



ACT Government

2003-2004 BUDGET

\$9 MILLION FOR ACCOMMODATION IMPROVEMENTS AT KARRALIKA DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICE AND OTHER HEALTH FACILITIES

Accommodation at the Karralika Drug and Alcohol Service will be greatly improved with Capital Works funding of \$5.085 million in the 2003/04 Budget, while another \$4.7m will be spent on the much-needed refurbishment of several important health services and minor new works.

“The Stanhope Government will fund a major redevelopment of the Karralika facilities located in Fadden, with some minor works also to be undertaken at the Isabella Plains site,” Health Minister Simon Corbell said.

Estimated expenditure for the Karralika refurbishment over two years is \$2.735 million in 2003/04 and \$2.350 million in 2004/05.

“The project aims to consolidate the long stay program at Fadden and the short stay program at Isabella Plains, which removes the need to daily transport clients between the two sites. The redeveloped accommodation will also align with national changes in the approach to therapeutic communities.

“At the Fadden site, funding will deliver new facilities for the clients of the long stay program, a new childcare centre and accommodation for the outreach program.

“At Isabella Plains, there will be improvements for the intake and assessment team and a refurbishment of facilities for clients of the short stay program.

“The construction will provide additional accommodation capacity at Fadden, a total capacity of 60-70 places, 15-20 (25%) of these to meet a growing demand for places for children who accompany adults on the programs,” Mr Corbell said.

Nearly \$4.7 million has also been provided for much-needed refurbishment of several important health services and minor new works in the 2003/04 Budget.

\$2.4 million is earmarked for an upgrade of office and service accommodation and the Alcohol and Drug Unit located in the Moore Street Health building in the city.

“This refurbishment will provide appropriate standards in accommodation for these clinical services, which have been operating out of a building designed and built in the mid 1970s,” said Health Minister Simon Corbell.

“We have also included \$350,000 for the design of improvements to the Intensive Care and Coronary Care Units at Calvary Hospital. The new design will provide an environment that meets current standards and is flexible enough to cater for future ICU and CCU trends.

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The Budget has also set aside nearly \$1.9 million for minor new works, which include an emergency power upgrade at The Canberra Hospital and the installation of emergency power at the ACT Hospice. The need for this work was identified as a direct result of power failures associated with the January bushfires.

Statement ends.