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MEDIA STATEMENT - BY THE MINISTER FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE, CARMEL TEBBUTT

Minister Launches Juvenile Justice Website

The Department of Juvenile Justice today hoisted its banner in the electronic communications arena with the launching of its website at www.dji.nsw.gov.au

The Minister for Juvenile Justice, Carmel Tebbutt, officially launched the website at an informal ceremony at the department's Roden Cutler House headquarters.

Ms Tebbutt described the site as "one of the most attractive, most informative of sites hosted by government departments."

The launching caps a \$3.5 million 15-month IT rollout that has seen a network of 500 computers installed, giving the department communications and technology systems as good as or better than most government agencies.

Because the rollout is regarded as a pace-setter in large-scale IT installation and development campaigns, major IT company Novell has asked the department to take part in a case study as a reference site for the State Government.

Ms Tebbutt said the DJJ internet site provided a wide range of information on the department and its activities. It showed: departmental publications, research reports, youth justice conferencing material, general departmental details and the like.

"It will be an excellent source of information for the public and for researchers seeking detailed data," she said.

"The internet provides easy access to a vast array of information on government agencies, increasing openness and public accountability."

Ms Tebbutt congratulated departmental IT staff and consultants Aspect Computing for their work in developing the site.

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