

State Budget highlights

The 2014/15 State Budget provided record funding of \$3.4 billion to the NSWPF.

The State Treasurer handed down the NSW State Budget on 17 June 2014, allocating \$3.4 billion to NSW police.

General Manager of Management Accounting & Reporting, Ross Duncombe said staff are increasingly interested in the financial management of an organisation as large as ours.

Employee related expenses account for \$2.6 billion of the

NSWPF expenditure budget. The other \$0.8 billion relates to all other operating costs such as motor vehicles, accommodation, training, IT systems, equipment and travel.

Mr Duncombe said this represents many months of work by Financial Services staff.

"Our finance team members, all 19 of them, work very closely with commanders to ensure we're achieving the best financial

outcomes possible. And we know there's a growing interest among staff who would like to know how much we spend each year and what we spend it on, which is why we have provided this overview," he said.

"Our primary goal is to partner with commands to help them understand their budget management. We're also committed to securing funding for emerging priorities and policing issues, such as additional funding last year for PoAir and Property Services."

The highlights of our new budget include:

- \$153 million in recurrent funding over four years to employ additional police, as part of the Government's commitment to increase the authorised strength of the NSWPF by a further 309 officers to 16,665 by August 2015
- \$59 million to continue works on new or refurbished police stations across the state
- \$45 million over four years for the Technology Asset Replacement Program, which maintains and replaces critical NSWPF information systems supporting frontline service delivery
- \$25 million in capital and recurrent funding, as part of the \$103 million project to upgrade NSWPF properties, to address hazardous materials, compliance and safety, providing officers and staff with safe workplaces and housing
- \$15 million to improve NSWPF radio capabilities and network performance

- \$11 million in recurrent funding over four years to employ 17 specialist staff, including pilots and engineers, for the NSWPF's Aviation Support Branch
- \$7.9 million in recurrent funding over four years for costs associated with operating the NSWPF's new counter terrorism helicopter and fixed wing aircraft
- \$7 million over two years, including \$5 million in 2014/15, for the rollout of an additional 110 mobile Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) units to NSWPF vehicles across the state to improve road safety
- \$4 million over two years to purchase body worn video cameras for frontline police officers.

Capital budget

The 2014/15 capital allocation for buying assets and property as well as investing in technology is \$177.6 million.

This will be spent on a range of items such as continued work on new police stations including Coffs Harbour, Bowral, Deniliquin, Liverpool, Manly, Tweed Heads and Riverstone.

There is \$21 million allocated to the Hazardous Materials Reduction Program as part of a total \$83 million Hazardous Materials Capital Program.

Other capital highlights include \$5 million for additional Mobile Automatic Number Plate Recognition System units, and an initial \$2 million for body worn video cameras.

