

Report on Government Services 2013

**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.

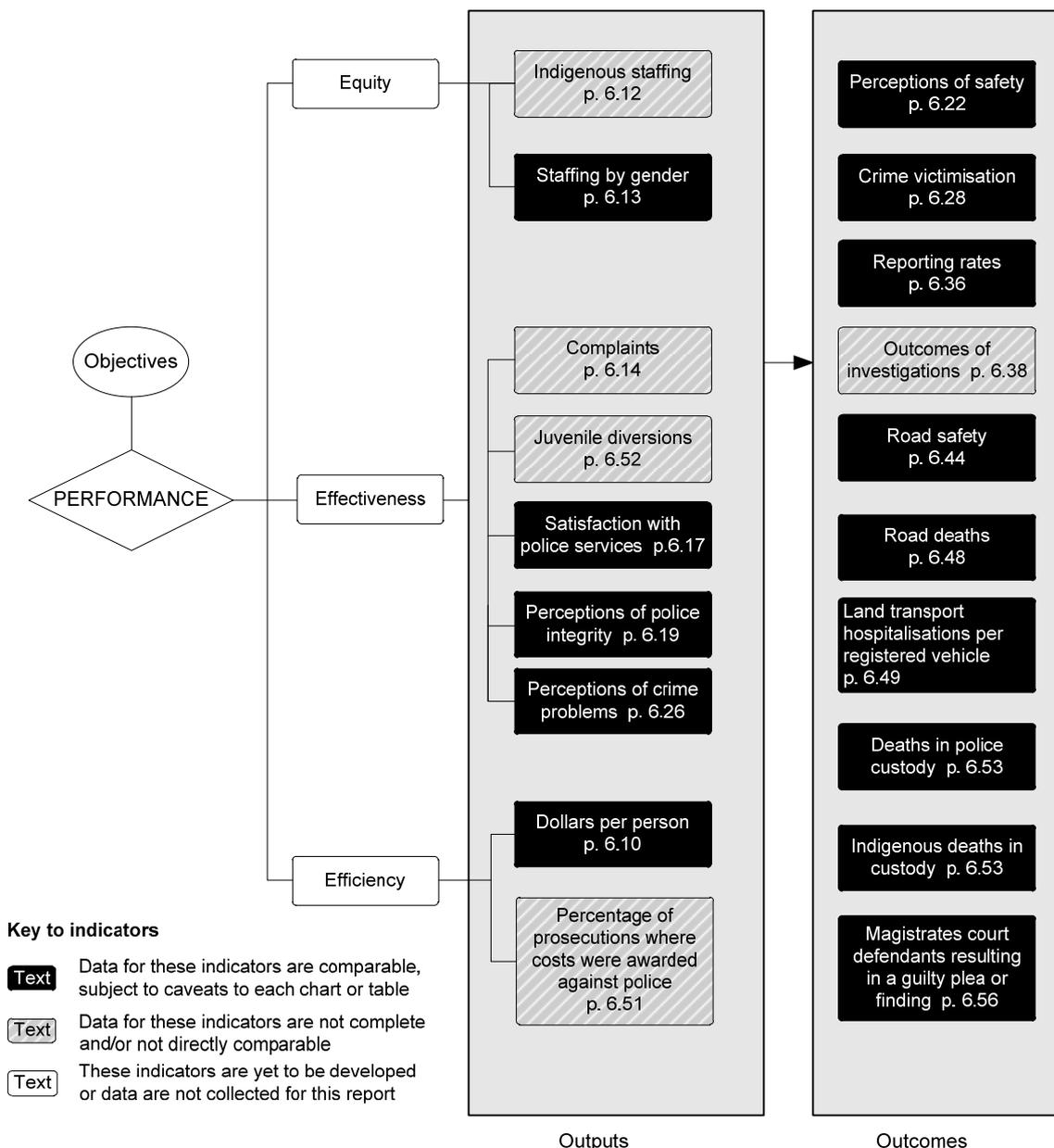
- Recurrent expenditure on community policing services across Australia was approximately \$9.5 billion (or \$421 per person) in 2011-12 (p. 6.10). Police agencies employed 67 156 staff in 2011-12 (p. 6.5).
- Information is included on community safety, crime, road safety and judicial services. For example, data are reported on public perceptions of safety and public perceptions of particular crimes as a problem (pp. 6.22–27), recorded victims of crime and perceptions of safety and crime (pp. 6.28–43), use of seatbelts and road deaths (pp. 6.44–50) as well as lower court defendants resulting in a guilty plea or finding (pp. 6.55–57).

**Objectives of police services**

The objectives of police services are to:

- allow people to undertake their lawful pursuits confidently and safely
  - bring to justice those people responsible for committing an offence
  - promote safer behaviour on roads
  - 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 (p. 6.7).
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Performance indicators for police services (figure 6.3, p. 6.9)



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