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#### **NEW SCHOLARSHIP HONOURS AUDREY FAGAN**

The 2007-2008 ACT Budget provides \$60,000 per year to establish a scholarship to honour Chief Police Officer Audrey Fagan who died tragically in April this year.

Minister for Women Katy Gallagher said the scholarship would be available to Canberra women in leadership positions in law enforcement, care and protection, allied health areas, or providing professional or social support in areas involving domestic violence or victim support.

"Besides achieving the milestone of being the ACT's first female Chief Police Officer, Ms Fagan brought immense operational experience and a thorough understanding of government to her role," Ms Gallagher said.

"Ms Fagan's pursuit of academic excellence was also a hallmark of her commitment to the service of the people of our community and she was an inspiration to many women who aspire to be community leaders.

"As such it is appropriate that we establish a scholarship in her honour, to encourage ACT women to further their studies and professional development."

"The details of the scholarship, such as the name and scope would be determined in consultation with the family," Ms. Gallagher said.

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