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**YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICES
(CHAPTER 15)**

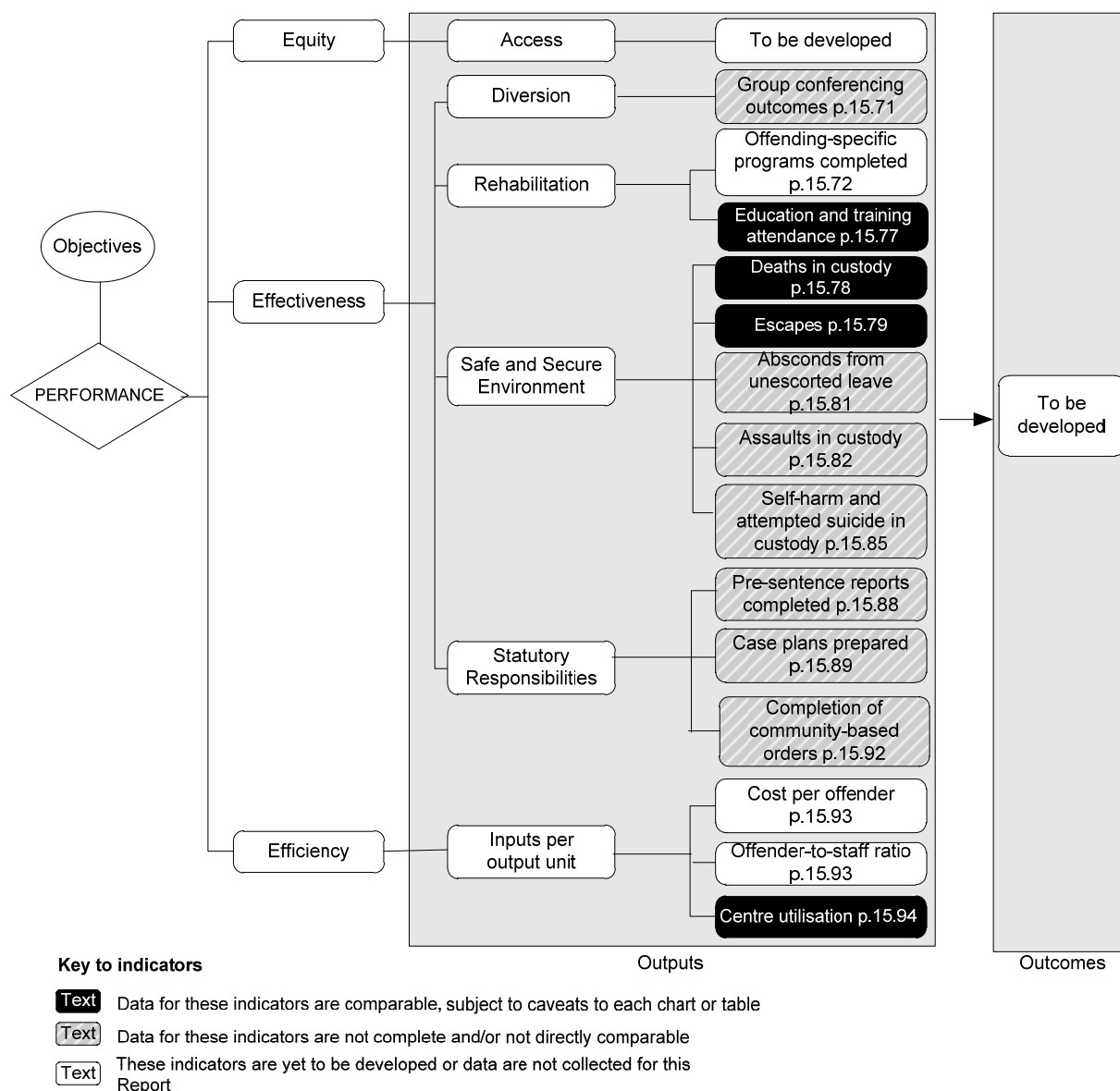
This chapter reports on the performance of governments in providing child protection, out-of-home care and intensive family support services, and youth justice services. This factsheet focuses on the performance of jurisdictions in providing youth justice services.

- A total of 14 555 young people experienced youth justice supervision at some time during 2010-11. The majority of young offenders experienced community-based youth justice supervision – nationally, on an average day in 2010-11, 86.2 per cent of young people aged 10–17 years who were supervised by youth justice services were in the community (p. 15.63-64).
- Indigenous young people were significantly overrepresented in juvenile detention. The daily average number of Indigenous young people aged 10–17 years detained in juvenile detention centres was 454 in 2010-11 (p. 15.65). Nationally, the daily average detention rate for Indigenous young people aged 10–17 years in 2010-11 was 437.5 per 100 000 Indigenous people aged 10–17 years. The number and rate for non-Indigenous young people aged 10–17 years in 2010-11 was 396 and 18.2 per 100 000 young people respectively (p. 15.65-66).
- Total recurrent expenditure on youth justice services was approximately \$640.1 million across Australia in 2011-12. Detention-based supervision accounted for the majority of government expenditure (59.7 per cent, or \$382.2 million) (p. 15.67).

Objectives of youth justice services

Youth justice services aim to assist young people to address their offending behaviour and take responsibility for the effect their behaviour has on victims and the wider community. In so doing, youth justice services aim to ensure that the interests and views of victims are heard and that services are delivered to rehabilitate young offenders and reintegrate them into their community (p. 15.69).

Performance indicators for youth justice services (figure 15.22, p. 15.70)



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