



ACT Government

2002-2003 BUDGET

\$91.2 MILLION NEW CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM IN 2002-03

The ACT Government's \$91.2 million New Capital Works Program for 2002-03 focuses on major infrastructure projects and upgrades to essential services and facilities, Treasurer Ted Quinlan said.

"The total value of the New Works Program is \$91.246 million, \$55.960 of which will be spent in 2002-03. On top of this, \$85.439 million will be spent on works in progress from previous years," Mr Quinlan said.

The Treasurer said the Capital Works funding would be spent on constructing and upgrading important community facilities in priority areas of health, education, roads and community safety.

Major features of the new program include:

- \$8.592 million over two years for **Gungahlin Primary School** and \$19.955 million over three years for **Gungahlin High School**;
- \$2.5 million in 2002-03 for older school refurbishments and \$1.88 million for transportable classrooms;
- a further \$1.77 million for an **Emergency Department Diagnostic and Observation Unit** at Calvary Hospital for patients who don't require hospital admission but still need a long period of care;
- \$3.2 million over the next two financial years for **refurbishments to The Canberra Hospital Emergency Department**, and \$900,000 to upgrade its security system;
- \$70,000 in 2002-03 for a feasibility study for the **Canberra Medical School**;
- \$5.0 million in 2002-03 for the **Woden Police Station**; and
- \$3.1 million to upgrade the Symonston Periodic Detention Centre to a **Temporary Remand Centre**,

The budget also provides works-in-progress funding of \$34 million in 2002-03 for the **Traffic Congestion and Road Safety Improvement Program**. This will see with duplication of parts of Drakeford Drive, William Hovell Drive and the Barton Highway, upgrades to part of Barry Drive and the Majura Road, and construction of Horsepark Drive between Gundaroo Drive and the Federal Highway;

In addition, \$7.45 million will be provided in 2003-04 and 2004-05 for the Canberra Medical School. A further \$50 million has been included in a planning provision for the replacement of the Belconnen Remand Centre.



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“We need high quality facilities and infrastructure in order to provide high quality services to the people of Canberra. This capital works program funds important projects that will improve the lives of Canberrans.,” Mr Quinlan concluded.

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