



ACT Government

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HOSPICE SERVICES TO BE EXPANDED

The number of beds at the ACT hospice will be increased, Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope, said today.

The ACT Budget 2002-03 provides \$76,000 in recurrent growth funding to increase the number of beds at Clare Holland House from 17 to 19. This represents the first expansion of hospice services since the establishment of the facility in 2000.

“Clare Holland House provides outstanding and compassionate care to people with a terminal illness.

“Good palliative care can help ease the emotional and physical pain of a person facing death.

“Palliative care services can also help families and loved ones cope with the grief associated with the ending of a life.

“The demand for palliative care services has increased as people have become more aware of how effective they can be and as our population ages.

“It became particularly evident during the winter period last year that the 17 beds available were no longer meeting community need.

“The ACT Government is funding an expansion of the service to help Clare Holland House cope at times of peak demand.

“The extra beds will also help Clare Holland House maintain respite services and day services for people who choose to stay at home but need additional support and time to help manage their pain.

“The flexibility of inpatient, respite or day care services is greatly appreciated by members of the community who need palliative care,” said Mr Stanhope.

Clare Holland House is run by Calvary Healthcare. The additional two beds will be provided through the re-configuration of existing rooms at Clare Holland House.
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