Staffing levels at the Emergency Department (ED) at Alice Springs Hospital will be boosted as part of the Territory Government’s ongoing efforts to improve health services in the Alice Springs region.

The $1.65 million fully-funded initiatives include consolidation of staffing levels in the ED, and a substantial injection into Alice Springs Hospital staff accommodation.

Minister for Health Dr Peter Toyne said the $1 million dollars will help to take the pressure off our staff in the Emergency Department and will see even better service to the public.

“The consolidation of staffing levels will see a further registrar, part-time emergency consultant and nine nursing positions assigned to the Emergency Department,” Dr Toyne said.

“The extra positions build on one of the major achievements of the Martin Labor Government – more than 100 extra nurses in the Territory health system.

“Also, $650,000 will be spent on the upgrade and refurbishment of eight self-contained accommodation units for staff at Alice Springs Hospital.

“Design work has already been completed and tenders will be called in the coming weeks for the project.

“These initiatives build on the major advances at Alice Springs Hospital since the Martin Government was elected.

“In addition to that, an extra $11 million has been spent on the Intensive care Unit and $10 million has been allocated to rectify the longstanding problems with the hospital redevelopment,” Dr Toyne said.

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