

## Report on Government Services 2013

**CORRECTIVE SERVICES  
(CHAPTER 8)**

This chapter reports on prison custody and a range of community corrections orders and programs for adult offenders which are delivered separately by the eight States and Territories.

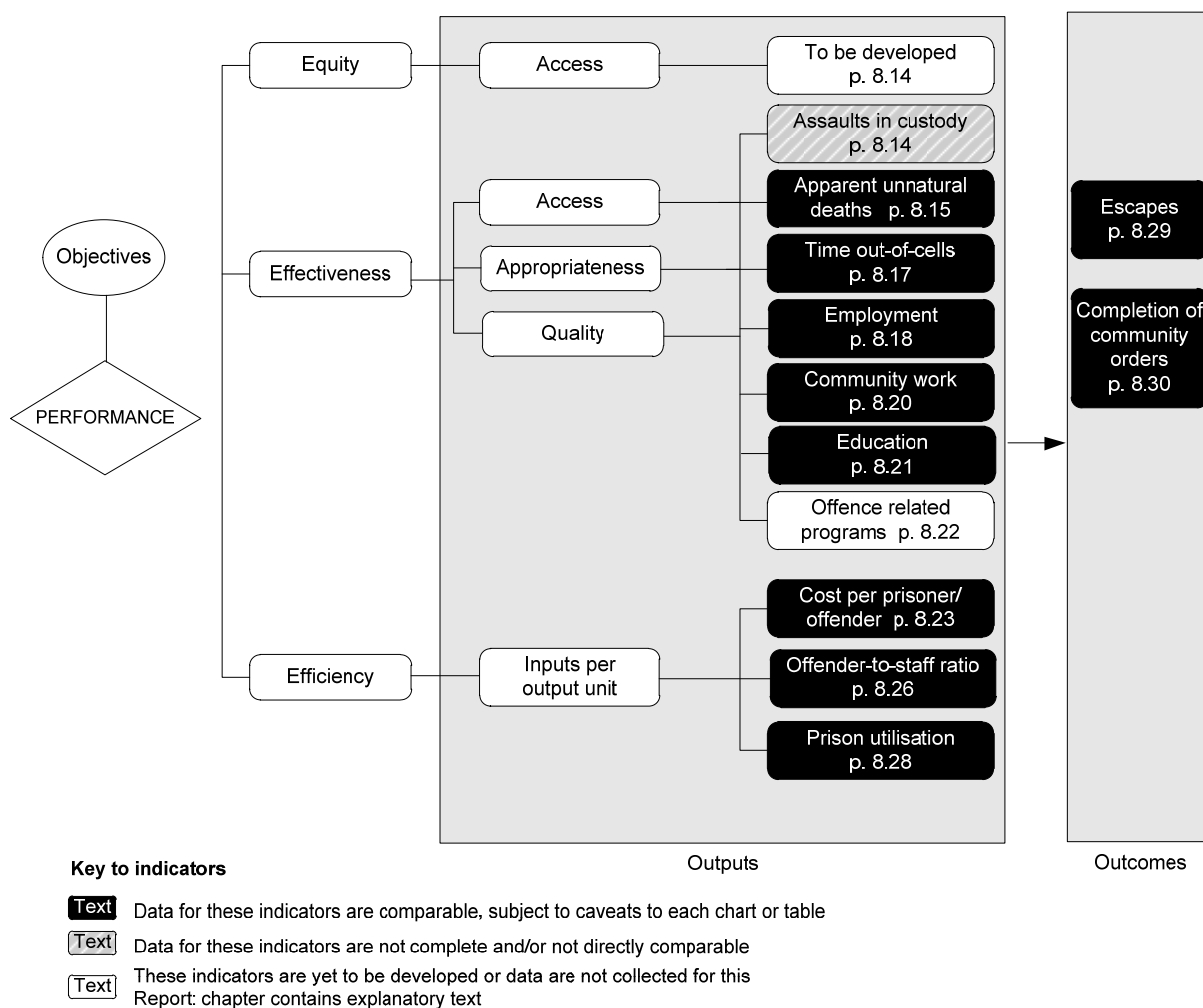
- In 2011-12, on average, 29 213 people per day were held in Australian prisons – an increase of 1.7 per cent from 2010-11 (p. 8.5). Nationally, 18.9 per cent of the total prisoner population (excluding periodic detainees) were held in privately operated facilities (p. 8.5).
- Males comprised 92.9 per cent of all prisoners in prison custody in Australia and 7.1 per cent were females. Indigenous prisoners comprised 26.6 per cent of the total prisoner population (p. 8.5).
- Nationally, corrective services agencies operated 114 custodial facilities at 30 June 2012 (p.8.5) – 87 government-operated prisons, eight privately operated prisons, four transitional centres, one periodic detention centre, and fourteen 24 hour court-cell complexes under the administration of corrective services in NSW (p. 8.5).
- Community corrections is responsible for a range of non-custodial sanctions and also delivers post-custodial interventions, under which prisoners released into the community continue to be subject to corrective services supervision, such as parole. In some jurisdictions, community corrections responsibility also includes managing offenders on supervised bail orders.
- Nationally, an average of 54 996 offenders per day were serving community corrections orders in 2011-12 – a decrease of 1.9 per cent from 2010-11 (p. 8.9).
- Males comprised 82.0 per cent of the daily number of offenders serving community corrections orders and 17.9 per cent were females. Indigenous offenders comprised 19.8 per cent of the total offender population (p. 8.9).
- Nationally, total net recurrent expenditure on corrective services (net of operating revenue and excluding payroll tax and expenditure on transport/escort services) was \$2.9 billion in 2011-12 (p. 8.3).

**Objectives of corrective services**

Corrective services contribute to the whole-of-government priority, in all jurisdictions, to create safer communities through the administration of correctional sentences and orders. In summary, the objectives of corrective services are to:

- provide a safe, secure and humane custodial environment
  - provide an effective community corrections environment
  - provide program interventions to reduce the risk of re-offending (p. 8.12).
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Performance indicators for corrective services (figure 8.7, p. 8.13)



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