

A FAIRER CANBERRA

A SAFE, JUST AND PEACEFUL COMMUNITY

The 2012-13 Budget invests in maintaining a fair, safe and peaceful community which respects peoples rights and interests. Initiatives funded in this Budget make our streets and neighbourhoods safer and more inclusive, our courts more accessible, expands emergency services, and supports police.

The 2012-13 Budget will deliver or achieve:

Accessible Justice System

- › 15.9% reduction in the backlog of civil cases in the Magistrates Court
- › 38% reduction in the backlog of civil cases in the Supreme Court

Safe Community

- › 92.6% of people feel 'safe' or 'very safe' at home
- › 60.9% of people feel 'safe' or 'very safe' in public places

Emergency Services

- › No lives lost in fires
- › 100% of bushfires kept below five hectares of damage, within bushfire abatement zones and built up areas
- › 100% of storm damage incidents responded to within ESA time standards

Effective Regulation and Enforcement

- › 80% of workplaces comply with workers' compensation policy
- › 95% of the Registrar General's data is accurate
- › 100% of new government laws are compatible with human rights legislation at the time of introduction

New Expenditure Initiatives

The 2012-13 Budget includes:

\$9.5
MILLION

over four years for additional ACT Ambulance Service frontline staff and two ambulance vehicles to enhance responsiveness;

\$3.7
MILLION

to maintain the quality and effectiveness of the services provided by Emergency Services Agency;

\$2.9
MILLION

to support the operational capacity of Corrective Services;

\$2.6
MILLION

over four years to implement election campaign reforms, including new online reporting and agency support;

\$2.2
MILLION

over two years to improve the Road Transport Authority information technology systems;

\$1.1
MILLION

over two years to extend the throughcare model to support offenders returning to the community and to assist them not to reoffend; and

\$0.5
MILLION

over four years to enhance regulation of R18+ video games in the Territory.



NEW INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A FAIR, SAFE, JUST AND PEACEFUL COMMUNITY

The 2012-13 Budget invests in justice and community safety infrastructure including emergency services, corrections and ACT Policing facilities.

New Capital Initiatives

- › \$24.6 million for a new fire station at Charnwood, due diligence and concept design for additional future sites and Emergency Services' facilities upgrades.
- › \$3.8 million over four years to replace cardiac monitoring and defibrillator equipment across the ACT Ambulance Service.
- › \$0.8 million over 4 years to upgrade the Emergency Service Agency's phone systems and communications infrastructure that support the 000 response capability.
- › \$0.4 million to upgrade ACT Police stations and the Winchester Centre.
- › \$0.6 million for the Crisis Support Unit at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) to provide a safer environment for detainees and staff.

Safe Community – Effective Justice

An effective justice system underpins the safety of the community. The Government is improving the operation and timeliness of the ACT Law Courts.

- › The Supreme Court will run a second stage of a blitz on case backlog and implement a docket system to achieve ongoing improvements – \$0.5 million.
 - › A new courts and tribunal case management system developed to improve the efficient operation of the courts – \$9.5 million over 4 years.
 - › The Street Law Outreach Program, providing legal services to Canberra's homeless, is being continued – \$0.9 million over three years.
 - › The future relocation of the Women's Legal Centre is supported, which will also allow the expansion of the other Community Legal Centres at Havelock House – \$0.7 million over three years.
 - › Additional funding is provided to the Legal Aid Commission for expensive criminal cases – \$0.2 million.
 - › Older Corrective Service facilities and planned Alexander Maconochie Centre upgrades are being implemented, as well as an electronic document system for the Sentence Administration Board - \$0.3 million.
- The Government is also ensuring fair and consistent outcomes from our justice system.
- › An ACT sentencing database is being developed to assist the judiciary and to improve transparency and consistency in sentencing – \$2.2 million over four years.