The Northern Territory will receive $67.8 million to support health initiatives as part of the Commonwealth’s Stronger Futures program.

Stronger Futures is the second phase of the Federal Government’s Northern Territory Intervention and targets long-term improvements in the provision of services and delivery of outcomes for Aboriginal people.

The Commonwealth has committed to spend $3.49 billion over 10 years delivering programs in the Northern Territory under Stronger Futures.

This year Budget 2013 delivers $149.2 million in the areas of health, community safety and justice, community wellbeing, education and housing.

Health Minister Robyn Lambley says the additional Commonwealth funding will:

- Establish a Territory wide integrated and comprehensive primary remote health care system
- Expand oral health and hearing health services
- Establish professional placement programs
- Improve access to high quality food in remote communities

“The Territory and Commonwealth governments strongly believe in the value of boosting primary health care services across the Territory,” Mrs Lambley said.

“While focusing on meeting the health demands of the chronically ill, the Government wants to tackle disease at the source.

“Primary health care today can reduce the need for medical services tomorrow and this investment will have real benefits for Territorians in the medium to long term.”

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