capabilities	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	851	927	962	962

This funding supports the maintenance of the current standards of fire service response to all areas of Canberra. In particular the initiative provides additional funding for a revised organisational structure, recruitment, a range of occupational health and safety issues and training and staff development.

Australian Federal Police Real Terms Maintenance	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	1 445	2 922	4 433	5 978

This funding maintains the police budget in real terms and recognises costs associated with the current certified agreement.

Corrective Services Client Specialist Needs	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	384	390	397	404

This initiative provides for the engagement of staff to meet specialised needs of Indigenous, Vietnamese and women in the correctional system. In particular the initiative provides for the creation of a designated indigenous policy officer in the Community Corrections Unit; an Indigenous liaison officer and Vietnamese liaison officer at the Belconnen Remand Centre; and a women's issues policy officer in the Policy Unit.

Australian Federal Police Additional Policing in Gungahlin	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	1 095	1 095	1 095	1 095

This initiative provides 10 additional police to patrol the Gungahlin area. The patrol will operate as part of North District and will be the priority response vehicle for Gungahlin.

Additional Funding for Prisoners Aid for NSW visits	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	20	20	20	20

This initiative provides additional assistance for families to maintain contact with ACT prisoners incarcerated in NSW prisons.

Police – Increased Task Force Capacity	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	500	511	523	535

This initiative provides ACT Policing with resources to enhance communications with members of the public who are victims of serious crime or major property related offences. More specifically these offences would include assaults, burglary, motor vehicle theft and more general theft. This team will also provide an interface for persons involved in serious motor vehicle accidents.

Additional Accommodation at Belconnen Remand Centre	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	200	200	200	200
Capital Injection	900	0	0	0

This initiative provides an interim solution to Belconnen Remand Centre (BRC) overcrowding by constructing an accommodation unit for a further 13 to 15 detainees at BRC. Related staffing costs are also provided.

Department of Treasury

Financial Management	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	300	300	300	300

This initiative provides funding to support the strengthening of Treasury resources.

The program will provide salary for additional staff to increase the level of Treasury's skills in accounting, financial and economic analysis fields and to support enhanced financial management of the Territory's resources.

Strengthening Procurement Policy and Systems	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	180	184	188	192

This initiative provides funding for support to the ACT Procurement Board, which was recently created to provide direction on the development of whole of government procurement policy, guidelines and accreditation systems.

The program will provide a procurement accreditation system which aims to ensure that purchasing activities carried out by Government entities are performed by officials with accreditation skills and competencies. The Board will also develop whole of government policy, guidelines and provide advice to agencies on procurement projects.

Low Alcohol Subsidy Scheme	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000

This initiative continues the low alcohol liquor subsidy scheme in the ACT beyond 30 June 2001 in the event that a uniform national scheme to subsidise low alcohol beer is not in place by 30 June 2001.

The program provides a subsidy to liquor wholesalers who sell low alcohol beer and wine products to licensed premises in the ACT. A rebate of 12% of the wholesale value is paid to wholesalers for low alcohol beer (3.5% alcohol per volume or less) and wine (6.5% alcohol per volume or less) sold in the ACT.

The program will continue the low alcohol liquor subsidy scheme in the ACT until the Commonwealth and States negotiate a uniform national scheme to subsidise low alcohol beer.

Department of Urban Services

Additional Speed and Red Light Cameras	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Revenue	1 900	2 300	2 200	2 200
Expenses	847	847	847	847

The initiative furthers the Government's commitment to provide safer roads by targeting speeding and red light running and builds on the existing speed and red light camera program. It is anticipated that this program will result in a significant reduction in road trauma within the community, in conjunction with education and other strategies.

As part of the Government's road safety efforts additional red light/speed cameras and funding of an additional shift for the current mobile speed cameras will be provided.

ACTION Operating Funding	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	940	0	0	0

This initiative provides one off funding to ACTION in 2001-02 to meet increased ticketing and spare part costs.

Garden Waste Recycling Services	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	310	310	310	310

Funding to meet the costs of providing garden waste recycling services at the Mugga Lane and West Belconnen landfills.

This initiative will ensure the continued provision of garden waste recycling services and will allow for increases to the volume of garden waste being accepted and processed. It underpins the Government's commitment to reduce the level of waste going to landfill and is a key element of the *Next Step* strategy in the *No Waste by 2010* initiative. It will ensure that the service remains free to users to encourage the use of alternatives to waste disposal.

Implementation of the ACT Greenhouse Strategy	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	180	56	57	58

As part of the Government's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 700,000 tonnes/annum by 2008, assistance will be provided to small to medium sized commercial enterprises to help these businesses identify ways of reducing energy consumption and greenhouse emissions.

An energy efficient lighting refit project will be carried out in Macarthur House. This pilot project will demonstrate the energy savings that can be achieved by the application of innovative technology to government owned and commercial office buildings.

A campaign will be undertaken to increase awareness of the actions that individuals and households can take to reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions. The campaign will provide a local focus for a national greenhouse awareness campaign about to be launched by the Commonwealth.

Trial of 50km/h Speed Limit	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	199	119	179	34

This initiative provides for a public information campaign, evaluation and management of a two year trial of 50 km/h speed limits in residential suburbs in the ACT as recommended by the Assembly Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Services in 1999.

Based on the findings of similar trials undertaken throughout NSW, the funding will provide for significant road safety benefits in terms of reduced speeds and traffic accidents. The trial will establish, within the framework of the unique road hierarchy in the ACT, whether similar results will be achieved within the ACT. It will also determine the viability of permanently introducing 50 km/h speed limits and whether there will be an increase in public amenity and generally safer roads across the ACT.

Installation of signage associated with the trial is being funded from within the 2000-01 capital works program.

Charnwood Recreation and Skate Park	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Capital Grant	0	500	0	0

This initiative will enable the Canberra Christian Life Centre to establish a community recreation area and skate park in the grounds of the former Charnwood High School site.

The concept of a community park and skate facility was raised by the Christian Life Centre during the "Living Suburbs" consultation initiated with the Charnwood Community under the Governments Community Renewal program. The Christian Life Centre and other community members recommended the project to the Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Services in its consideration of the draft 2001-02 budget and the Committee has recommended that the project be funded.

Free School Buses	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	5 530	4 200	4 390	4 580
Capital Injection	4 200	1 260	1 260	1 260

This initiative provides increased funding to DUS and ACTION for the introduction of a school student transport scheme to enable eligible students to travel to and from school at no charge. The capital injection will fund the acquisition of new buses that will be required to meet the anticipated increase in demand.

Restructuring of ACT Workcover	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	300	306	312	318

This initiative provides for the restructuring of ACT Workcover following the creation of the Office of the Occupational Health and Safety Commissioner as a separate reporting entity in June 2000, and legal costs for additional regulatory activity. The primary responsibilities of the Office include promoting and regulating workplace safety, promoting good injury management practices, and regulating the operation of worker's compensation arrangements and the management of dangerous goods.

Customer Service Hotline	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	200	204	208	212

This initiative will be used to improve the hotline service for handling complaints and providing assistance about the department's services such as animals, roads, traffic lights, libraries etc. Funds will be used to improve the quality of the department's information that is provided to Canberra Connect and speed up the transmission of complaints to contractors or staff on the ground able to fix the problem, and to ensure a feedback loop operates back to the customer.

Graffiti Reduction on Private Property	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	200	204	208	212

This initiative will build on the success achieved in removing graffiti from public assets under the Government's "Graffiti removal Youth Employment Program" over the last three years. Graffiti remaining on private properties detracts from the results achieved in the public domain, and the expertise developed by contractors in cleaning public assets will be made available to assist owners to clean graffiti from private property. This initiative will be pursued in conjunction with proposed legislation to mandate the removal of graffiti from private property.

Planning for Expanded Kippax Library	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Capital Injection	100	0	0	0

This initiative provides for a feasibility study into the services and functions delivered through the Kippax Library and the facilities required to meet these requirements. This study will provide input into the functional specification and architectural design work required to provide these services.

Territory Records Bill	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	175	179	184	188

This project provides for the establishment, appointment and recurrent operating costs for the Office of the Director of Territory Records, following the successful passage of the *Territory Records Bill 2001*.

The Office will monitor the implementation of Australian Standard AS4390 on Records Management.

The initiative provides the legislative framework for the creation of accurate records of government transactions and the management of those records so that the information can be retrieved in a cost effective and efficient way.

Streetsmart	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	1 000	500	500	500

This initiative provides additional funding for the Streetsmart program. It will extend and consolidate improvements to maintenance programs including tree pruning, weed spraying and removal, footpath maintenance, repairs and renovation of road signs and line markings, and other like activities which impact on the liveability and look of the City.

Motor Vehicle Registration Fee Reduction	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Revenues	-10 000	-10 000	-10 000	-10 000

This initiative will enable a $58 reduction in registration fees for all private and business passenger vehicles including motor bike registrations.

Restructuring ACT Forests	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Capital Injection	1 050	450	450	450

The Government has agreed to a major restructuring of ACT Forests following extensive review of the cost structure and governance of the existing entity. The Government is committed to creating a sustainable commercial forestry operation, which can be a base for further development of forest industries in the region. To achieve this, a reduction in overheads and staffing numbers is necessary. The budget initiative allows for an enhanced redundancy and retraining package to be made available to excess staff.

ACT Forests – Additional Community Service Obligation funding (CSO's)	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	750	750	750	750

Another critical element of the re-establishment of ACT Forests as a sustainable, environmentally responsible business operation is full and transparent funding of the community service obligations. Over a million visits are made to the plantations each year for public and recreational use. In previous years the commercial operations have subsidised this use. The increase in community service obligation will allow ACT Forests to improve facilities and services for public use and to improve environmental management of public use areas while fully maintaining fire fighting and prevention commitments.

Streetlight Safety Program	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	500	0	0	0

This initiative will address public safety issues through improved streetlighting at shopping centres and in various suburban locations.

Joint Management of Namadgi	2001-02 $'000	2002-03 $'000	2003-04 $'000	2004-05 $'000
Expenses	150	153	156	159

This initiative will provide funding for the resourcing of the Namadgi Joint Management Board with the Native Title Claimants and recruitment of an aboriginal trainee ranger.