

Northern Territory

**Budget 2007** *jobs, growth, lifestyle*

# A SAFER TERRITORY: FIGHTING CRIME AND THE CAUSES OF CRIME

Since 2001 the Territory Government has focused on building a safer community. Fighting crime and the underlying causes is a key priority of the Government. Budget 2007 keeps that fight strong.

**The Police, Fire and Emergency Services budget is \$226 million. This is an increase of 65% since 2001.**

## NEW POLICE STATION FOR NORTHERN SUBURBS

Budget 2007 will spend \$4.8 million to build a new police station at Casuarina. This station will provide better facilities for police and the public and will be an important part of the fight against crime.

## POLICE NUMBERS

Budget 2007 funds \$31 million to continue the initiatives of the O'Sullivan Assessment.

The Northern Territory will have 1140 uniformed police by June 2008.

## TRACKING CRIMINALS NATIONALLY

Criminals will be tracked nationally, with the Territory and Australian Governments providing \$3.1 million to the Minimum Nationwide Person of Interest Profile.

We will allocate a further \$750 000 next financial year.

## EQUIPMENT

Budget 2007 supports \$9.67 million for new and replacement equipment for the police, fire and emergency services. \$500 000 is provided for the Fire and Rescue Service's Major Fire Appliance program to replace tankers in Elliott and Timber Creek.

## POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ACROSS THE TERRITORY

Budget 2007 supports police, fire and emergency services across the Territory.

- \$147 million for the Darwin region
- \$35.7 million for the Alice Springs region
- \$16.8 million for the Katherine region
- \$12 million for the Palmerston and Litchfield region
- \$6.8 million for the Barkly region
- \$7.6 million for the Top End Rural region
- \$6 million for the East Arnhem region



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## PROTECTING TERRITORY CHILDREN

To protect Territory children from abuse, Budget 2007 provides \$35.8 million for Family and Community Services.

## BREAKING THE CYCLE OF CRIME

In Budget 2007, the Government will fund a strengthened crime prevention effort.

The Office of Alcohol Policy, the Office of Crime Prevention and the Community Harmony Program are now combined to provide a stronger focus in each region.

Excluding grants, Budget 2007 will provide \$2.4 million for this renewed crime prevention program.

## BREAKING THE OFFENDING CYCLE

By strengthening community corrections we will tackle crime caused by former prisoners who reoffend.

This year \$1.5 million will support extra staff and better monitoring of prisoners released on orders and on bail.

## TACKLING ALCOHOL ABUSE

Alcohol abuse is the cause of much crime. That's why the Government, through Budget 2007, is tackling alcohol abuse with:

- \$200 000 for Alcohol Courts in Darwin and Alice Springs
- \$500 000 to operate a Licensing Commission

## TACKLING ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Government is cracking down on antisocial behaviour. Budget 2007 funds:

- \$1.76 million for the Juvenile Diversionary Program
- \$633 000 for the Community Patrol Service in Darwin
- \$22.7 million for alcohol and drug treatment places

## TAKING AWAY THE PROFITS OF CRIME

Budget 2007 provides additional funding of \$1.25 million to take away the profits of crime under the *Criminal Property Forfeiture Act*, consisting of:

- \$579 000 for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- \$542 000 for the Director of Public Prosecutions
- \$129 000 for the Office of the Public Trustee

## LIGHTING TERRITORY PARKS AND LANEWAYS

The Government will provide councils with \$250 000 to light laneways in Tennant Creek, Karama and Nakara. This is in addition to \$460 000 provided over the last two years.

## PROTECTING TERRITORY WORKERS

Budget 2007 will provide \$7.3 million to the Worksafe NT office, which now includes the Electrical Safety Unit.