



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS

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ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM
INDIGENOUS YOUTH AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

National Centre of Indigenous Excellence
180 George Street, Redfern, Sydney

FRIDAY, 28 JANUARY 2011
9.00am to 4.00pm

9.00am to 12.00pm **Session 1 - Effectiveness and challenges of the justice system for Indigenous youth**
(Morning Tea at approximately 10.30am)

Issues to be discussed include:

- Relationships between police and Indigenous youth and their families
- Diversion from the court process – access for Indigenous youth
- Legal services for Indigenous youth
- Interpreting and hearing impairment services
- Coordination of services to ensure rehabilitation, appropriate health care, adequate accommodation and return to school or work, both on entry to justice system and after release
- Court and sentencing alternatives
- Involvement of community justice groups
- Female indigenous youth and the criminal justice system
- Reducing offending and recidivism
- Indigenous policy consultation

12.00pm - 1.00pm *Lunch*

1.00pm to 4.00pm **Session 2 - Breaking the cycle of contact with the criminal justice system through social norms and healthy, safe communities**
(Afternoon Tea at approximately 2.30pm)

Issues to be discussed include:

- Detection and appropriate intervention on health issues including mental health and social wellbeing, hearing loss, FASD, and alcohol and drug use
- Indigenous consultation
- Involvement of grass roots services
- Family and community initiatives
- Sustained funding to justice diversion and rehabilitation programs
- Accommodation options for Indigenous youth at risk and post release
- Breaking the cycle of offending and recidivism
- Increasing education retention
- Access to employment opportunities
- Justice reinvestment

4.00pm *Adjournment*