

SUBJECT: FRENCH LANGUAGE TRIALS

POLICY

As required, French trials will be made available on *Criminal Code* matters. Requests for French trials on traffic violations and provincial statutes violations will not automatically be granted; however, interpreters will be provided upon request to Court Services.

When an application has been made and granted pursuant to section 530 of the *Criminal Code*, Head Office must be notified as soon as possible to make arrangements for a French speaking prosecutor to handle the matter. To ensure consistency, Head Office must review each matter and assign both resources and personnel accordingly.

If an application is made for a change of venue pursuant to section 531, again, Head Office must be notified at the earliest possible time so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

The clerk of the court will notify the Office of the Chief Judge and Court Services. Court Services will arrange for a translator and court clerk.