



ACT Government

2003-2004 BUDGET

\$250,000 TO IMPLEMENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG STRATEGY

The Stanhope Government has allocated \$250,000 per annum for the implementation of the ACT's next Alcohol and other Drug Strategy, Health Minister, Simon Corbell said today.

"This Government has a particular commitment to working hand in hand with the community to develop appropriate responses to drug and alcohol related harm," Simon Corbell, the ACT Minister for Health, said today.

"The Alcohol and other Drug Taskforce will oversee the strategy, which is currently in the development stage. This Taskforce is comprised of key experts in the areas of drug and alcohol issues. Members of the Taskforce bring to the table a wide range of perspectives, including those from treatment services; consumers; carers; law enforcement; education; justice and research. In addition, the perspectives of women, men, young people and Indigenous communities will be included.

"Although the Alcohol and Drug strategy won't be finalised until later this year, the Government has provided funding in 2003-2004 to ensure that immediate responses to the strategic directions will be implemented this year," Mr Corbell said.

"It is this Government's view that a key point in reducing drug related harm is the development of initiatives aimed at preventing it in the first place.

"To further this, we will initiate a process that includes a community consultation forum so the community has a voice in the development of the draft strategy," Mr Corbell said.

Statement ends.

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