Budget 2015 invests in a healthy Alice Springs community

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Budget 2015 will continue to deliver for the people of Alice Springs with nearly $400 million allocated to the delivery of health services and infrastructure upgrades across the region.

Minister for Health John Elferink said the Country Liberals Government is keeping the finger on the pulse to ensure that Alice Springs residents receive important health care services.

This year’s health initiatives in Alice Springs include:

- $34.2 million of remediation works and other upgrades at the Alice Springs Hospital
- $7.9 million grant to continue the construction of a purpose built Alcohol Mandatory Treatment centre and for the expansion of treatment services
- $720,000 to run the expanded Hospital in the Home service
- $350,000 to continue the Midwifery Group Practice

“The substantial sum of funding in Budget 2015 for the Hospital in the Home service will mean that we can continue to provide a door-to-door acute care medical service, a popular service among Alice Springs locals,” Mr Elferink said.

“By providing this comfortable and convenient service for patients, we have also managed to increase the bed capacity at the Alice Springs Hospital by 10 per cent; meaning the hospital is better prepared to meet any pressure demands.”

The Budget will see the continuation of $34.2 million of remediation works and other upgrades at the Alice Springs Hospital.

“Works in this package will continue fire rectification works at Alice Springs Hospital, and the construction of the new Commonwealth funded teaching and training facility. Construction works to build the new $5 million teaching and training facility will commence this year at the Alice Springs Hospital site,” Mr Elferink said.

“Alice Springs has the second largest population in the Territory and is finally getting the attention it deserves under a Country Liberals Government.”
“The people of Alice Springs deserve a sound health care system which meets their needs, and the Giles Government is delivering it.”

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