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**Translators and interpreters in law enforcement**

The unique and varied work of Commonwealth and State law enforcement agencies generates a significant demand for specialised translation and interpreting services. The Australian Crime Commission, the Commonwealth agency responsible for investigating serious and organised crime, is taking a leading role in the development of a co-ordinated, cross-agency management system for translation and interpreting services.

This paper addresses:

- The specific demands of law enforcement agencies for translation and interpreting services, with particular focus on how fluctuating demand and work conditions can be most efficiently managed.
- A multi-agency management system that will improve cost-efficiency by creating a pool of appropriately accredited and trained translators and interpreters available for Commonwealth and State law enforcement services.
- Accreditation and security issues for translators and interpreters working with law enforcement agencies.
- Specialised training opportunities for translators and interpreters to improve suitability for law enforcement work, including training in the preparation of evidence and court appearance.
- The benefits of new technologies and techniques in translation and interpreting for law enforcement agencies.
- Risk management and assessment in the law enforcement context.