



# ACT Government

## 2002-2003 BUDGET

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### GOVERNMENT DELIVERING FOR THE POLICE

Minister for Police and Emergency Services Ted Quinlan, has announced that the Government has allocated \$5 million in the 2002-03 Capital Works program to construct a new police station at the Woden Town Centre.

“The current station was opened in 1970 and while it has provided many years of good service to residents of the Woden area it is now old, costly to maintain and not functional for police operations.

The Station has a low community visibility, is difficult to find and has extremely restricted parking facilities. Work is progressing on the identification of a new site which will better serve the interests of both police and the community.

#### **Police Numbers**

Mr Quinlan announced that included in the 2002-2003 budget is an amount of \$678,000 for additional police positions in line with the Government’s election commitment. This increases to \$1.938m in 2004-05.

These positions will in each case be targeted to specific needs identified by the Chief Police Officer and be designed to deliver a maximum impact in the fight against crime.

#### **DNA**

In the next financial year this funding will enable the establishment of a DNA Coordination Unit which will place the ACT on par with all other Australian jurisdictions and enable our police service to capitalise on this powerful tool for the management of crime.

“The DNA Coordination Unit will provide ACT Policing with a sound capability to apply investigative DNA techniques in a highly integrated way with dedicated intelligence analysis.

“A major focus of this initiative will be increase support for applications in this technology in prosecution and judicial processes.

The benefits of DNA technology in crime investigation are well documented and ACT Policing has achieved a number of outstanding successes in this area over the past 12 months.

“This initiative will ensure that ACT Policing is able to not only continue in this way but also increase its overall success in detecting offenders who commit crime in the ACT.”

Mr Quinlan concluded

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