



northern territory

Budget 2006

building the territory's future

Fact Sheet

A SAFER COMMUNITY TACKLING CRIME AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Territory Government is building a safer community by tackling crime and its underlying causes. A safer community helps build a better future for all.

Budget 2006 improves police numbers and resources, backs crime prevention programs and tackles antisocial behaviour.

Budget 2006 delivers a record Police, Fire and Emergency Services budget of \$212 million - an increase of 55% since 2001. The Office of Crime Prevention receive \$3 million to set into place strategies to prevent crime throughout the Territory.

BUILDING THE TERRITORY POLICE FORCE

Budget 2006 continues the \$75 million O'Sullivan Review funding. Police numbers will increase by 200 under this plan.

This year, the Government will spend a further \$32 million on:

- providing an extra 34 police for core policing duties, bringing the police force strength to 1130 this year
- improving the living conditions and working conditions for police
- establishing a dedicated traffic branch in Darwin and Alice Springs
- purchasing a coastal vessel for the East Arnhem region and additional road safety equipment

POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ACROSS THE TERRITORY

Budget 2006 supports police, fire and emergency services across the Territory.

- \$134.1m to support the Darwin region
- \$10.9m for the Palmerston and Litchfield region
- \$6.7m to Top End Rural
- \$5.7m for East Arnhem
- \$14.1m for the Katherine region
- \$6.6m for the Tennant Creek region
- \$31.5m to Alice Springs

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS

\$440 000 is allocated to provide Aboriginal Community Police Officers with police-owned vehicles to carry out their duties.



MORE POLICE PATROLS

This year the increase in police funding will support an additional 17 000 hours of general patrols by police officers.

More patrols means a safer community.

TACKLING ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Budget 2006 delivers on our commitment to crack down on antisocial behaviour. This year the Government will implement the new Antisocial Behaviour Legislation.

Budget 2006 supports:

- \$1.76 million for Juvenile Diversionary Program grant funding
- \$1.07 million to the Office of Alcohol Policy to implement whole of government responses to alcohol abuse, including \$275 000 to implement local area alcohol management plans
- \$630 000 for the community patrol service in Darwin
- \$560 000 providing new treatment places for people who are subject to an Alcohol Intervention Order or a Prohibition Order from an Alcohol Court
- \$200 000 to establish the Alcohol Court

BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES TO FIGHT CRIME

Preventing crime through strong support for community groups helps build a better future for Territorians.

Budget 2006 includes:

- \$400 000 for Crime Prevention grants
- \$350 000 for Regional Crime Prevention Councils across the Territory
- \$110 000 for Neighbourhood Watch

THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

Sadly, the threat of international terrorism has reached our own shores. Legislation has been introduced and high level security work has been done to protect Territorians from this international scourge.

This year the Territory Government will spend:

- \$760 000 for the purchase, maintenance and replacement of equipment and the provision of training to develop an urban search and rescue capability.

PROTECTING TERRITORY WORKERS

An important part of making a safer community is ensuring Territory workers are protected and safe in their working environment.

This year, the Budget specifically supports:

- \$6.2 million for the Worksafe Office
- \$1 million for the Electrical Safety Unit
- \$330 000 to provide security on Darwin buses