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### MEDIA RELEASE

## New Emergency Services Centre

The Norfolk Island Government Minister with responsibility for Emergency Services, Neville Christian, announced today that work on the new Emergency Services Centre is progressing well with the internal fit-out expected to be complete by mid-November 2009.

External work to complete the project includes driveways, security fencing and landscaping with final completion and sign-off by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority expected by mid January 2010.

“The Emergency Services Centre is a critical piece of Norfolk Island’s infrastructure that is required to respond to emergencies of various types”, Mr Christian said.

“The Aviation Rescue and Firefighting Service, Community Fire Service, Volunteer Rescue Association and Emergency Co-Ordination Centre will all be co-located within the building which has been designed and constructed to withstand winds in excess of 200 kph.”

The new Norfolk Island Emergency Services Centre will also perform a vital role in Emergency Management Australia’s function of responding to natural and other disasters within the greater South Pacific region. Emergency Management Australia is coordinated from within the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department.

Neville Christian  
**Minister for Finance**

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