

## Prison needle debate

Opposition health and corrections spokesman Jeremy Hanson and Greens health spokeswoman Amanda Bresnan have gone head to head in a debate on the ACT's proposed prison needle and syringe exchange at the Australasian HIV/AIDS Conference. Mr Hanson said supplying syringes to prisoners was inconsistent with the aim of helping them to kick drug habits. Ms Bresnan said an exchange program could help reduce the spread of hepatitis C.

## Tax fraud charges

The case against a man accused of lodging fraudulent tax returns in the names of international students could be heard in the territory's lower court, the Commonwealth DPP says. Rishi Khandelwal is facing more than 300 fraud-related charges, and appeared briefly in the ACT Magistrates Court yesterday. The Commonwealth prosecutor indicated a willingness to veto under federal law, an application

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