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NOTICE TO PRACTITIONERS – VIDEOLINK HEARINGS

The District Court has today issued Circular to Practitioners [CRIM 2009/1](#), “Routine Videolink Appearances for Accused in Custody”. The Circular advises that from 29 May 2009, those in custody involved in sentencing mention hearings at the District Court, 500 Hay Street, Perth will as a matter of course appear by videolink rather than in person. Initially, this will only apply to accused in custody in Hakea Prison. It is expected that it will be extended to all accused in custody in due course.

It is recommended that Practitioners wishing to communicate with their client do so before the day of the hearing.

In the event it becomes necessary to take last minute instructions, practitioners may contact their client via telephone at Hakea (9366 6896 or 9366 6887). The Court will provide a telephone for this purpose in the interview room adjacent to the courtroom.

At this stage, accused in custody appearing at trial listings hearings before the Chief Judge will continue to be brought up to court to appear in person.

Michael Gething
Principal Registrar

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