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SUPPORTING FOSTER CARERS

The Stanhope Government has increased funding to support the invaluable work of foster carers by \$1.5 million over four years in the 2004-2005 Budget.

“Foster carers play a vital role in our community by providing a safe, stable and nurturing family environment for children and young people in need of care,” said Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services, Ms Katy Gallagher MLA.

“The allocation of \$1.5 million over four years will provide a significant subsidy increase of 15% to foster carers. This funding aims to improve the wellbeing of children and young people in out of home care by supporting carers to provide for their needs.”

“The raising of children is one of the most important roles of our community, and one that is central to the future of individuals and the ACT as a whole.”

“The Social Plan outlines the Government’s vision of a community that is committed to protecting the vulnerable and supporting those in need, in which children are given every chance to realise their potential.”

“This Budget reflects our commitment to investing in our community and providing more positive outcomes for our children and young people”.

Statement Ends.