

SAFER COMMUNITIES

Every Territorian has the right to feel safe and secure. That's why the Territory Government is investing in tackling crime and the long-term causes of crime.

Tackling alcohol abuse

Budget 2018 supports the sweeping alcohol reforms government is implementing to drive generational change. We have:

- reintroduced the Liquor Commission
- established a community impact test for significant liquor licensing decisions
- extended and expanded a moratorium on all new takeaway liquor licences.

Budget 2018 also supports establishing a new alcohol policing support unit, which aims to restrict the supply of alcohol to individuals who are likely to commit offences with an additional \$11.82 million in 2018-19 and \$12.82 million ongoing from 2019-20 to deliver:

- 75 police auxiliary liquor inspectors to provide a permanent presence at all takeaway liquor outlets in Alice Springs, Katherine and Tennant Creek
- 12 police officers to focus on secondary supply issues in Darwin and Palmerston as well as supporting the new unit
- 10 operational support staff, including three additional police prosecutors to focus on compliance activities

Budget 2018 also provides \$2.5 million for 10 additional mobile closed-circuit television (CCTV) units to be used outside takeaway liquor outlets or other areas as required.

The Territory Government is also creating the legislation needed to give police the modern tools to minimise alcohol-related harm including empowering police auxiliary liquor inspectors to undertake point-of-sale intervention duties.

Budget 2018 also delivers:

- \$6 million to operate and maintain the Banned Drinker Register in 2018-19
- \$5.5 million over three years to trial an Alternative to Prisons model in Alice Springs and East Arnhem.
- \$4.3 million to strengthen Community Services and for the continuation of electronic monitoring services
- \$1.1 million ongoing funding to establish an Aboriginal Justice Unit to develop and monitor the Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

More police

Police officers are crucial for safe and secure communities and we are delivering on our commitment to recruit 120 new police officers in our first term of government. To achieve this commitment, Budget 2018 provides \$10 million in 2018-19 increasing to \$15.8 million from 2019-20. Budget 2018 also provides:

- \$45 million in 2019-20 to replace Nightcliff's John Stokes Square public housing complex with a contemporary mixed-use residential and commercial development including a new Nightcliff police station, new complex-needs public housing tenancies and associated specialist wraparound services
- \$28.2 million to fast-track the 24-hour Palmerston police station to ease the burden on other facilities in the area with construction due to start May 2018. The station will include a watch house, regional emergency operations centre and a community hall.

Fact Sheet

Public housing officers in Tennant Creek and Katherine

Everyone deserves to feel safe in their home and community. Budget 2018 delivers an additional six public housing safety officers in Katherine and Tennant Creek to reduce antisocial behaviour in and around public housing (\$190 000 in 2017-18 and \$860 000 ongoing from 2018-19).

Safe, thriving and connected

Reforming the Territory's child protection and youth justice systems in response to the Royal Commission's recommendations is a key component of the 2018 Budget, which supports a coordinated effort to make effective, meaningful and generational change and provide a brighter future for our children and young people. Investment over the next five years includes:

- \$70 million to construct a fit-for-purpose youth justice training centre in Darwin
- \$66.95 million to develop and implement a new information management platform to improve coordination across services working with families and enable risks to be identified earlier
- \$22.95 million to implement a new staffing and operating model for youth detention facilities that provides a well trained workforce with more emphasis on rehabilitation
- \$18.54 million for police to work with the community to deliver improved outcomes for at-risk young people and their families
- \$12.9 million to support local communities through the Regional Youth Services Fund to provide youth programs, after hours and school holiday activities and expanded regional youth coordination services
- \$11.4 million to establish coordination hubs and increase the number of child and family centres to 17 to deliver universal, targeted and tertiary services for local children and families including utilising existing services, programs and infrastructure

- \$9.89 million to keep children out of detention and improve outcomes for children and young people through participation in learning and education programs, diversion programs and bail support services
- \$8.87 million to support community-led local decision making to design and deliver local services
- \$5.7 million to establish family group conferencing to involve families in decisions relating to the care and protection of their children
- \$5.39 million to support for Aboriginal foster and kinship carers and increase the involvement of families in decisions relating to children in care
- \$5.23 million to develop a new supported accommodation service to assist young people leaving care to obtain and maintain stable housing
- \$2.77 million to establish a Clinical Practice Directorate tasked with improving child protection practice
- \$2.5 million to build an evidence base for working with families experiencing vulnerability in the Territory and embed independent evaluation into the reform program
- \$2.48 million to expand the Commission for Children and Young People, including additional powers and functions
- \$1.4 million to engage with stakeholders and plan and manage the design and delivery of youth justice infrastructure
- \$1.2 million to establish a dedicated Youth and Children's Court in Alice Springs.

These initiatives will complement reforms introduced in the 2017 Budget to keep young people out of detention and away from the broader youth justice system, including \$18.2 million for youth outreach and re-engagement teams, supported bail accommodation, and other youth diversion programs.