

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Walker to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice:

DPP

1. Minister, there is a review occurring of the Director of Public Prosecutions, resources, process and systems. Can you advise the terms of reference for this consultancy?

The purpose and scope of the review is as follows:

1. Purpose

The purpose of this review is to examine the resources, operational processes and systems in the DPP, to establish if they are sufficient, efficient, and effective to deliver effective DPP services into the foreseeable future.

2. Project Scope

The Consultant will be required to consult with the Director and Deputy DPP (including nominated senior staff), hold focus groups with other staff in the DPP office, consider the level of resourcing and outputs and where possible benchmark with other jurisdictions, and consider current systems and processes in order to:

- obtain an understanding of operations of the DPP;
- identify opportunities for efficiencies in operational process and systems across Crown Prosecutions, Summary Prosecutions, Witness Assistance Service and Administrative Support roles;
- identify any barriers to operational processes and systems changes that could improve efficiency;
- identify whether the leadership and organisational structure of the office meets the requirements for improved service delivery;
- identify any other related issues that may need to be addressed;
- taking into account any efficiencies identified and related matters, provide an opinion on whether or not there are sufficient resources for the demands on the DPP now and into the future; and
- provide an opinion report on the above matters.

To assist in the review, the DPP will provide the Consultant with analysis material including:

- a history of DPP's case load, staff numbers and the key drivers for their changes; and
- relevant reports of Government Services (Justice Volume) and ABS Criminal Courts Australia reports.

The project scope does not include consideration of Government law and order policies, or which agency/department should be responsible for any particular function (e.g. which agency should be responsible for Summary Prosecutions).