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OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

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**MEDIA STATEMENT**  
**Improved security at the Supreme Court**

Upgraded security screening will be introduced next Monday (14 January) at the Supreme Court building in Stirling Gardens.

All people entering the building, including lawyers and court staff, will be required to pass through electronic 'airport-style' security.

Chief Justice Wayne Martin has welcomed the improved security in the 1903 building.

"It is an important safety initiative for everyone who uses the Court – both those who work for the Court and those coming into the building," he said. "I would urge patience on the part of everyone who will now have to undergo screening. After all, it is for the benefit and safety of us all.

"On a practical note, I would suggest allowing an extra few minutes to get to Court – at least initially – while we are all getting used to the new system."

The new equipment can detect weapons, explosives, narcotics, knives, detonators and other prohibited or potentially-threatening items.

The main security checkpoint will be located at the front entrance of the Supreme Court. It includes:

- An x-ray scanner to screen small packages/hand luggage;
- A walk-through pedestrian entry to screen individuals; and
- Hand-held 'wands' to screen personnel.

A screening checkpoint, consisting of a walk-through pedestrian entry and hand-held wands, will also be located at the rear of the building for Courts 6 and 7.

Department of the Attorney General A/Executive Director Court Services Ray Warnes said all files would be subject to screening and must be unloaded on to a tray to pass through the x-ray scanner.

"As is currently the case, if people do not comply with these security arrangements, they may be refused entry to the Court and unsearched bags may not be allowed on to the premises," he said.

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