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Australian Federal Police Association

AFPA WELCOMES ACT GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR ACT POLICING

The Australian Federal Police Association (AFPA) welcomes this morning's (Thursday, 30 May 2019) pre-budget announcement from the ACT Government of a \$33.9 million commitment, including 69 operational and support staff to ACT Policing.

AFPA President Angela Smith said that the funding announcement is welcomed and will benefit ACT Policing, but there are still gaps and challenges that the ACT Government needs to turn their attention to.

"This overall commitment is welcomed and on face value this is a great commitment and one that I know is welcomed by ACT Policing and its members.

"I am very interested in seeing the funding model breakdown for the four-year commitment, especially with the 2020 ACT election on the horizon. If the funding breakdown is backloaded to the years after the 2020 election, and ACT Labor doesn't retain government then ACT Policing may never see that funding," AFPA President Angela Smith said.

Looking towards the future the AFPA will continue to campaign for a new police station in Gungahlin which didn't receive any funding in this budget cycle.

"The commitment that I really wanted to see from the ACT Government was capital works funding towards building a new police station in Gungahlin.

"The Gungahlin Police Station needs urgent attention, and it needs more than a coat of paint and a makeover. Gungahlin is one of the fastest growing regions in Australia and ACT Policing is still working out of a police station that isn't fit for purpose, and it has probably been that way since the late-2000's.

"Even if more police officers were put into Gungahlin Station tomorrow, the station isn't big enough to cater to the people. Given the ACT Government's investment in Gungahlin, it would be great to see some investment towards a purpose-built police station that caters for the growing needs of the Gungahlin community and ACT Policing," AFPA President Angela Smith said.

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