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MORE SUPPORT FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITY-BASED NON GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

The Martin Government is providing more support for health and community-service based non-government organisations through Budget 2005, Minister for Family and Community Services Marion Scrymgour announced today.

Ms Scrymgour said Budget 2005 provided grant indexation to meet the real costs of providing these important services to our community.

“From 1 July 2005, Government grants to these organisations will be indexed to take into account both inflation and standard CPI increases,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“It will also include indexation for wage movements in the Northern Territory Public Sector.”

“This means an increase in grant payments of \$1.13 million in Budget 2005, increasing by a further \$500,000 ongoing each year.”

Since 2001-02, the Martin Government has increased support to the Department of Health and Community Services by 43% to \$687 million.

“Budget 2005 is backing Territorians and Territory families by providing more support for non-government organisations who are providing vital health and community services,” Ms Scrymgour said.

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