

Justice and Community Safety Directorate

Achievements since 13 May 2011

Type of achievement	Name of achievement
Major reports released	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Rights Commission report into the Operations of Bimberi Youth Justice Centre
Major reports responded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Response to the Declaration of Incompatibility of provisions of the <i>Bail Act 1992</i> with the <i>Human Rights Act 2004</i> • Government Response to the Independent Review of Operations at the Alexander Maconochie Centre and the Review of ACT Corrective Services Governance and Drug Testing at the AMC • Government Submission to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety Inquiry into the ACT Electoral Commission Report on the ACT Legislative Assembly Election 2008 and Electoral Act amendment bills 2011
Legislation introduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crimes (Certain Penalty Increases) Bill 2011 – will increase maximum penalties for a suite of serious harm offences, including culpable driving offences. The Bill will ensure the Crimes Act remains connected with community expectations and maximum penalties in other jurisdictions and the Model Criminal Code • Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Bill 2011 – will amend the <i>Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1991</i> to update, consolidate and reorganise the Act and, more substantively, restrict access to sexual assault counselling communications in civil proceedings • Terrorism (Extraordinary Temporary Powers) Amendment Bill 2011 – will extend the operation of the <i>Terrorism (Extraordinary Temporary) Powers Act 2006</i> to 2016 and provides for a second statutory review of the Terrorism Act. • Security Industry Amendment Bill 2011 – will introduce legislative provisions relating to probity across the security industry and completes stage 1 of a nationally consistent approach to regulation of the security industry • Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 (No 2) – will improve the effectiveness of the ACT statute book, by making minor and uncontroversial amendments to a number of Acts, to ensure that the Territory's laws continue to operate with minimal confusion and uncertainty, and address current challenges and issues • Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Amendment Bill 2011 – will enable the use of point to point cameras as part of the ACT Speed Management Program • Unit Titles (Management) Bill 2011 – the Bill will assist owners, managers and others involved in managing units plans to better understand their respective roles in the day-to-day activities of managing a units plan. • Law Officers Bill 2011 – will establish the new role of Solicitor-General in the ACT • Residential Tenancies (Databases) Amendment Bill 2011 – will implement nationally agreed laws to help lessors protect their property interests and to protects tenants from unfair listings on residential tenancy databases, and • Coroners Amendment Bill 2011 – will implement recommendations of a review of the Coroners Act during 2009 and 2010. It will clarify the role and functions of the Coroner's Court and Counsel Assisting the Coroner, and improve the operation of the ACT coronial system, particularly for members of the public involved in coronial matters.
Key announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Justice John Burns to the Supreme Court • Appointment of two new Special Magistrates • Renewal of Policing agreement with the Commonwealth Government and Australian Federal Police • The Government announced the creation of an Indigenous Guidance Partner to work within the Restorative Justice Unit. The role of the Indigenous Guidance

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	<p>Partner is to facilitate a better understanding of restorative justice within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to improve engagement and the take up and compliance rate of indigenous youth referred to restorative justice. It is envisaged that recruitment to the position will be completed by the end of September 2011. A small amount of capital was also provided to extend the office space of the RJU and fund a vehicle for use by the Indigenous Guidance Partner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government also funded the remuneration for Elders and Panel Members who assess and assist in determining appropriate sentencing options for the Galambany Circle Sentencing Court. An additional amount of 5k was provided for the delivery of a specially developed CIT Training package to prospective panel members. Training is still to start. ACT Law courts Single Registry was opened in July 2011. 	
Key consultations/ round tables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on the Liquor Fees Review Discussion paper on case management and listing in the ACT Supreme Court Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - A Good Idea for the ACT? Consultation closed Friday August 19. Police Powers – with key justice stakeholders underway Crime Prevention Forum – in relation to development of Property Crime Reduction Strategy 	
Key budget items which have commenced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of three new intensive care ambulances Graduation of Fire Brigade recruit college 33 and commencement of college 34. Tenders sought for studies into options for facilities at the Alexander Maconochie Centre and emergency services relocations and upgrades. 	<p>Started? Yes/No</p> <p>Yes, and launched in 2011.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Tender evaluation stage for AMC and in the process of engaging successful tenderer for ES relocation/upgrades</p>
Major events attended <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director-General/ Deputy Director General 	<p>Minister:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standing Council on Law and Justice (formerly Standing Council of Attorneys-General) COAG Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs Minister appeared before the Committee inquiring into the ACT Electoral Commission Report on the ACT Legislative Assembly Election 2008 and Electoral Act amendment bills 2011 inquiry on 10 August <p>D-G/DD-G: other than those attended by the Minister</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Other major Directorate achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of Jerrabomberra Rural Fire Service sheds Return of emergency services personnel to Fairbairn headquarters site after substantial renovation following flood damage. Government announced the redevelopment of the existing Supreme Court building to provide the functional space requirements for the Court while remaining sensitive to the existing heritage aspects. This will include a link to the Magistrates Court building and the development of ‘one court’ complex with a common entry and shared facilities. 	