

Delivering what matters

To ensure Territorians benefit from the Territory's expected growth, Budget 2022 ensures all the important services are in place that locals rely on.

This includes delivering a health spend of \$1.9 billion and an education spend of \$1.3 billion.



COVID-19

Keeping Territorians safe from COVID-19 will continue to be a priority for the Territory Government.

Budget 2022 provides significant investment into health and the management of COVID-19:

- \$60 million to address additional COVID-19 pressures in 2021-22, including hospital and public health services
- \$20 million in 2021-22 for the Alice Springs Quarantine Facility and the additional welfare response to COVID-19.

Meeting demand

All Territorians deserve access to high quality health services.

Budget 2022 ensures Territorians' health outcomes are supported by providing:

- \$8 million for additional clinical spaces at Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$7.5 million to meet demand at Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$6.4 million to establish a mental health stabilisation and referral area at Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$1 million to continue upgrades at Royal Darwin Hospital.

Mental health

The Territory Government recognises the importance of mental health support for Territorians.

Budget 2022 will deliver \$13.3 million over five years towards the \$43.9 million Bilateral Agreement for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention:

- \$15.4 million for two new Head to Health adult mental health satellite clinics and ongoing funding for the Territory's first Head to Health centre
- \$9.1 million for a new Head to Health Kids Hub to improve access to multidisciplinary team care to children
- \$9.3 million to establish universal aftercare services, meaning all Territorians who are discharged from hospital following a suicide attempt will receive immediate follow-up care. Two trial sites will also be established for after-care services for people who have experienced a suicidal crisis without being admitted to hospital
- \$5.7 million to enhance two headspace centres to increase access to multidisciplinary youth mental health services
- \$3 million to support perinatal mental health screening
- \$1.3 million for all Territorians who are bereaved or impacted by suicide can access support services.

School upgrades

When you invest in children, you invest in the future of the Northern Territory. Budget 2022 delivers new investment to ensure local children continue to receive a high standard of education and support, including:

- \$4.41 million for Yuendumu School
- \$3.4 million for new and continuing works and for master plans and design concepts for homeland learning centres
- \$1.8 million for Dripstone Middle School STEAM Centre.

Jobs and training

The Territory Government supports young Territorians with access to vocational education and will provide:

- \$2.2 million funding towards strengthening vocational education and training in schools.

Budget 2022 provides \$89 million towards Workforce NT, incorporating:

- Territory Workforce Program that supports workforce development and training to increase participation and completion of apprenticeships and traineeships
- Skilled Migration Strategy to increase skilled migration in the Territory and support Territory businesses
- Flexible Workforce Initiative Fund for industry projects and strategies to attract and retain workforces.

Supporting police and keeping communities safe

Budget 2022 provides \$510 million to support police, fire and emergency services, including an additional \$10.2 million to support regional and remote communities through the Remote Policing Implementation Plan.

The Remote Policing Implementation Plan will include more police officers on the ground to bolster regional and remote patrol activity, more support to increase the capacity and capabilities of our remote stations, and stronger community engagement through:

- an additional 21 full-time equivalent (FTE) police officers
- an additional 34 FTE, including 30 Aboriginal Liaison Officers, to permanently establish the Community Resilience and Engagement Command, which will help police and Aboriginal communities to better connect by facilitating community engagement, cultural understanding and problem resolution pathways.

Budget 2022 also continues to support the modernisation of police services through ICT investment to deliver a new policing management system (SerPro) and new firearms register and management system (Tracer).

Support for the justice system

Budget 2022 ensures the Territory's justice system continues to support and keep Territorians safe. It includes:

- additional funding of \$12.7 million per annum in 2021-22 and 2022-23 for Correctional Services to meet demand
- \$1.5 million per annum in 2021-22 and 2022-23 for court and tribunal services
- additional funding of \$1 million per annum in 2021-22 and 2022-23 to support the Director of Public Prosecutions
- additional funding of \$1 million per annum in 2021-22 and 2022-23 for the NT Legal Aid Commission.

Youth

Budget 2022 ensures appropriate support systems are in place for young Territorians:

- \$8 million per annum in 2021-22 and 2022-23 to support the operations of youth detention facilities
- \$0.4 million in 2022-23 and \$1.5 million a year to establish and operate a northern suburbs youth hub.

Remote and community housing

Investing in safe, affordable and secure public, community and remote housing for Territorians continues to be a priority for the Territory Government.

Budget 2022 increases access to affordable housing for Territorians:

- \$22.34 million to support the Community Housing Growth Strategy, which will transfer 1,000 urban public housing dwellings to community housing providers to grow the Territory's community housing sector
- continued delivery of the \$1.1 billion national partnership agreement for remote housing by working towards the construction of 1,950 bedrooms in remote Indigenous communities by 30 June 2023.