

**AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS ACT 1975: sub-section 6(3)**

**PROPOSAL NO. 11 OF 2019  
BY THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

**CORRECTIVE SERVICES, AUSTRALIA – QUARTERLY COLLECTION**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information for the purpose of providing comprehensive statistics on the number and characteristics of prisoners serving custodial and persons serving community-based corrections orders.

The information will be collected:

- from July 2019 on a quarterly basis; and
- from the administrative records held by State and Territory corrective services agencies.

Information will be collected on the number and characteristics of prisoners serving custodial and persons serving community-based corrections orders in Australia, including:

- prisoner characteristics;
- characteristics relating to the episode of imprisonment;
- characteristics relating to the community-based corrections order; and
- federal sentenced prisoners.

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation of the *Corrective Services, Australia* (cat. no. 4512.0) publication.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available from September 2019.

The principal users of the information the ABS produces will be:

- State and Territory corrective services agencies;
- Commonwealth, State and Territory Attorney-General's and Justice departments;
- government crime and justice research institutes;
- crime and justice research centres within universities across Australia; and
- the public.

Statistics produced from the collection will be used to make meaningful comparisons between the number of custodial prisoners and persons serving community-based corrections orders across states and territories in Australia. This will allow policy makers to assess and evaluate corrective services related policy used throughout the states and territories. It will also facilitate both researchers and policymakers to identify emerging trends in corrective services and respond accordingly.

This collection was last conducted in April 2019 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal 18 of 2016.

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