Minister for Justice and Attorney general, Dr Peter Toyne, today helped launch five brochures aimed at informing women of their legal rights in ‘going guarantor’ and ‘defacto relationships’.

"The brochures will provide clear explanations of common legal questions," Dr Toyne said.

"The five brochures were developed by the Central Australian Women’s Legal Service Inc (CAWLS)."

Dr Toyne said, importantly, two of the brochures were written in Warlpiri and Yankunytjatjara/Pitjantjatjara to better serve the Legal Service’s clients.

"As 23 percent of the Service’s clients are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander decent, the languages selected were broadly considered to reflect the cultural backgrounds.

"The need to produce brochures in language was identified through the Legal Service’s community work in outreach clinics.

"The subject of ‘going guarantor’ and ‘defacto relationships’ were selected because of their relevance to women in Central Australia, which was identified through client feedback and casework statistics."

The Central Australian Women’s Legal Service Inc (CAWLS) assisted over 180 clients from the period 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.

CAWLS and the Domestic Violence Legal Service are co-located at 15 Leichhardt Terrace, Alice Springs.