

PREFACE

The 2005-06 Budget

The 2005-06 Budget reflects a number of key events that occurred during the 2004-05 financial year.

Ministerial Portfolios

Financial Statements presented in the 2005-06 Budget Papers reflect the current composition of the administrative orders. This is further outlined in the Structure of the ACT Government and Classification of ACT Entities chapters. The Ministerial portfolios are summarised below, and result from changes made after the 2004 election.

Mr Jon Stanhope	- Chief Minister	Mr Ted Quinlan	- Deputy Chief Minister
	- Attorney-General		- Treasurer
	- Minister for Environment		- Minister for Economic Development
	- Minister for Arts, Heritage and Indigenous Affairs		
Mr Simon Corbell	- Minister for Health	Ms Katy Gallagher	- Minister for Education and Training
	- Minister for Planning		- Minister for Children, Youth and Family Support
			- Minister for Women
			- Minister for Industrial Relations
Mr John Hargreaves	- Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services		
	- Minister for Urban Services		
	- Minister for Police and Emergency Services		

Office for Children, Youth and Family Support

On 26 May 2004, the Office for Children, Youth and Family Support (OCYFS) was established by the notifiable instrument Administrative Arrangement Orders 2004 (No. 2). The OCYFS is the lead agency for the implementation of the ACT Children's Plan 2004-2014. The OCYFS provides a range of services for children and the community including:

- a regulatory role to ensure services meet the requirements of the *Children and Young People Act 1999*;

- advice on the planning, design and establishment of new services;
- advisory services for families, children's services and the community;
- funding to support children and young people with disabilities accessing children's services programs, early childhood places, and behaviour management support for families and children's services; and
- the development of integrated policies and programs for young people.

Department for Economic Development

On 4 November 2004, the Department for Economic Development (DED) was established by the notifiable instrument Administrative Arrangements 2004 (No 5). DED is the lead agency for the implementation of the Economic White Paper, the policy foundation that underpins the Government's long-term strategic direction for Canberra. It brings together the portfolio of:

- BusinessACT;
- Australian Capital Tourism Corporation;
- Sport and Recreation ACT;
- ACTTAB; and
- Gaming and Racing.

Other Administrative Changes

As a part of the Administrative Arrangements Orders issued on 4 November 2004 a number of transfers occurred. Arts and Cultural Services, Environment and Heritage were transferred from the Department of Urban Services to the Chief Minister's Department. Multicultural Affairs, Volunteering and Community Engagement were transferred from the Chief Minister's Department to the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services. Energy and Water policy was transferred from the Department of Treasury to the Chief Minister's Department.

Supplementary Appropriation 2004-2005

The *Appropriation Act 2004-2005 (No.2)* (the Act) was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 7 April 2005. The Act provided additional appropriations totalling \$75.281m. The Act was considered necessary for a number of reasons. Firstly, it supported a number of election commitments commencing in 2004-05. Secondly, the Act provided for a number of enterprise bargaining agreements that were finalised after the delivery of the 2004-05 Budget. Thirdly, the Act provided funding to address specific recommendations resulting from The Territory as Parent Report (the Vardon report), funding for recent amendments to asbestos law reform and funding for ACTION to address benchmark targets. Finally, the Act addressed a number of cost and demand pressures being experienced by agencies.

The 2005-06 Budget Papers are prepared on the basis of the inclusion of items noted in the Act.