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**Bill Stefaniak MLA**

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Department of Education  
& Community Services

## **CIT MAINTAINS TOP QUALITY VOCATIONAL ED & TRAINING**

Education Minister Bill Stefaniak said the 2000/01 ACT Budget would ensure that ACT consumers will continue to have access to the quality training that the Canberra Institute of Technology has always provided.

Mr Stefaniak said that the CIT would receive a total of \$44.6 million Purchase Agreement funding from the Government in 2000/01. The budget will, however, require at least \$3.1m in savings in the third year of the CIT's ongoing cost reduction program.

Additional funding is won by CIT through the contestable open training market, under the Training for Industry Program, and arrangements in place for User Choice for new apprenticeships.

"CIT is a strong competitor in this training market and should be able to maintain the level of training the ACT community requires through streamlined administrative procedures and reductions in overheads," Mr Stefaniak said.

"CIT is a very strong training institution with a well-deserved national and international reputation. We are committed to ensuring that Canberra's citizens are able to access high quality training at competitive prices."

Mr Stefaniak also outlined that an additional \$600,000 per annum over the next four years has been included in the budget, to cover the recently finalised negotiations for a CIT teacher's enterprise bargaining agreement, incorporating an investment in professional development.

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