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amount of drugs you will face a jail sentence or be charged a sum of money.

(4) and (5) Nil.

**Student 4**

(1) If you murder someone you have to go to jail and not get out. They should through away the key.

(2) If you get caught importing or exporting drugs you should get a very heavy fine and 10 years jail.

(3) People who ride should always have their lights on as it is very hard to see them if the sun is behind them and that's how most accidents occur.

(4) If you get caught drink driving even on the first offence you should lose your licence even if it is only over a little bit.

(5) Smoking. It should be 16 because at 18 it has hit all the under age smokers and now would be really hard for them to get cigarettes.

**Student 5**

(1) No assault eg physical, verbal.

(2) No stealing in any form.

(3) No endangerment of human life in any way.

(4) All safety precautions must be taken for each and every individual, include alcohol and smokes.

(5) No breaking of contracts in any way.

**Student 6**

(1) Going over the speed limit in your space ship. You get a fine or your licence taken of you.

(2) If you commit a crime such as rape or murder you are to stand in court where the jury finds your guilty or not but if guilty you take the sentence or the punishment that the judge gives you.

(3) If you get busted smuggling drugs into another country, the laws abide to the country your in not the country you came from (where you live).

(4) If you are caught under the influence (drunk whilst driving) you take the punishment that is given.

(5) Nil.

**Student 7**

(1) In regard to murder: a sentence carrying life imprisonment shall be carried as life, their years until death.

(2) Rape.

(3)-(5) nil.

# NTLAC stats

	ALAO 89-90	NTLAC 92-93	% VARIATION
Applications for aid Approved	1062	1452	+36.72
Applications for aid Refused	708	206	-70.90
% of applications processed in under 10 days	56.6	71.28	
Net payments to private practitioners (\$)	347724	712049	+104.77
Commitment to private practitioners fees on outstanding grants of aid (\$)	251437	647119	+157.37
Number of cases referred to private practitioners	337	330	-12.47
% of private practitioners' accounts paid within 5 days of receipt*	27.40	71.57	
* national LAC statistics indicate that only 10.74% of private practitioners' accounts are paid within five days			

## IN BRIEF

### STRUCK OFF

On 27 July the Full Court of the Supreme Court ordered that the name of Jerome Joseph Costello be struck from the Roll of Practitioners.

This followed an ex parte application in the matter of *The Law Society of the Northern Territory v Jerome Joseph Costello*.

In an ex tempore judgment, the Court ordered that Mr Costello's name be struck from the roll and that he pay the Society's costs.

### BLISSFULLY UNAWARE

Whilst Justice Sir Gerard and Lady Brennan were in Alice Springs, they were treated to a tour by John Stirk. They arrived at a Park where an attendant stuck his head through the car window to price their entry, counted the number of passengers and said: "That'll be two adults and two pensioners." *Balance* didn't hear whether anyone in the vehicle piped up and offered to pay full tote odds.

### CLAF PROGRESS

Since its inception on 1 March this year the CLAF hasn't received the expected number of applications. In fact, only five applications have been received, three of which were granted. One was denied because the applicant was, in fact, eligible for legal aid. Another was denied on the basis of a prohibitive section of the *Crimes Compensation Act*.

The three applications which have been granted are in relation to personal injuries.

The CLAF Administrator, Josephine Stone, said she was surprised that she hadn't received applications in relation to either medical negligence or family law property settlements.

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