

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICE**

- Who do young offenders in remote communities report to? Are they required to travel to the nearest police station?

Answer: Young Offenders from remote communities are required to report to police. Offenders will be required to report to the nearest police station or police post, as directed. For example, it is understood there is no permanent police presence in the Ringer Soak Aboriginal community. A young offenders would be required to report to Halls Creek police station which is about 164 km away.

- Registration is considered an administrative rather than a punitive measure. What is your opinion?

Answer: Registration on the sex offender register involves much more than a mere administrative exercise. Registration potentially involves a significant restriction on a young offender's freedom of movement and association. For example, a young offender may be required to notify police and receive their permission before they can change address or travel to another community. Offenders are required to notify police if they change mobile phones. They may be prohibited from accessing certain social media sites. In that respect, it could be considered that registration carries with a punitive component over and above any punishment imposed for the sex offending leading to registration itself.