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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 \$8.24 billion (or \$372 per person) in 2009-10 (p. 6.14). Police agencies employed 64 830 staff in 2009-10 (p. 6.5).
- Information is included on community safety, crime, road safety and judicial services. For example, data are reported on public perceptions of safety and public perceptions of particular crimes as a problem (pp. 6.26–31), recorded victims of crime and perceptions of safety and crime (pp. 6.34–46), use of seatbelts and road deaths’ rates (pp. 6.56–59) as well as lower court defendants resulting in a guilty plea or finding (pp. 6.68–70).

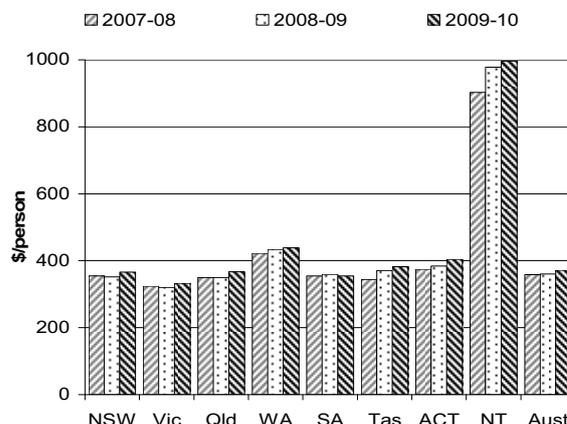
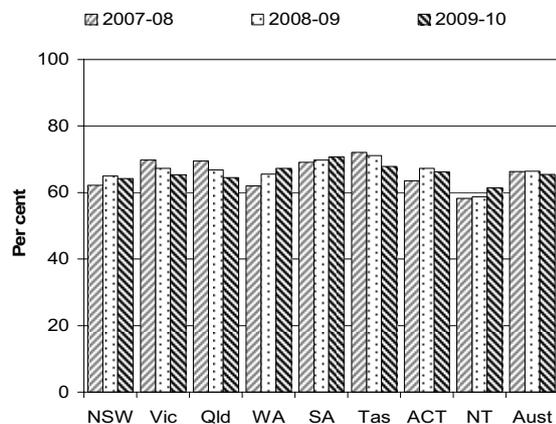
**Objectives of police services**

- to allow people to undertake their lawful pursuits confidently and safely
- to bring to justice 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**

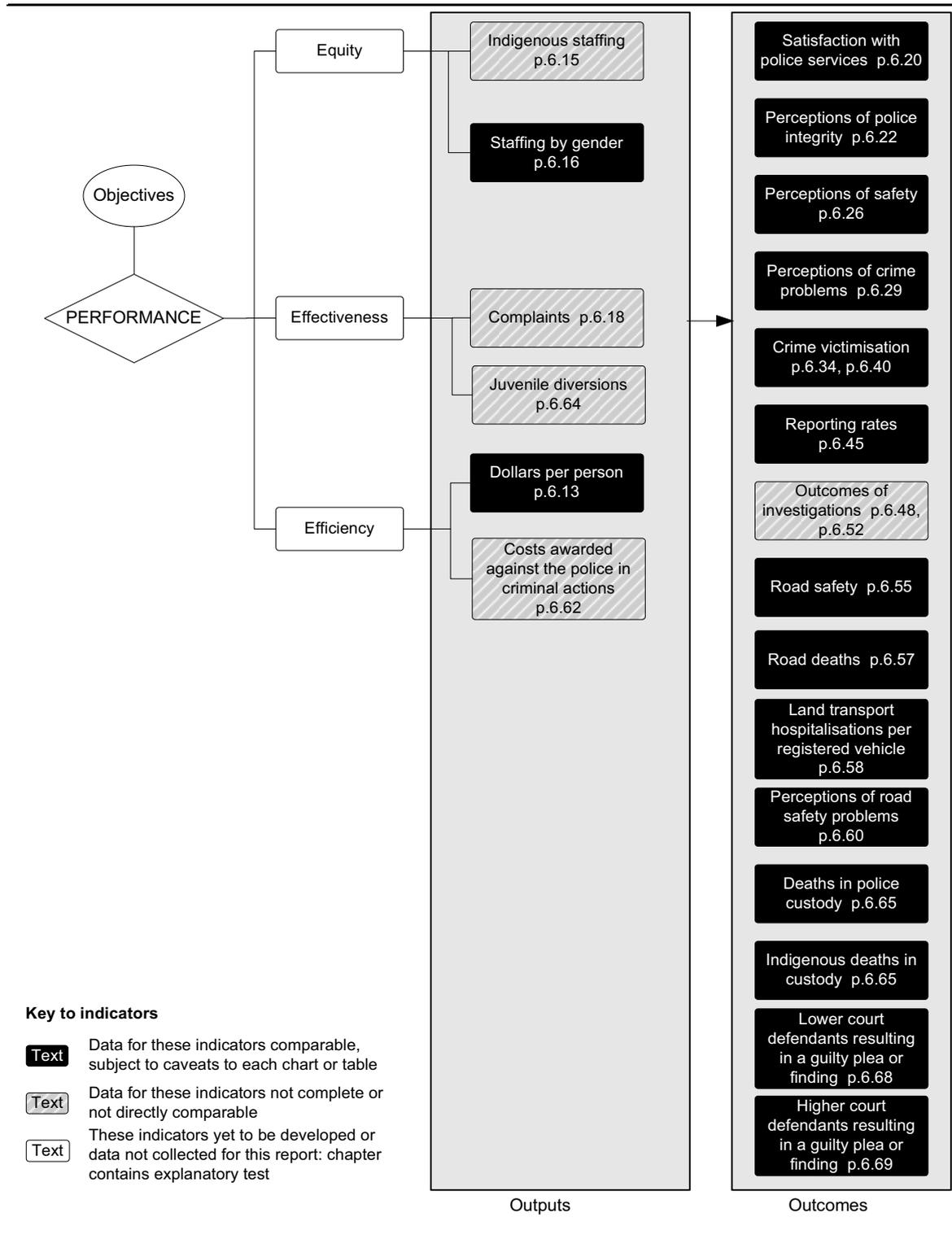
People who were ‘satisfied’ or ‘very satisfied’ with police services<sup>a</sup> (p. 6.21)

Real recurrent expenditure per person (including user cost of capital less revenue from own sources and payroll tax) on police services (2009-10 dollars)<sup>a</sup> (p. 6.14)



<sup>a</sup> Data and caveats for these figures are available electronically from the website for the Review of Government Service Provision ([www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2011](http://www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2011)). 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. 6.12)



### Developments in reporting since the 2010 Report

- reporting data from all jurisdictions for the first time for the access indicator 'Indigenous staffing', enabling its status to change from incomplete to complete
- reporting 2008-09 data for the effectiveness indicator 'Crime victimisation', improving its timeliness and completeness, as the most recent previous data reported were for 2005 and were not available for some sub-categories for some jurisdictions

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- reporting 2008-09 data for the effectiveness indicator 'Reporting rates', improving its timeliness and completeness, as the most recent previous data reported were for 2005 and were not available for some sub-categories for some jurisdictions
- expansion of time series data reporting in all attachment tables
- inclusion of two mini-case studies.

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*Tables with an 'A' suffix (eg table 6A.5) are in the attachments on the Review website.*