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\$1.3 MILLION CRIME PREVENTION FUND ESTABLISHED

The Government will create a new Crime Prevention Fund in the 2000-01 Budget, which will provide \$1.292 million funding per annum for significant community crime prevention initiatives, Minister for Justice and Community Safety, Gary Humphries, announced today.

Mr Humphries said the Fund would provide money to widen the availability of crime prevention and target-hardening strategies, and the Government will aim to involve the private sector – especially insurance companies – in joint funding initiatives.

“The Government has not made decisions yet on programs which will be funded, but a number of options are currently being considered.

“For example, a program is underway in Western Australia to trial the widespread installation of vehicle immobilisers in cars which are statistically proven to be among the highest stolen.

“Also, etching programs for car windows as a deterrent to car thieves are being assessed by the police for their effectiveness.

“The Fund will be used in partnership with industry to widen the availability, or lessen the cost, of proven target-hardening or deterrent concepts, or to trial the use of new concepts.

“The Fund will be made up of up to \$1.2 million for initiatives, and at least \$92,000 for use by police for the purchase of minor new equipment which will complement such crime strategies.

“This initiative forms part of our two-pronged strategy on crime. The first prong is funding investigations and enforcement, while the second prong is a major boost to our ability to fund crime prevention initiatives.

“Through effective financial management of the Territory’s budget over the past five years, we have achieved a better financial position, which now allows us to make available funding for these important initiatives,” Mr Humphries said.

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