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CORRECTIVE SERVICES, AUSTRALIA – QUARTERLY COLLECTION

In June 2016 the Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to collect information from administrative records held by State and Territory corrective services agencies on the number and characteristics of prisoners serving custodial and community-based corrections orders. Data is submitted to the ABS electronically by secure means. The collection will continue to be undertaken on a quarterly basis.

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

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

The principal users of the collection are:

- State and Territory corrective services agencies
- Commonwealth and State and Territory Attorney-Generals and Justice departments
- government crime and justice research institutes
- crime and justice research centres within universities across Australia
- the public

Statistics produced from the collection will be used to make meaningful comparisons of the number of custodial prisoners and prisoners 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 and facilitate both researchers and policy makers to identify emerging trends in corrective services and respond accordingly.

Results from the collection are expected to be released on a quarterly basis from September 2016.

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