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POLICE SERVICES (CHAPTER 6)

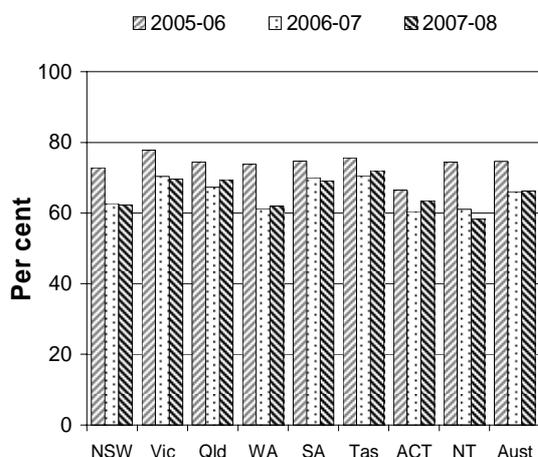
- This chapter reports on the operations of the police agencies of each State and Territory government, including the ACT community policing function performed by the Australian Federal Police.
- Recurrent expenditure on community policing services across Australia was approximately \$7.15 billion (or \$338 per person) in 2007-08 (p. 6.10). Police agencies employed 62 455 staff in 2007-08 (p. 6.5).
- Information is included on recorded crime, perceptions of safety and crime, and outcomes of investigations. For example, data are reported on recorded victims of personal crime (pp. 6.33–37), public perceptions of safety and public perceptions of particular personal crimes as a problem (pp. 6.22–27), as well as the proportion of particular personal crimes that were finalised within 30 days of the offence being known to police (pp. 6.43–46).

Objectives of police services

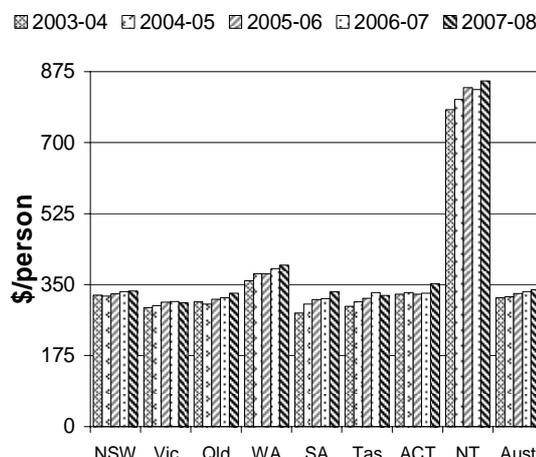
- to allow people to undertake their lawful pursuits confidently and safely
- to bring justice to those people responsible for committing an offence
- to promote safer behaviour on roads
- to support the judicial process to achieve efficient and effective court case management and judicial processing, providing safe custody for alleged offenders, and ensuring fair and equitable treatment of both victims and alleged offenders.

Selection of results

People surveyed who were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with police services^a (p. 6.17)

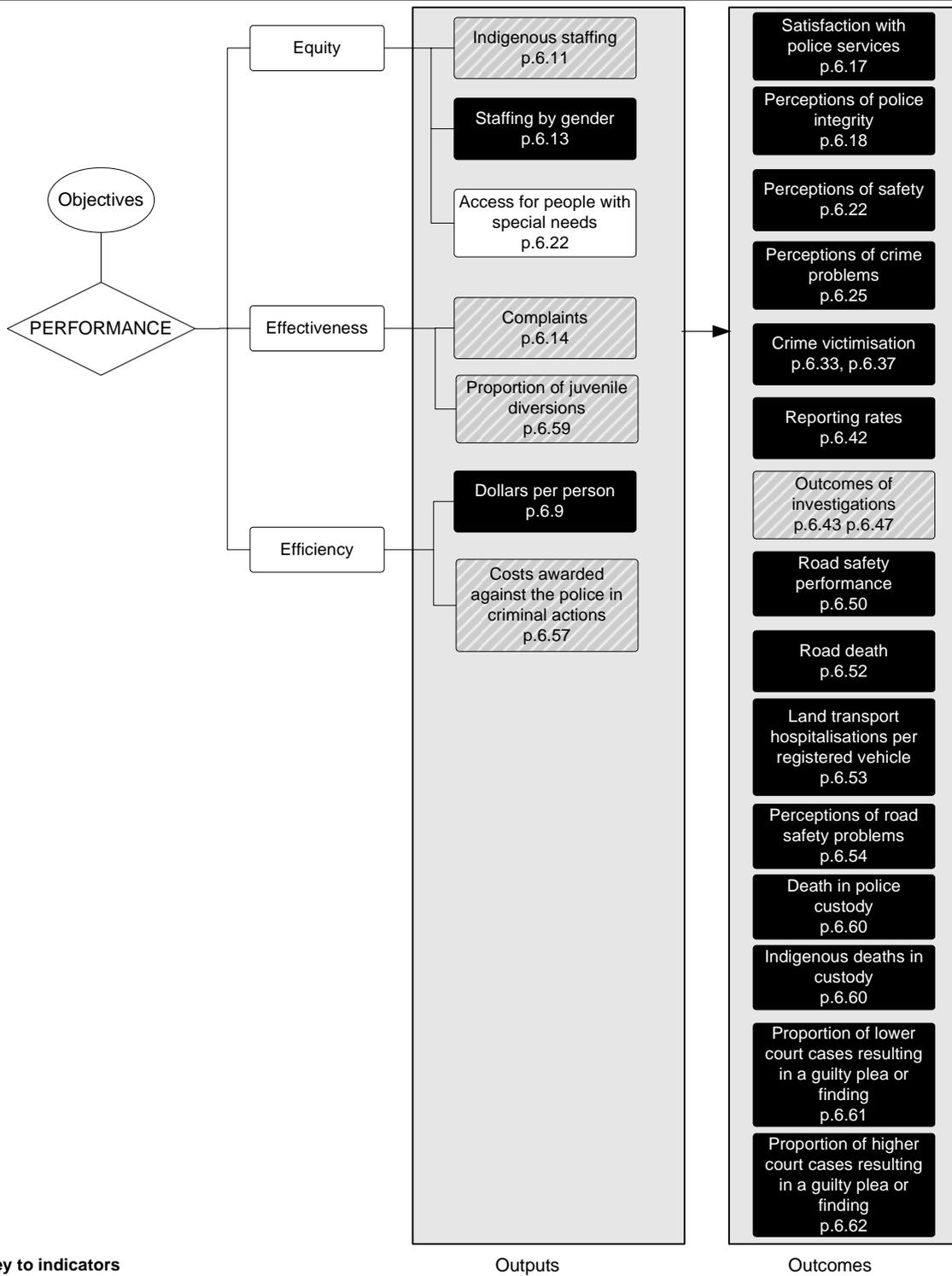


Real recurrent expenditure, less revenue from own sources and payroll tax, for police services^a (p. 6.10)



^a Data and caveats for these figures are available electronically on the CD-ROM enclosed with the Report and from the website for the Review of Government Service Provision (www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2009). Data may be subject to revision. The most recent data will be available on the Review website.

Performance indicators for police services (figure 6.4, p. 6.8)



Key to indicators

- Text** Data for these indicators comparable, subject to caveats to each chart or table
- Text** Data for these indicators not complete or not directly comparable
- Text** These indicators yet to be developed or data not collected for this Report: chapter contains explanatory text

Developments in reporting since the 2008 Report

- The addition of data for operational, and non-operational, police staff per 100 000 people, in the profile section.
- The inclusion of comparable and complete data for 'Proportion of lower court cases resulting in a guilty plea or finding' indicator, in the Judicial services outcomes section.

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