



ACT Government

2003-2004 BUDGET

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO GUNGAHLIN INCREASED

The Stanhope Government is increasing mental health services for the people of Gungahlin, the newest and fastest growing area of Canberra, Minister for Health, Mr Simon Corbell, said today.

“In the 2003-04 Budget, we have committed \$400,000 per year recurrently for extra staffing for the Belconnen Mental Health Team. This funding initiative will provide additional and improved clinical service delivery to residents of the Gungahlin area.

“The growth in the Gungahlin area was not clearly predictable at the time the Belconnen Mental Health Team was set up, however this proposal rests on current workload assessment to residents in the area.

“An outreach program is funded in this Budget to enable mental health staff to support Gungahlin residents who have moderate to severe mental illness to live in their own homes. The support will be for clinical mental health care, as well as support in everyday living skills.

“All areas of this Budget have been framed with the aim of improving social justice in mind. Increasing services for mental health clients targets those in our community who are potentially amongst the most disadvantaged,” Mr Corbell said.

Statement ends.

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