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Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison  
Minister for Justice and Customs

The Hon Geoff Gardner MLA  
Chief Minister

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### **Reward for Norfolk Island murder probe extended**

The Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Chris Ellison, and the Chief Minister of Norfolk Island, Mr Geoff Gardner, have announced that the Australian and Norfolk Islands Governments will extend the reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone responsible for the murder of Janelle Patton on Norfolk Island.

The reward of up to \$300,000 was due to expire tomorrow. The two Governments have agreed to extend it for twelve months from today.

Ms Patton was murdered on 31 March 2002. In March 2004, the Australian Government increased its contribution to the reward to \$150,000, tripling its initial contribution.

“The extension of the reward sends a clear message that the two Governments are determined to bring those responsible for the heinous crime to justice,” Senator Ellison said.

“We hope that extending the timeframe for people to claim the reward will lead to this case being resolved,” Mr Gardner said.

Anyone with information or material relevant to the investigation of the murder should immediately call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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