

as casual Northern Territory Public Servants. Another 100 or so people are working through the Territory's Aboriginal Language Centres — to which the AIS sub-contracts a significant amount of work. Together these interpreters cover 104 Aboriginal languages. At the end of April the Service had logged 1,063 job requests.

Thanks:

Every day the AIS makes a direct and tangible difference for Aboriginal people and for legal and health professionals working with them. Aboriginal Interpreters are, de facto, performing an educative role too. Instead of walking through the legal process or medical treatment, unaware of the complexity or detail involved, Aboriginal people are learning about what is happening to and around them. Often family members are also learning. There is a wider benefit to the community than just the individual interpreting assignment might indicate.

All three Ministers who spoke at the one year celebration acknowledged the incredible work done by the dedicated staff of the AIS:

Coordinator:

Colleen Rosas

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Administrative Officer:

Karlene Savage

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There is also a need to express our thanks to our clients, administrative officers from around the public service and others in the wider community who encourage and support AIS staff and Aboriginal interpreters.

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ICJ WELCOME TO MR SEV OZDOWSKI

The Northern Territory Branch of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) hosted a dinner to welcome the Commonwealth Human Rights Commissioner and Disability Commissioner Mr Sev Ozdowski to Darwin on 7 April 2001.

Guests included Ms Diana Bryant, Chief Magistrate of the Federal Court, Justice of the Appeal Court of East Timor Mr Frederick Engondo Entende and the Co-convenor of the East Timor Jurists Association Mr Aderito deJesus Soares.

Mr Sev Ozdowski spoke to dinner guests about the future direction and challenges facing the Human Rights Commission.



From left: Rob Wesley Smith, Sev Ozdowski, Frederick Engondo Entende, Tom Stodulka, Diana Bryant, Colin McDonald QC, Richard Coates and Aderito deJesus Soares



Peter McNab, Damien Moriaty, Paul Walsh, Thelma Schwartz and Ian Reid



Commonwealth Human Rights Commissioner and Disability Commissioner Sev Ozdowski presented an address to about 45 dinner guests