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12-Month Review of the Commonwealth Agreement with the Northern Territory to Fund a Juvenile Pre-Court Diversion Scheme and Jointly Fund an Aboriginal Interpreter Service

The Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department is conducting a 12-month review of the Commonwealth's Agreement with the Northern Territory to fund a juvenile pre-court diversion scheme and to jointly fund an Aboriginal Interpreter Service.

The purpose of the review is to undertake an assessment of "*the progress of achieving the purpose of the Agreement*", which is to "*divert juveniles from the criminal justice system in the Territory and to alleviate the language barriers faced by Aboriginal persons*".

The Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments believe it is essential that the review be informed by the views of communities and key stakeholders in the Northern Territory. Interested parties are invited to provide their views on the progress achieved by the diversion scheme and/or the Aboriginal Interpreter Service to the review through written or taped submissions, telephone comment or face-to-face meetings with Commonwealth and Northern Territory officers.

Please contact 1800 604 604 for any inquiries, to arrange meeting times or to provide telephone comment.

Written or taped submissions concerning the implementation of the Agreement may be sent by post, email or fax to:

**NT Review
Crime Prevention Branch
Attorney-General's Department
Robert Garran Offices
National Circuit
BARTON ACT 2600**

or email your submission to: crimepreventionfeedback@ag.gov.au,
fax: (02) 6273 0913.

Submissions will be accepted until 28 March 2002.