Minister for Health Dr Peter Toyne has announced a $1,070,256 boost to health care services.

“This additional funding will buy new humidi cribs, operating tables and other medical equipment which will be distributed throughout the Territory,” Dr Toyne said.

Royal Darwin Hospital will have its ultra-sound birthing suite replaced which will allow the best care for mother and unborn child.

Katherine District Hospital will receive eight new additions to its acute care facility, including a colonoscope and gastroscope.

Cardiac Stress Testing Equipment will be introduced to Gove District Hospital so patients don’t have to travel long distances to get what is a routine test.

Tennant Creek Hospital will also benefit, among its new acute care equipment, a new infant warmer, defibrillator and humidi crib.

Alice Springs Hospital and the Northern Territory Air Medical Service will also get several new pieces of equipment.

One of the most important purchases is for Specialist Outreach, with the Government to provide a portable ultrasound for specialists.

This will allow doctors to perform special ultra-sound tests without patients having to travel, reducing cost and inconvenience.

Remote areas will also benefit by the purchase of additional emergency trolleys.

Dr Toyne said the extra funding is part of the Martin Government’s commitment to building a better health system for all Territorians.