

# Courts Library news

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## New Service: Reports on finalisation of lower court matters

A tabular report is now available showing the finalisations in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction of the Northern Territory for certain offences. Information provided includes date, plea, case number, age, ethnicity and gender of offender, whether the offender has priors, a brief statement of the charge, court order, the sentence quantum and whether the sentence has been suspended. A sample report is available on the Library News page on the website of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory.

These reports have been developed to assist the Northern Territory courts and legal profession with sentencing in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction as well as the Judges with Justices Appeals.

To request a report please send an email with details of the act (and, in the case of the Criminal Code, a section number) to the Library general email address. Please allow two working days for provision of the report.

## Sentencing Database

Practitioners working in the criminal jurisdiction in the Northern

Territory are eligible to apply for desktop access to the Sentencing Database. The information in the database is compiled by the Judges' associates from the sentencing remarks. The most common search is by file number, defendant's name, date and legislative provision; other possible search terms are for priors, gender, whether alcohol is involved, ethnicity, etc.

If you would like a demonstration of the database please contact the library.

To apply for access please send an email to the Library general email address with your particulars so an application form can be sent to you. It is important to note the Sentencing Database contains information ABOUT sentences; it does not contain the actual sentencing remarks.

## Sentencing Remarks

Sentencing remarks are uploaded to the website of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory, usually within 24 hours of being delivered. The text consists of the sentence imposed and the judge's accompanying reasons. They are retained on the website for up to three months and then removed.

To access older sentencing remarks please send an email to Library general email address

with the details of the defendant's name, the file number and the year/date. Sentences from 1977 are available although the collection may not be comprehensive for those sentences older than five years.

## What's new in the library?

The library issues several products to let you know about new material in the library. The Email Bulletin is issued in the middle of the month and has details of new books, selected articles in journals received in the last month, legislation changes in the last month and new judgments handed down by Northern Territory Courts in the last month. On a weekly basis the library issues the Legislation Bulletin with the changes to legislation advertised in the Northern Territory Government Gazette. If you need to monitor what new legislation is assented to or when an act commences, then this is the product for you. The latest issue of these products are on the Library Services webpage on the website of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory.

If you would like further information about any of the above please contact the library by email (AGD.CSSLibrary@nt.gov.au) or phone (8999 6585). ●

## New Email Address

The Library has a new general email address; the old general email address is no longer functional.

The new address is **AGD.CSSLibrary@nt.gov.au**. If you forget, you can find it on the Library News page on the website of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory.