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## **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

First use of acronyms and abbreviations are spelt out in each chapter. A complete list of acronyms and abbreviations and a glossary can be found in the *Report on Government Services 2009*.





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# 1 Background

This compendium of Indigenous data is drawn entirely from information contained in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report). The Report, which is published annually, is the product of the Review of Government Services Provision.

A Steering Committee, comprising senior representatives from the central agencies of all governments, manages the Review with the assistance of a Secretariat provided by the Productivity Commission. The Steering Committee has overall responsibility for the work of the Review, including its annual publication, the *Report on Government Services*. The Review was established under the auspices of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in 1993 to:

- provide ongoing comparisons of the performance of government services
- report on service provision reforms that governments have implemented or that are under consideration (box 1.1).

**Box 1.1 Terms of reference for the Review of Commonwealth/State Service Provision**

The Review, to be conducted by a joint Commonwealth/State and Territory government working party, is to undertake the following:

- establish the collection and publication of data that will enable ongoing comparisons of the efficiency and effectiveness of Commonwealth and State government services, including intra-government services. This will involve:
  - establishing performance indicators for different services which would assist comparisons of efficiency and effectiveness. The measures should, to the maximum extent possible, focus on the cost effectiveness of service delivery, as distinct from policy considerations that determine the quality and level of services; and
  - collecting and publishing data that are consistent with these measures. The Review should also address the procedures for the ongoing collection and publication of benchmark data; and
- compile and assess service provision reforms that have been implemented or are under consideration by Commonwealth and State Governments.

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**Box 1.1 (Continued)**

The Review will cover all major types of reform, including those involving the separation of policy development from service provision. Case studies of particular reforms could be provided where appropriate.

The Review will need to keep abreast of developments in other relevant reviews and working parties, including the Commonwealth/State Government working party (initiated by the Council of Australian Governments), investigating Commonwealth/State government roles and responsibilities.

*Source:* Report on Government Services 2009 p. xxx

The Report on Government Services, now in its fourteenth edition, is a tool for government. It has been used for strategic budget and policy planning, and for policy evaluation. Information in the Report has been used to assess the resource needs and resource performance of departments. It has also been used to identify jurisdictions with whom to share information on services.

The data in this Report can also provide an incentive to improve the performance of government services, by:

- enhancing measurement approaches and techniques in relation to aspects of performance, such as unit costs and service quality
- helping jurisdictions identify where there is scope for improvement
- promoting greater transparency and informed debate about comparative performance.

The focus of this Report is on the effectiveness and efficiency of government purchase or supply of specific services, rather than on general government income support. The Report thus covers aged care but not the aged pension, disability services but not disability pensions, and children's services but not family payments (although descriptive information on income support is provided in some cases). The impact of child care subsidies on the affordability of childcare services is reported (chapter 3), and Commonwealth Rent Assistance is reported on the basis that it is a targeted payment to assist in the purchase of housing services, and is not general income support (chapter 16).

This Report contains performance information on 14 service areas (2009 Report, box 1.1, p. 1.6). These government services have two important features:

- their key objectives are common or similar across jurisdictions
- they make an important contribution to the community and/or economy.

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Services covered by the Review include:

- early childhood education and training
- justice
- emergency management
- health
- community services
- housing.

### **Indigenous reporting**

In May 1997, the Prime Minister asked the Review give particular attention to the performance of mainstream services in meeting the needs of Indigenous Australians.

In 2002, COAG asked the Steering Committee to prepare a regular report on key indicators of Indigenous disadvantage, as part of the COAG reconciliation commitment. The first edition of this report, *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators 2003* (the Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage Report) (SCRGSP 2003), was released in November 2003. The second edition of this report was released in July 2005 (SCRGSP 2005) and the third edition was released in July 2007 (SCRGSP 2007). The next edition is scheduled for release in July 2009.

The 2007 Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage report is included on the CD-ROM that accompanies the Report on Government Services. All Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage reports can be found on the Review web page ([www.pc.gov.au/gsp](http://www.pc.gov.au/gsp)).

In contrast to the Report on Government Services, which focuses on the efficiency and effectiveness of specific services, the Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage report focuses on outcomes for Indigenous people. It does not report on individual government services. The reporting framework has two tiers: 'headline' indicators for the longer term outcomes sought; and a second tier of 'strategic change indicators' that are potentially responsive to government policies and programs in the shorter term.

The Indigenous Disadvantage Report and the Report on Government Services have different, though complementary roles. The Indigenous Disadvantage Report describes overall 'state-of-the-nation' outcomes for Indigenous people, with a view to all government departments and agencies together being responsible, so there is no reporting on an individual government agency basis. The Indigenous

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Disadvantage Report will not necessarily feature State/Territory comparisons and nor does it focus on government service provision.

The Report on Government Services will continue to provide information, through key indicators, on the performance of specified government agencies and programs in delivering services to Indigenous people.

## **Benchmarking**

While the Report does not establish best practice benchmarks, governments could use the information in the Report to identify appropriate benchmarks (box 1.2).

### **Box 1.2 Benchmarking**

Benchmarking service delivery is a systematic process of searching for and encouraging the introduction of best practice, so as to deliver more efficient and effective services. The three main forms of benchmarking are: (1) results benchmarking (comparing performance within and between organisations using performance indicators of effectiveness and efficiency); (2) process benchmarking (analysing systems, activities and tasks that turn inputs and outputs into outcomes); and (3) setting best practice standards (establishing goals and standards to which organisations can aspire).

Benchmarking typically involves a number of steps. Whatever the chosen approach or focus, the steps usually include:

- deciding why, when, and what to benchmark
- analysing plans and performance (reviewing objectives and identifying performance indicators and own performance)
- establishing benchmarking partners
- obtaining performance data and analysing differences in performance
- identifying best practice and the most useful improvements
- implementing improvements in practice
- assessing improvements and re-benchmarking (MAB/MIAC 1996).

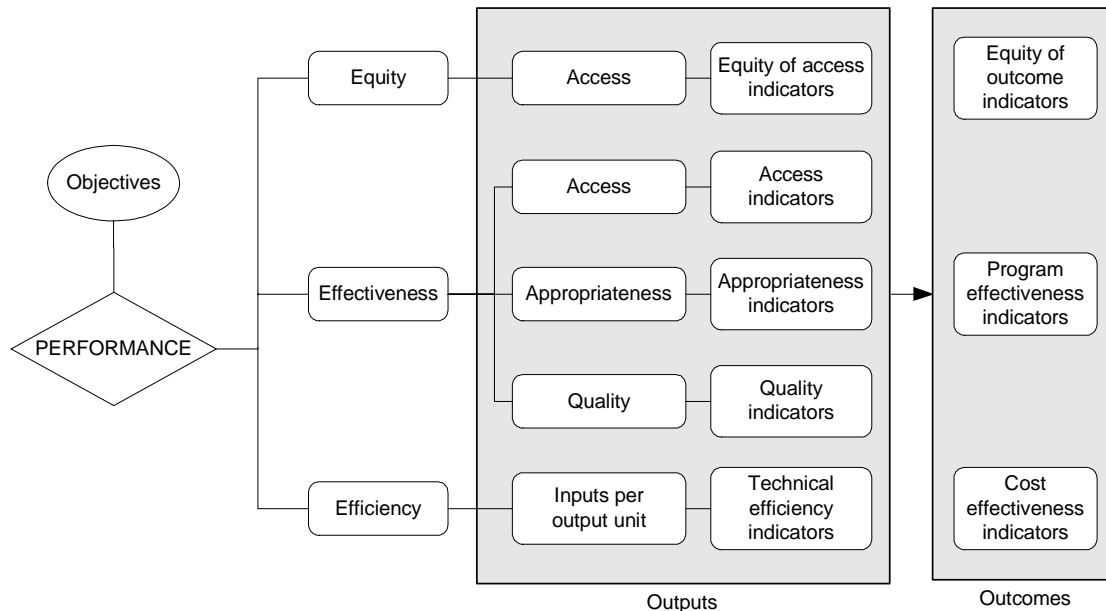
The performance information in the Report can contribute to many of the above steps in a results benchmarking cycle, and assist governments to implement best practice.

## **The performance indicator framework**

The Report's general performance framework is set out in figure 1.1. The framework depicts the Review's focus on outcomes, consistent with demand by

governments for outcome oriented performance information. This outcome information is supplemented by information on outputs. Output indicators are grouped under ‘equity’, ‘effectiveness’ and ‘efficiency’ headings.

Figure 1.1 **A general framework and examples of performance indicators**



Source: 2009 Report, figure 1.2, p. 1.12.

### *The service process*

The general framework reflects the service process through which service providers transform inputs into outputs and outcomes in order to achieve desired objectives.

For each service, governments have a number of objectives that relate to desired outcomes for the community. To achieve these objectives, governments provide services and/or fund service providers. Service providers transform resources (inputs) into services (outputs). The rate at which resources are used to make this transformation is known as ‘technical efficiency’.

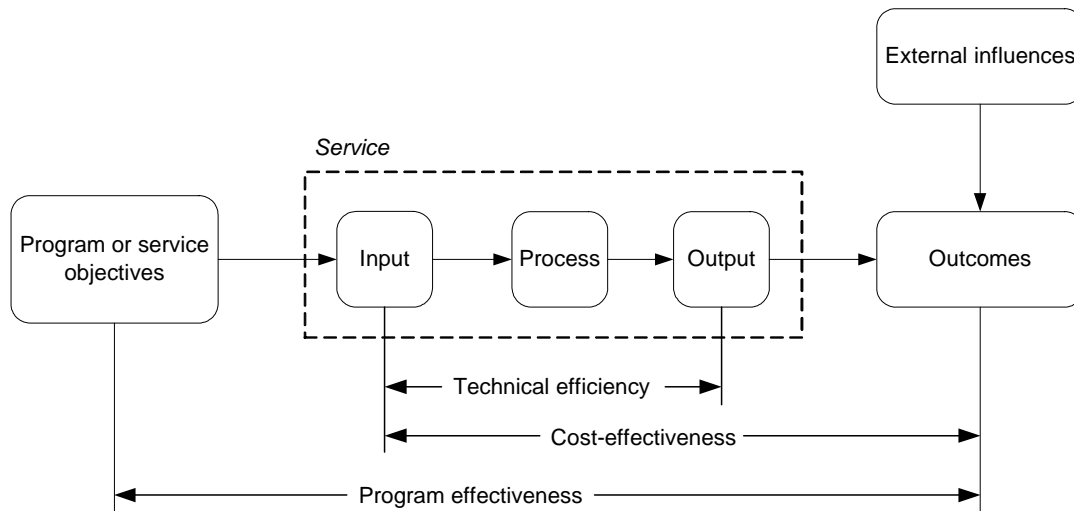
The impact of these outputs on individuals, groups and the community are the outcomes of the service. In this Report, the rate at which resources are used to generate outcomes is referred to as ‘cost effectiveness’. Often, outcomes (and to a lesser extent, outputs) are influenced by factors external to the service. Figure 1.2 distinguishes between program efficiency and program effectiveness, and notes the influence of factors external to a service.

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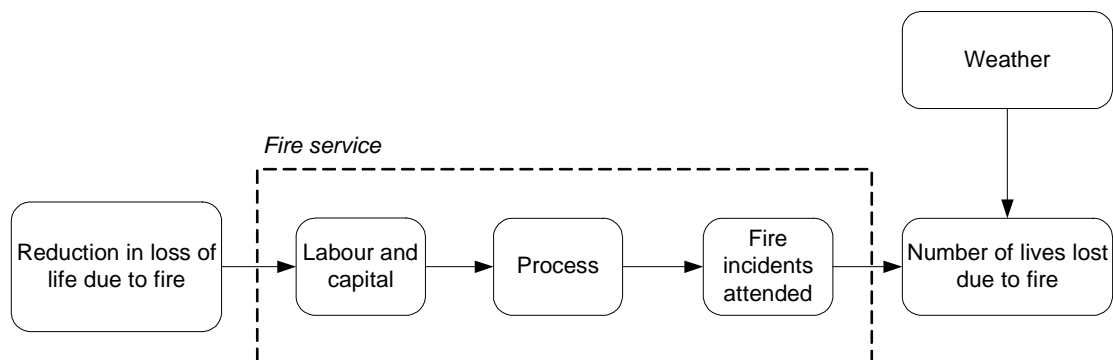
Figure 1.2 **Service process**

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**Example: general model**



**Example: fire services**



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Source: 2009 Report, figure 1.3, p. 1.13.

**Objectives**

A number of the objectives (or desired outcomes) for each government funded service are similar across jurisdictions, although the priority that each jurisdiction gives to each objective may differ. The Steering Committee's approach to performance reporting is to focus on the extent to which each *shared* objective for a service has been met. In each chapter, the objectives for the service are outlined, and performance indicators that measure the achievement of those objectives are reported.

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### *Distinguishing outcomes and outputs*

Outcome indicators provide information on the impact of a service on the status of an individual or a group, and on the success of the service area in achieving its objectives. Outputs are the actual services delivered.

Outcomes may be short term (intermediate) or longer term (final). A short term police random breath testing ‘blitz’, for example, may achieve the intermediate outcome of fewer drunk drivers and lead to a short term reduction in road deaths. The longer term outcome of a permanent reduction in road deaths is more likely to reflect external factors such as the design quality of cars and capital investment in improved roads or additional permanent random breath testing units.

The approach in the Report is to:

- use both short term (or intermediate) and long term (or final) outcome indicators as appropriate
- make clear that government provided services are often only one contributing factor and, where possible, point to data on other factors, including different geographic and demographic characteristics across jurisdictions. (Appendix A contains detailed statistics and short profiles on each State and Territory, which may assist in interpreting the performance indicators presented in the Report.)

While the aim of the Review is to focus on outcomes, they are often difficult to measure. The Report therefore includes measures of outputs, with an understanding that there is a correlation between those outputs and desired outcomes, and that the measures of outputs are proxies for measures of outcomes.

The indicator framework groups output indicators according to the desired characteristics of a service — for example, accessibility, appropriateness or quality — where outputs with these characteristics are linked to achieving desired outcomes (figure 1.1). By contrast, outcome indicators are not grouped according to desired characteristics. Outcomes depend on a number of the characteristics of a service as well as being subject to external factors.

### *Equity, effectiveness and efficiency*

There are inherent trade-offs in allocating resources and dangers in analysing only some aspects of a service. A unit of service may have a high cost but be more effective than a lower cost service, and therefore be more cost effective. Since its inception, the Report has taken a comprehensive view of performance reporting, and frameworks incorporate indicators across all relevant dimensions of performance.

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In the past, the Report framework gave equal prominence to effectiveness and efficiency as the two overarching dimensions of performance. Equity was treated as a sub-dimension of effectiveness. Performance literature, on the other hand, often refers to equity as a third element of performance, separate from effectiveness and efficiency. The principal reason for this distinction is that effectiveness indicators are generally absolute measures of performance, whereas equity indicators relate to the gap in service delivery outputs and outcomes between special needs groups and the general population. The Review's framework now reflects this approach.

Accentuating equity highlights the potential for trade-offs across all three performance dimensions — equity, effectiveness and efficiency. Improving outcomes for a group with special needs, for example, may necessitate an increase in the average cost per unit of service.

### *Equity*

The term 'equity' has a number of interpretations, which are discussed in box 1.3. Equity indicators in this Report measure how well a service is meeting the needs of certain groups in society with special needs. Indicators may reflect both equity of access, whereby all Australians are expected to have adequate access to services, and equity of outcome, whereby all Australians are expected to achieve similar service outcomes.

#### **Box 1.3 Equity**

Equity is an important concept in economic literature, with two elements:

- horizontal equity — the equal treatment of equals
- vertical equity — the unequal but equitable ('fair') treatment of unequals.

In the context of this Report, *horizontal* equity is exhibited when services are equally accessible to everyone in the community with a similar level of need.

Service delivery exhibits *vertical* equity when it accounts for the special needs of certain groups in the community and adjusts aspects of service delivery to suit these needs. This approach may be needed where geographic, cultural or other reasons mean some members of the community have difficulty accessing a standard service.

A number of criteria can be used to classify those groups who may have special needs or difficulties in accessing government services. These include:

- language or literacy proficiency
- gender



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- age
  - physical or mental capacity
  - race or ethnicity
  - geographic location.

In May 1997, the (then) Prime Minister (with the support of the Premiers and Chief Ministers) requested that the Review give particular attention to the performance of mainstream services in relation to Indigenous Australians. Improvements to reporting for this group are discussed in chapter 2. As previously mentioned, the Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage report focuses on outcomes for Indigenous Australians in a range of ‘strategic’ areas, and complements the Report on Government Services, which will continue to include indicators on the delivery of services to Indigenous Australians.

Identifying those service recipients who belong to groups with special needs or access difficulties poses challenges, particularly when relying on client self-identification. If members of such groups are required to identify themselves, then the accuracy of the data will depend on how a group perceives the advantages (or disadvantages) of identification and whether such perceptions change over time. Comparability problems also arise where different data collections and different jurisdictions have different definitions of special needs groups.

The Report often uses the proportion of each target group in the broader community as a point of comparison when examining service delivery to special needs groups. This approach is reasonable for services that are provided on a virtually universal basis (for example, school education), but must be treated with caution for other services, where service provision is based on the level of need, which may vary between groups (for example, aged care services). Another option is to collect a more accurate profile of need (for example, the estimation of the ‘potential population’ of people who may qualify for services for people with a disability).

Where geographic location is used to identify groups with special needs, data are usually disaggregated according to either the metropolitan, rural and remote area classification system or the Australian Bureau of Statistics’ (ABS 2007) Australian Standard Geographical Classification of remoteness areas. These classifications are generally based on population density and/or the distance that residents need to travel to access services. The geographic classification system used in each chapter is outlined in chapter 2.

Such classifications are imperfect indicators of the time and cost of reaching a service. Further, they do not consider the client’s capacity to bear the cost of receiving the service (Griffith 1998). To improve the model, service centre locations

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would need to be reclassified according to the services they provide and the client's cost of accessing the service. Moreover, for some services, classification systems based on distance or population are not useful indicators of access to services — for example, ambulances can sometimes respond more quickly in rural areas than in metropolitan areas because there is less traffic.

### *Effectiveness*

Effectiveness indicators measure how well the outputs of a service achieve the stated objectives of that service. The reporting framework groups effectiveness indicators according to characteristics that are considered important to the service. For most chapters, these characteristics include access, appropriateness and/or quality.

### *Access*

Access indicators measure how easily the community can obtain a service. In this Report, access has two main dimensions, undue delay (timeliness) and undue cost (affordability). Timeliness indicators in this Report include waiting times (for example, in public hospitals and for aged care services). Affordability indicators in this Report relate to the proportion of income spent on particular services (for example, out-of-pocket expenses in children's services).

### *Appropriateness*

Appropriateness indicators measure how well services meet client needs. An appropriateness indicator for the Supported Accommodation and Assistance Program, for example, is the proportion of clients receiving the services that they are assessed as needing. Appropriateness indicators also seek to identify the extent of any underservicing or overservicing (Renwick and Sadkowsky 1991).

Some services have developed measurable standards of service need against which the current levels of service can be assessed. The 'overcrowding' measure in housing, for example, measures the appropriateness of the size of the dwelling relative to the size of the household. Other services have few measurable standards of service need; for example, the appropriate number of medical treatments available for particular populations is not known. However, data on differences in service levels can indicate where further work could identify possible underservicing or overservicing.

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## *Quality*

Quality indicators reflect the extent to which a service is suited to its purpose and conforms to specifications. Information about quality is particularly important when there is a strong emphasis on increasing efficiency (as indicated by lower unit costs). There is usually more than one way in which to deliver a service, and each alternative has different implications for both cost and quality. Information about quality is needed to ensure all relevant aspects of performance are considered.

The Steering Committee's approach is to identify and report on aspects of quality, particularly actual or implied competence. Actual competence can be measured by the frequency of positive (or negative) events resulting from the actions of the service (for example, deaths resulting from health system errors such as an incorrect dose of drugs). Implied competence can be measured by proxy indicators, such as the extent to which aspects of a service (such as inputs, processes and outputs) conform to specifications — for example, the level of accreditation of public hospitals and aged care facilities.

The reporting framework includes quality as one aspect of effectiveness, and distinguishes it from access and appropriateness (figure 1.2). This distinction is somewhat artificial because these other aspects of service provision also contribute to a meaningful picture of quality.

## *Efficiency*

The concept of efficiency has a number of dimensions. Overall economic efficiency requires satisfaction of technical, allocative and dynamic efficiency:

- technical efficiency requires that goods and services be produced at the lowest possible cost
- allocative efficiency requires the production of the set of goods and services that consumers value most, from a given set of resources
- dynamic efficiency means that, over time, consumers are offered new and better products, and existing products at lower cost.

This Report focuses on technical (or productive) efficiency. Technical efficiency indicators measure how well services use their resources (inputs) to produce outputs for the purpose of achieving desired outcomes. Government funding per unit of output delivered is a typical indicator of technical efficiency — for example, recurrent funding per annual curriculum hour for vocational education and training.

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Comparisons of the unit cost of a service are a more meaningful input to public policy when they use the full cost to government, accounting for all resources consumed in providing the service. Problems can occur when some costs are not included or are treated inconsistently (for example, superannuation, overheads or the user cost of capital). The Steering Committee approach, where full cost information is not available in the short term, is that:

- data should be calculated consistently across jurisdictions
- data treatment should be fully transparent.

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## 2 The compendium of Indigenous data

The primary aim of this compendium is to provide an easily accessible collation of Indigenous data from the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report).

The data contained in this compendium — focusing on the efficiency and effectiveness of specific areas of service delivery — can provide information that complements the material in the separate *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators* report (SCRGSP 2009 [forthcoming]). The *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage* report summarises outcomes for Indigenous Australians, rather than assessing the performance of specific services.

### Improvements in reporting of Indigenous data

Improvements to the Indigenous data within the 2009 Report were made in the following chapters:

- *Early childhood, education and training:*
  - ‘Children’s services’ (Chapter 3) measure and data for ‘Indigenous preschool attendance’ are reported for the first time.
  - ‘School education (Chapter 4) data have been provided for the first time for Indigenous learning outcomes by geolocation by State and Territory (for 2006 and 2007). (National level data for 2005 were included in the 2008 Report).
  - ‘Vocational education and training’ (Chapter 5) includes reporting by Indigenous status of VET and TAFE graduates who improved their employment circumstances after training.
- *Justice:*
  - ‘Corrective services’ (Chapter 8) has been enhanced to include the reporting of age standardised imprisonment rates for Indigenous and non-Indigenous prisoners, along with the previously reported crude rates.

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## Indigenous data in the 2009 Report

Table 2.1 provides an overview of data on Indigenous Australians in the 2009 Report. It indicates which service areas reported at least one data item on Indigenous Australians.

### *Data collection issues concerning Indigenous Australians*

The task of collecting data on Indigenous Australians is complicated because many administrative data collections do not distinguish between Indigenous and non-Indigenous service recipients. For those that do, the methods and accuracy of identification of Indigenous people vary across jurisdictions. Further, surveys and other data collection methods using sampling do not necessarily include an Indigenous identifier, and when they do, the sample of Indigenous people may not be large enough to provide reliable results, particularly at the State and Territory level.

Indigenous data issues are discussed in more detail in appendix 4 of the *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage* report (SCRGSP 2007).

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) play important roles in improving the collection of Indigenous data. Work being undertaken by the ABS and AIHW includes:

- an ongoing program to develop and improve Indigenous data flowing from Australian, State and Territory administrative systems. Priority is initially being given to the improvement of births and deaths statistics in all states and territories. Other priorities include hospital, community services, education, housing, and crime and justice statistics
- work with other agencies to develop and support national Indigenous information plans, Indigenous performance indicators and Indigenous taskforces on a number of topics
- an expansion of the ABS Household Survey Program to collect more regular Indigenous statistics, including regular Indigenous surveys, Indigenous sample supplementation in regular health surveys, and annual Indigenous labour force estimates.

**Table 2.1 Reporting of at least one data item on Indigenous Australians, 2009 Report**

| <i>Service area/indicator framework</i>         | <i>Descriptive</i> | <i>Outcomes</i> | <i>Outputs</i> |                      |                   |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|   |                    |                 | <i>Equity</i>  | <i>Effectiveness</i> | <i>Efficiency</i> |
| <b>Early childhood, education and training</b>  |                    |                 |                |                      |                   |
| Early childhood, education and training preface | ✓                  | ✓               | ✓              | x                    | X                 |
| Children's services                             | x                  | x               | ✓              | x                    | X                 |
| School education                                | ✓                  | ✓               | ✓              | ✓                    | X                 |
| VET   | x                  | ✓               | ✓              | ✓                    | X                 |
| <b>Justice</b>                                  |                    |                 |                |                      |                   |
| Justice preface                                 | x                  | x               | x              | x                    | X                 |
| Police services                                 | ✓                  | ✓               | ✓              | ✓                    | X                 |
| Court administration                            | x                  | x               | x              | x                    | X                 |
| Corrective services                             | ✓                  | x               | x              | ✓                    | X                 |
| <b>Emergency management</b>                     |                    |                 |                |                      |                   |
| Fire events                                     | x                  | x               | x              | x                    | X                 |
| Ambulance events                                | x                  | x               | x              | x                    | X                 |
| Road rescue events                              | x                  | x               | x              | x                    | X                 |
| <b>Health</b>                                   |                    |                 |                |                      |                   |
| Health preface                                  | ✓                  | ✓               | x              | x                    | X                 |
| Public hospitals                                | ✓                  | x               | x              | x                    | X                 |
| Maternity services                              | x                  | ✓               | x              | x                    | X                 |
| Primary and community health                    | ✓                  | ✓               | ✓              | x                    | X                 |
| Breast cancer                                   | x                  | x               | ✓              | x                    | X                 |
| Mental health                                   | ✓                  | ✓               | x              | x                    | X                 |
| <b>Community services</b>                       |                    |                 |                |                      |                   |
| Community services preface                      | x                  | x               | x              | x                    | X                 |
| Aged care services                              | ✓                  | x               | ✓              | x                    | X                 |
| Services for people with a disability           | ✓                  | x               | ✓              | ✓                    | X                 |
| Child protection and out-of-home care           | ✓                  | x               | x              | ✓                    | X                 |
| SAAP  | x                  | ✓               | ✓              | ✓                    | X                 |
| <b>Housing</b>                                  |                    |                 |                |                      |                   |
| Public housing                                  | ✓                  | ✓               | x              | x                    | X                 |
| State owned and managed Indigenous housing      | ✓                  | ✓               | ✓              | x                    | ✓                 |
| Community housing                               | ✓                  | x               | x              | x                    | X                 |
| Indigenous community housing                    | ✓                  | ✓               | x              | ✓                    | ✓                 |
| Commonwealth Rent Assistance                    | x                  | ✓               | ✓              | x                    | X                 |

SAP = Supported Accommodation Assistance Program. ✓ = At least one data item is reported. x = No data are reported.

Source: 2009 Report, table 2.4, p. 2.22.

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The Ministerial Council on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (MCATSIA) established a working party to develop an Indigenous Demographics paper to identify methodological issues in Indigenous data collections, outline how these are being addressed and identify any remaining gaps. The findings are presented in a paper entitled *Population and Diversity: Policy Implications of Emerging Indigenous Demographic Trends*, released in mid-2006 by the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) (Taylor 2006). In mid-2007, MCATSIA commissioned further work on Indigenous population statistics from Dr John Taylor at the CAEPR.

This research activity commenced in late 2007 and is constructed around four projects:

- a detailed regional analysis of relative and absolute change in Indigenous social indicators
- an assessment of social and spatial mobility among Indigenous metropolitan populations
- case-study analyses of multiple disadvantage in select city neighbourhoods and regional centres
- the development of conceptual and methodological approaches to the measurement of short term mobility.

Working Papers related to these projects are co-badged with MCATSIA and released as part of the CAEPR Working Paper Series (CAEPR 2008).

In December 2007, COAG established a Working Group on Indigenous Reform (WGIR) to support the achievement of COAG's Indigenous targets. It is chaired by the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Australian Government Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and comprises senior officials from each jurisdiction. The WGIR has developed a Closing the Gaps framework, and the Chair of the WGIR has written to the Chairman of the Steering Committee, requesting that the Review works with the WGIR to align the WGIR framework with the OID framework. At its 29 November 2008 meeting, COAG agreed to a revised framework for the OID report that is aligned with the COAG targets (COAG 2008). This alignment will ensure that the OID continues to reflect COAG's priorities in Indigenous reform. The Steering Committee will also ensure that any relevant WGIR/OID indicators are reflected in indicator frameworks in the Report on Government Services.

The Review will draw on these initiatives in future reports.



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# A Early childhood, education and training preface

## Part A: Early childhood, education and training preface

Education is a life-long activity, beginning with learning and development in the home through to more formal settings — including child care, preschool and the three sectors that comprise Australia’s education and training system (the school education, vocational education and training (VET) and higher education sectors).

The following chapters of this Report cover child care (including outside school hours care) and preschools (chapter 3), school education (chapter 4), and VET (chapter 5). References are made to information contained in other parts of this Report, such as chapters and related attachment tables. Reference to specific figures, boxes, and tables are prefixed accordingly (for example ‘Box 3.1’ is in chapter 3, being the Children’s services chapter in this compendium).

Areas of government involvement in Early childhood, education and training (ECET) that are not covered in this Report include:

- universities (although some information is included in this preface where necessary to provide a complete picture)
- income support payments for students
- adult community education (except VET programs)
- VET activity delivered on a fee-for-service basis by private and community education providers.

Australia’s ECET sector has a range of objectives, some of which are common across all sector components (for example, to increase knowledge and equip students with the skills for life-long learning) while others are more specific to a particular sector. The objectives listed here reflect the latest period concerned for this Report (2007-08 for children’s services, 2006-07 for school education, and 2007 for VET).

- The objectives of children’s services are to meet the care, education and development needs of children in a safe and nurturing environment, to provide

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support for families in caring for their children, and to provide these services in an equitable and efficient manner (2009 Report, box 3.2). Children's services have both education and care objectives and the Children's services chapter presents both of these.

- The objectives of school education services, as reflected in the national goals for schooling (2009 Report, box 4.1), include a focus on developing the capacities and talents of all young people so they have the necessary knowledge, understanding, skills and values for a productive and rewarding life.
- The objectives of VET services, as reflected in the national strategy for VET 2004–10 (2009 Report, box 5.3), include a focus on providing industry with a highly skilled workforce to support strong performance in the global economy; making employers and students the centre of VET; strengthening communities and regions economically and socially through learning and employment; and providing opportunities for Indigenous Australians to acquire skills to access viable employment.
- The objectives of higher education services, as reflected in the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, include contributing to the development of cultural and intellectual life in Australia, and appropriately meeting Australia's social and economic needs for a highly educated and skilled population.

Australian governments view early childhood development, education and training as key means to improve economic and social outcomes, as well as to improve the equity of outcomes in society. The link between early childhood development and achievement at school is well established, as is the link between education and skills and workforce participation and productivity. Research indicates that early childhood, education, skills and workforce development policies could boost workforce participation by 0.7 percentage points, and productivity by up to 1.2 per cent by 2030 (PC 2006). This corresponds to an increase in gross domestic product (GDP) of around 2.2 per cent, or around \$25 billion in today's dollars.

In March 2008, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) committed to a comprehensive new reform agenda, including a focus on improving productivity. The COAG Productivity Agenda includes early childhood development, schooling, and skills and workforce development (COAG 2008b).

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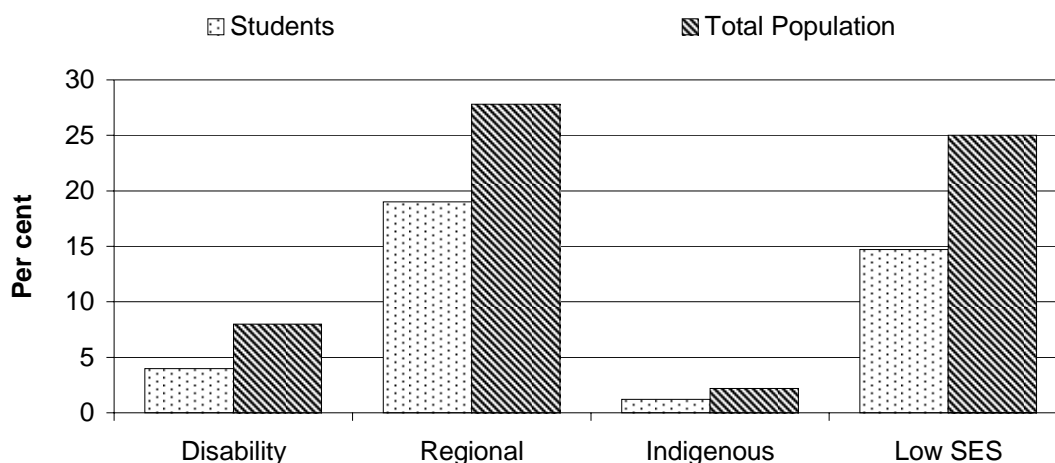
## Measuring the performance of the sector

### *Selected equity and effectiveness indicators*

#### *School completion/non-completion, and school leaver destinations*

In higher education, there is an under-representation (compared to the proportion of the relative group in the community) among people from regional areas of Australia, people with a disability, those with disadvantaged/low socioeconomic backgrounds and Indigenous Australians (figure EP.1). (Additional data for Indigenous students are presented later in this preface.)

**Figure EP.1 Higher education participation by selected groups compared to share of total population, Australia 2006**



Source: DEEWR (2007) *Higher Education Student Statistics, 2006*; DEEWR (unpublished); table EPA.1; 2009 Report, figure B.9, p. B.16.

## Indigenous Australians and ECET

The particular needs of Indigenous Australians for services in the ECET sector was reflected in the endorsement of Indigenous-specific targets by COAG in 2008 (COAG 2008a). These include increasing access to quality early childhood education for four year olds in remote communities, reducing the gap in literacy skills for school-age children, and increasing year 12 (or equivalent) attainment.

Attachment table 3A.21 in the Children's services chapter of the 2008 Report (SCRGSP 2008) includes data on the representation of Indigenous children aged

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0–5 years and 6–12 years among users of Australian Government supported child care in 2006 — the latest available data for Indigenous children. At a national level, Indigenous children from both age groups participated in child care at a lower rate than their representation in the community. In the 0–5 age group, 1.8 per cent of children were represented in child care, compared to 4.4 per cent represented in the community. In the 6–12 age group these representations were 1.6 per cent compared to 4.3 per cent, respectively.

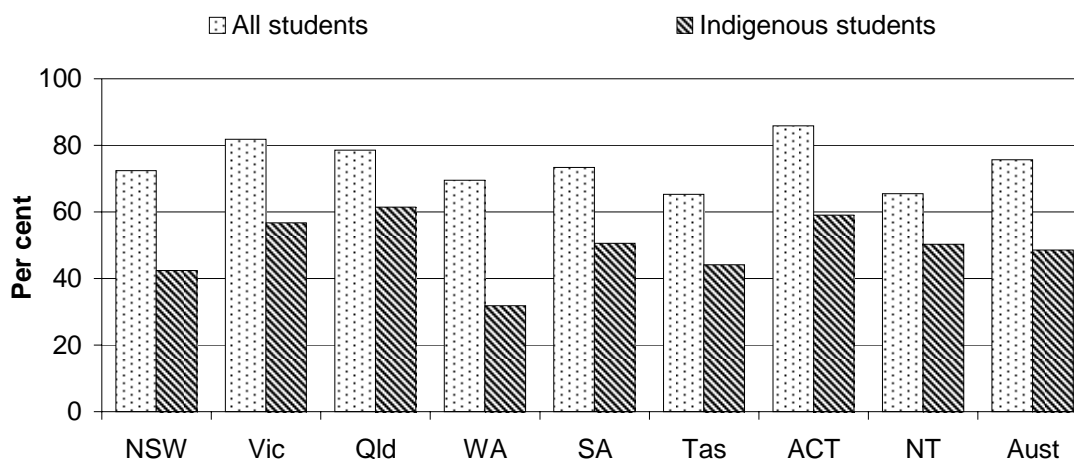
Data on children aged 3–5 years in government funded preschools are provided in table 3.2 in the Children’s services chapter of the current Report for 2007-08. Nationally, the representation of Indigenous children in preschools was a similar proportion (4.9 per cent) to their representation in the community (4.5 per cent).

The *National Report to Parliament on Indigenous Education and Training, 2006* reported that the proportion of Indigenous students in government preschools who were assessed as being literacy ready to start school had increased from 64.9 per cent nationally in 2002 to 65.3 per cent in 2006, and the proportion assessed as numeracy ready increased from 64.4 per cent in 2002 to 67.7 per cent in 2006 (DEEWR 2008). However, the disparity in academic performance between Indigenous students and non-Indigenous students increases as students progress through school (SCRGSP 2007, p. 7.18). Longitudinal data for student outcomes are not currently collected.

Research has shown that achievement in years 5 and 7 literacy and numeracy is a key determinant of whether students continue to year 12 and entry into higher education (ACER 2004).

Nationally, the apparent retention rate of Indigenous students from year 10 to year 12 was 48.5 per cent in 2007, compared to 75.6 per cent for all students (figure EP.2). In interpreting this indicator, note that nationally 9.5 per cent of Indigenous students left school before year 10 — compared to 0.9 per cent of all students — so are not included in the base year for retention from year 10 to year 12. This baseline varies across jurisdictions.

**Figure EP.2 Apparent retention rates from year 10 to year 12, full time secondary students, 2007<sup>a, b, c</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Apparent retention rates are affected by factors that vary across jurisdictions. For this reason, variations in apparent retention rates over time within jurisdictions may be more useful than comparisons across jurisdictions. <sup>b</sup> The exclusion of part time students from standard apparent retention rate calculations has implications for the interpretation of results for all jurisdictions, but particularly for SA, Tasmania and the NT where there are high proportions of part time students in government schools (table 4.4 in 2009 Report, chapter 4). <sup>c</sup> Ungraded students are not included in the calculation of apparent retention rates. This exclusion has particular implications for the NT, where 10.9 per cent of Indigenous secondary students are ungraded (compared with an average of 4.2 per cent for the rest of Australia), in 2007, and this should be considered when interpreting the data.

Source: ABS (2008) *Schools Australia 2007*, Cat. No. 4221.0; table 4A.69; 2009 Report, figure B.23, p. B.31.

In 2006, 32 per cent of the year 12 Indigenous student cohort undertook a senior secondary certificate course aimed at gaining university entrance, compared to 78 per cent of the non-Indigenous student cohort. Of these students, 11 per cent attained a score that would gain them university entrance, compared to 47 per cent of non-Indigenous students (DEEWR 2008).

Indigenous students in senior secondary school were more likely to participate in 'VET in Schools' activities. Nationally in 2005, Indigenous students comprised 3.0 per cent of students participating in VET in Schools, although they made up only 2.2 per cent of all students (NCVER 2008). Similarly, Indigenous students made up a higher proportion of VET students than their proportion in the population (VET attachment table 5A.1 of this Report).

## Cross-cutting issues

The link between early childhood development and achievement at school is well established, as is the link between education, skills, workforce participation and

productivity. Information in the Early childhood, education and training preface in the 2009 Report points to some of these relationships for Australians.

## Special needs groups

Chapters 3, 4 and 5 of the 2009 Report provide various data in relation to Indigenous populations as well as other special needs groups such as people with a disability, people living in remote areas, people with a language background other than English (LBOTE), and people from low socioeconomic status (SES) backgrounds (table B.1). (This compendium only includes those data relating specifically to Indigenous people.)

**Table EP.1 Some data reported on special needs groups in ECET chapters of the 2009 Report**

|  | <i>Children's services<br/>(chapter 3)</i> | <i>School education<br/>(chapter 4)</i> | <i>VET<br/>(chapter 5)</i> |
|--|--|---|----------------------------|
| Indigenous people                                    | ✓  | ✓                                       | ✓                          |
| People with a disability                             | ✓  | ✓                                       | ✓                          |
| People in remote areas                               | ✓  | ✓                                       | ✓                          |
| People with a language background other than English | ✓  | ✓                                       | ✓                          |
| People from low SES backgrounds                      | ✓  | ✓                                       |                            |

*Source:* 2009 Report, table B.1, p. B.34.

Special needs groups are not discrete, with some individuals belonging to more than one of these groups. For example, there is a greater incidence of low socioeconomic status and certain types of disability amongst Indigenous people compared with the general population (ABS (unpublished) *2006 Census of Population and Housing*). People with a severe disability are often disadvantaged in terms of workforce participation (ABS 2004), which may lead to lower socioeconomic status.

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## Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within this preface are contained in the attachment to the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table EPA.1 is table 1 in the early childhood, education and training attachment). The table included in the attachment is listed below.

**Table EPA.1** Higher education participation by selected groups compared to share of total population, 2006

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## 3 Children's services

Children's services aim to meet the care, education and development needs of children. In this chapter, child care services are those that are provided to children aged less than 13 years (that is, 0–12 years), usually by someone other than the child's parents or guardian. Preschool services are services provided to children mainly in the year or two before they begin full time schooling. To acknowledge the important links between children's services and education, this chapter is included in the 'Early childhood, education and training' section of the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report).

The data in this chapter relate to services that are supported by the Australian, State and Territory governments. Local governments also plan, fund and deliver children's services. Due to data limitations, the only local government data included are where Australian, State and Territory government funding and licensing are involved.

The major improvement to reporting on children's services this year include reporting a measure and data for 'Indigenous preschool attendance' for the first time.

### **Indigenous data in the children's services chapter**

The Children's services chapter in the 2009 Report contains the following data items on Indigenous people:

- representation of Indigenous children in Australian Government approved child care services (compared to their representation in the community)
- representation of Indigenous children in State and Territory Government child care and preschools (compared to their representation in the community), 2007-08
- children absent from non-government preschools, 2007.

The 2009 Report also states that the Australian Government provides supplementary funding to support the participation of Indigenous children in preschool programs. In 2008, an estimated \$13.9 million was provided on a per

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capita and project basis to 1250 preschools. The funding covers 8900 full time equivalent Indigenous preschool enrolments (DEEWR unpublished).

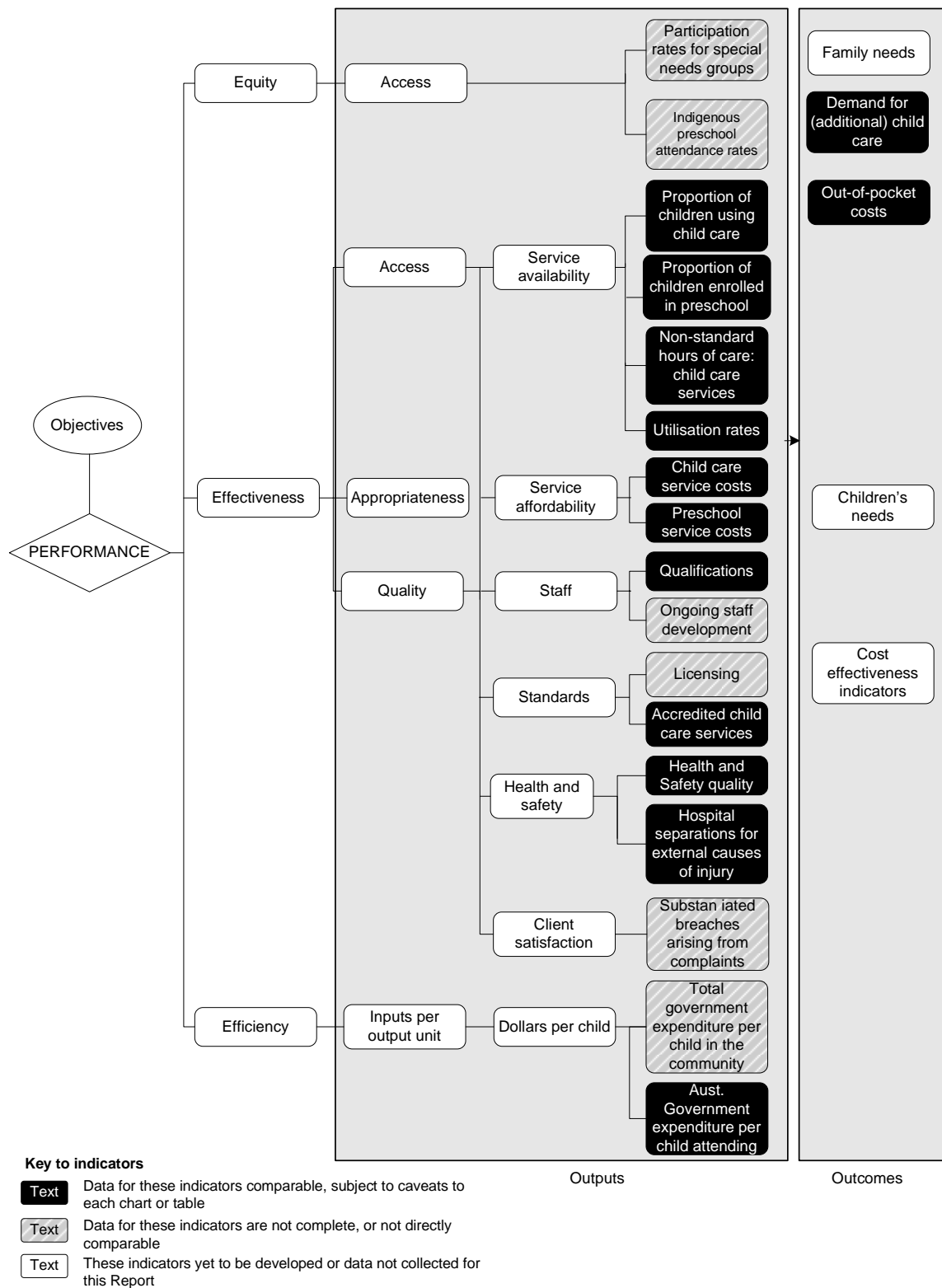
### *Attachment tables*

Attachment tables for data within the children's services chapter of this compendium are contained in attachment 3A of the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 3A.3 is table 3 in the children's services attachment). As the data are directly sourced from the 2009 Report, the compendium also notes where the original table, figure or text in the 2009 Report can be found. For example, where the compendium refers to '2009 Report, p. 3.15' this is page 15 of chapter 3 of the 2009 Report, and '2009 Report, table 3A.2' is attachment table 2 of attachment 3A of the 2009 Report.

### **Framework of performance indicators**

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for children's services in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 3.1. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

Figure 3.1 Performance indicators for children's services



Source: 2009 Report, figure 3.2, p. 3.12.

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## Participation rates for special needs groups

'Participation rates for special needs groups' is an indicator of governments' objective to ensure that services are provided in an equitable manner to all special needs groups in the community, and that there is consideration of the needs of those groups which may have special difficulty in accessing services (box 3.1).

### Box 3.1 Participation rates for special needs groups

'Participation rates for special needs groups' is defined as the proportion of children using child care services who are from targeted special needs groups, compared with the representation of these groups in the community. Data are reported separately for child care (for 0–5 and 6–12 year olds) and preschool services (3–5 year olds). Targeted special needs groups include children from a non-English speaking background, Indigenous children, children from low income families, children with a disability, and children from regional and remote areas.

The representation of special needs groups among children's services users being broadly similar to their representation in the community, may indicate equity of access.

Therefore, a higher participation rate is desirable.

Data reported for this indicator are not directly comparable. Updated data for childcare services were not available for this Report.

Data for participation by special needs groups using Australian Government approved child care services were previously sourced from the Australian Government Census of Child Care Services (AGCCCS), which was discontinued following the 2006 AGCCCS. Anticipated replacement data (for 2008) for this indicator were not available for the 2009 Report. Data for 2006 can be found in the attachment tables and the 2008 Report.

Data on the representation of special needs groups for children aged 3–5 years in government funded preschools are provided in table 3.1. The data provide a broad indication of the relative access to preschool for special needs groups.

- Indigenous children's representation in preschools varied across jurisdictions, though at the national level, they participated at a similar proportion (4.9 per cent) to their representation in the community (4.5 per cent).

Data on representation of special needs groups in State and Territory child care and preschools, for children aged 0–12, can be found in attachment table 3A.4.

**Table 3.1 Proportion of children (aged 3–5 years) from special needs groups attending State and Territory funded or provided preschools, 2007-08<sup>a</sup>**

| <i>Representation</i>                          | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Children from non-English speaking backgrounds |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| In preschool services <sup>c</sup>             | 10.1       | 17.1       | 4.7        | na        | 10.5      | na         | 8.1        | na        | 9.9         |
| In the community <sup>b</sup>                  | 23.2       | 21.6       | 11.6       | 15.6      | 13.5      | 7.2        | 16.1       | 38.7      | 18.7        |
| Indigenous children                            |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| In preschool services <sup>c</sup>             | 3.7        | 1.0        | 7.7        | 9.1       | 6.2       | 5.2        | 2.7        | 43.5      | 4.9         |
| In the community <sup>b</sup>                  | 4.1        | 1.2        | 6.4        | 5.8       | 3.5       | 6.4        | 2.3        | 41.8      | 4.5         |
| Children with a disability                     |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| In preschool services <sup>c, d</sup>          | 6.3        | 6.1        | 7.4        | 3.1       | 15.5      | na         | 4.4        | 5.3       | 6.6         |
| In the community <sup>b</sup>                  | 7.7        | 6.5        | 8.6        | 10.2      | 8.3       | 7.2        | 14.3       | np        | 8.0         |
| Children from regional areas <sup>e</sup>      |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| In preschool services <sup>c</sup>             | 31.4       | 28.5       | 89.5       | 23.6      | 29.0      | 98.3       | 1.0        | 45.5      | 35.8        |
| In the community <sup>b</sup>                  | 28.0       | 27.5       | 45.1       | 24.5      | 26.2      | 97.7       | 0.1        | 48.2      | 32.3        |
| Children from remote areas <sup>e</sup>        |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| In preschool services <sup>c</sup>             | 1.3        | 0.1        | 10.5       | 8.7       | 5.8       | 1.7        | ..         | 54.5      | 4.1         |
| In the community <sup>b</sup>                  | 1.0        | 0.1        | 6.2        | 11.8      | 5.8       | 2.6        | ..         | 68.2      | 4.2         |

<sup>a</sup> See table 3A.4 for complete footnotes and definitions. <sup>b</sup> Data showing representation in the community are sourced from the ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing, except for 'children with a disability', which are sourced from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Data for children in the community aged 3–5 years are different to the data for children in the community aged 0–12 years included in table 3A.4.

<sup>c</sup> These numbers do not include innovative or flexible services that receive direct funding from the Australian Government and are targeted towards children from these groups. Data on preschool services may include some children aged 3 years or 5 years for all jurisdictions. Preschool data in the NT may include some children aged greater than 5 years in very remote areas. <sup>d</sup> Data are not directly comparable between jurisdictions because there is no national definition or standard on children with a disability. <sup>e</sup> Regional and remote areas based on the Australian Standard Geographical Classification of Remoteness Areas (ASGC) (ABS 2001). Regional areas include inner regional and outer regional areas. Remote areas include remote, very remote and migratory areas. **na** Not available. **np** Not published. **..** Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); ABS (unpublished), derived from *2006 Census of Population and Housing*; ABS (unpublished), derived from *Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers 2003*; table 3A.4; 2009 Report, table 3.2, p. 3.15.

## Indigenous preschool attendance rates

'Indigenous preschool attendance rates' is an indicator of governments' objective to ensure that services are provided in an equitable manner to all special needs groups in the community, and that there is consideration of the needs of those groups which may have special difficulty in accessing services (box 3.2).

### Box 3.2 Indigenous preschool attendance rates

'Indigenous preschool attendance rates' is defined as the number of Indigenous children absent from non-government preschools, as a proportion of all Indigenous children enrolled in non-government preschools. A child is considered 'absent' if they missed one or more of the sessions they were enrolled in during the reference week.

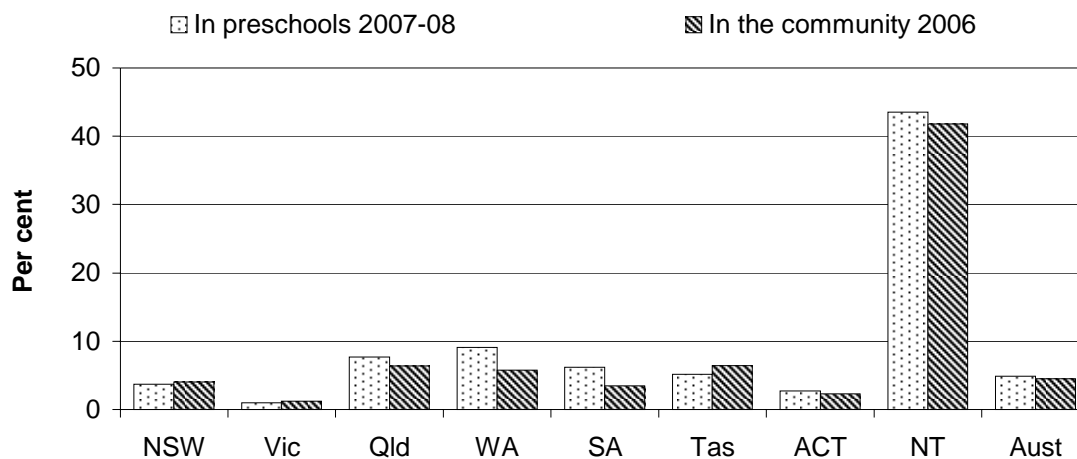
Attendance rates are measured by absentee rates. A low absentee rate indicates a higher rate of attendance at preschools, and is desirable.

Preschool attendance is not compulsory, and data are limited to Indigenous children enrolled in non-government preschools.

Data reported for this indicator are not complete, as they do not include Indigenous children enrolled in government preschools.

'Indigenous preschool enrolment rates' provides a broad indication of access to preschools. Indigenous enrolments in government and non-government preschools between 2003-04 and 2007-08 increased slightly in almost all jurisdictions, and nationally are similar to Indigenous children's representation in the community (figure 3.2).

Figure 3.2 Proportion of Indigenous children aged 3–5 years, in the community and enrolled at preschools <sup>a, b, c, d</sup>



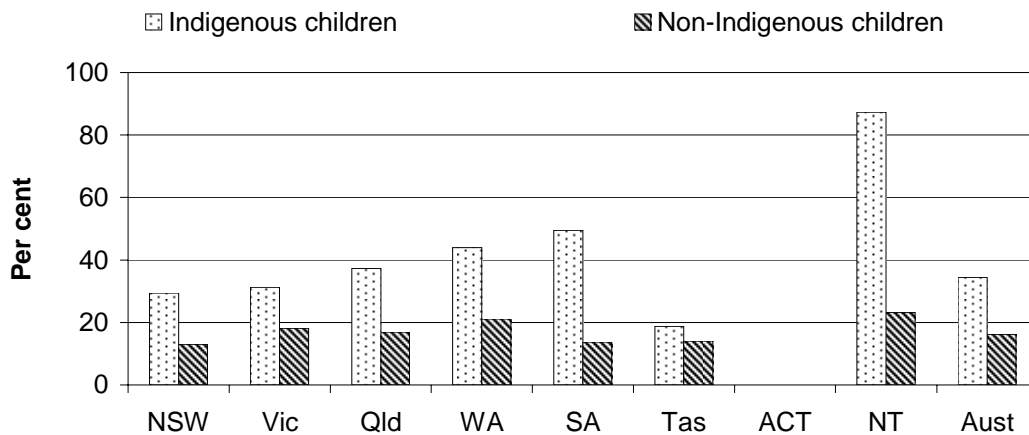
<sup>a</sup> Data showing representation in the community are sourced from the ABS 2006 *Census of Population and Housing*. <sup>b</sup> Data for the representation in preschool services are from State and Territory enrolment data. <sup>c</sup> All Indigenous data relate to people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin who self identify or are identified by a parent or guardian to be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. <sup>d</sup> The ABS Census Post Enumeration Survey has estimated an undercount of Indigenous people in the 2006 Census, and the estimates of the proportional representation in the community of Indigenous children should be treated with caution.

Source: ABS (unpublished), derived from 2006 *Census of Population and Housing*; State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 3A.4; 2009 Report, figure 3.3, p. 3.16.

‘Indigenous preschool attendance rates’ provide a broad indication of the participation of Indigenous children in preschools. These data are sourced from the National Preschool Census (NPC) and relate only to non-government preschools. These data may overlap with the preschools data provided by State and Territory governments and are therefore not directly comparable with other preschool data included in the Report. The National Preschool Census collected data from 3248 of the 3274 non-government preschools in scope for the 2007 NPC (which represents approximately 70 per cent of all government and non-government preschools) (DEEWR unpublished).

Nationally in 2007, non-attendance by Indigenous children (34.5 per cent) was significantly higher than non-attendance by non-Indigenous children (16.2 per cent) (figure 3.3).

**Figure 3.3 Enrolled children absent from non-government preschools, 2007 a, b, c, d, e, f**



**a** Data on attendance are limited to non-government preschools, and exclude government preschools. At the national level, around 70 per cent of children are in preschools considered to be ‘non-government’, though this percentage varies across jurisdictions. **b** Preschool attendance is not compulsory. **c** Attendance measured during the week of 30 July–3 August 2007. Children are counted as absent if they miss one or more of the sessions that they were enrolled in during this week. Absences due to illness may be higher during winter than at other times of the year. **d** ‘Non-Indigenous children’ has been derived by subtracting ‘Indigenous children’ from ‘all children’. **e** Data are suppressed for the ACT due to the small number of Indigenous children enrolled in non-government preschools. **f** The Australian totals include jurisdictions for which data are published only.

Source: DEEWR (unpublished), *National Preschool Census 2007*; table 3A.5; 2009 Report, figure 3.4, p. 3.17.

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## Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within this chapter are contained in the attachment to the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 3A.3 is table 3 in the children's services attachment). The tables included in the attachment are listed below.

- Table 3A.1** Early Childhood Education and Care in Australia, as at 30 June 2008
- Table 3A.2** Representation of special needs groups in attendees at Australian Government approved child care services, children aged 0–12 (per cent)
- Table 3A.3** Representation of special needs groups in attendees at Australian Government approved child care services (per cent), by age group, 2008
- Table 3A.4** Representation of special needs groups in attendees at State and Territory Government child care and preschools, children aged 0–12, 2007-08 (number)
- Table 3A.5** Children absent from non-government preschools, 2007

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## 4 School education

This chapter focuses on performance information — equity, effectiveness and efficiency — for government funded school education in Australia. Reporting relates to government funding only, not to the full cost to the community of providing school education. Descriptive information and performance indicators are variously reported for:

- government primary and secondary schools
- non-government primary and secondary schools
- school education as a whole (government plus non-government primary and secondary schools).

Schooling aims to provide education for all young people. The main purposes of school education are to assist students in:

- attaining knowledge, skills and understanding in key learning areas
- developing their talents, capacities, self-confidence, self-esteem and respect for others
- developing their capacity to contribute to Australia's social, cultural and economic development.

### **Indigenous data in the school education chapter**

The school education chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report) contains the following data items on Indigenous people:

- student attendance rate, for Indigenous students in Government schools
- the number of full time students (and as a proportion of all students) in government, non-government and all schools, 2007
- apparent retention rates from year 7 or 8 to year 10 of full time secondary students, all schools, 2007
- apparent retention rates from year 10 to year 12 of full time secondary students, by school type, 2007
- proportion of students achieving the years 3, 5 and 7 reading benchmark, 2007

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- proportion of students achieving the years 3, 5 and 7 writing benchmark, 2007
  - proportion of students achieving the years 3, 5 and 7 numeracy benchmark, 2007.

Data have also been provided for the first time for Indigenous learning outcomes by geolocation by state and territory (for 2006 and 2007). (National level data for 2005 were included in the 2008 Report.)

The school education attachment contains additional data relating to Indigenous people including:

- proportion of years 6 and 10 students achieving at or above the proficient standard in civics and citizenship performance, 2005
- proportion of 15 year old secondary students achieving level 3 or above in the overall reading literacy scale, by equity group — 2000, 2003 and 2006
- proportion of 15 year old secondary students achieving level 3 or above in the overall mathematical literacy scale, by equity group — 2003 and 2006
- proportion of 15 year old secondary students achieving at or above the OECD mean for scientific literacy (2000 and 2003) and problem solving (2003), by equity group
- proportion of 15 year old students achieving level 3 or above in the overall scientific literacy scale, by equity group, 2006
- proportion of 15 year old students achieving at or above the OECD mean for problem solving, by equity group, 2003
- apparent retention rates from year 7 or 8 to year 10 of full time secondary students, by school type, 2003–2007
- student attendance rates, government schools, by Indigenous status, 2007
- student attendance rates, independent schools, by Indigenous status, 2007
- student attendance rates, Catholic schools, by Indigenous status, 2007
- apparent retention rates from year 7 or 8 to year 10 of full time secondary students, by school type, 2003–2007
- information on Australian Government spending on Indigenous specific programs.

Throughout the chapter, the following definition is used for an Indigenous student:

“A student of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin who identifies as being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background.”

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Administrative processes for determining Indigenous status vary across jurisdictions.

### *Attachment tables*

Attachment tables for data within the school education chapter of this compendium are contained in attachment 4A of the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 4A.3 is table 3 in the school education attachment). As the data are directly sourced from the 2009 Report, the compendium also notes where the original table, figure or text in the 2009 Report can be found. For example, where the compendium refers to '2009 Report, p. 4.15' this is page 15 of chapter 4 of the 2009 Report, and '2009 Report, table 4A.2' is attachment table 2 of attachment 4A of the 2009 Report.

### **Indigenous full-time students, 2007**

Certain groups of students, including Indigenous students, have been identified as having special needs in school education. Government schools provide education for a high proportion of students from special needs groups. In 2007, 86.5 per cent of Indigenous students attended government schools (table 4A.2).

This chapter reports on the proportions of Indigenous students, LBOTE students, students with disabilities and students who are geographically remote. Further information on student body mix in government, non-government and all schools is in 2009 Report, tables 4A.25–27. Care needs to be taken in interpreting this information because some definitions of special needs students differ across states and territories.

The proportion of full time Indigenous students in schools varies greatly across jurisdictions (table 4.1). Table 4A.2 provides additional information on Indigenous enrolments.

In all jurisdictions, the proportion of full time Indigenous students was higher in government schools than in non-government schools. Nationally, the proportion of full time Indigenous students was 5.6 per cent for government schools and 1.7 per cent for non-government schools in 2007 (table 4.1).

**Table 4.1 Indigenous students as a proportion of all students, 2007<sup>a</sup>**

|                        | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i>  | <i>SA</i>  | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>   | <i>Aust</i> |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Government schools     | 5.1        | 1.4        | 7.8        | 8.2        | 4.6        | 7.6        | 2.6        | 43.4        | 5.6         |
| Non-government schools | 1.3        | 0.3        | 2.6        | 3.1        | 1.0        | 3.0        | 1.1        | 29.6        | 1.7         |
| <b>All schools</b>     | <b>3.9</b> | <b>1.0</b> | <b>6.2</b> | <b>6.5</b> | <b>3.3</b> | <b>6.3</b> | <b>2.0</b> | <b>40.0</b> | <b>4.3</b>  |

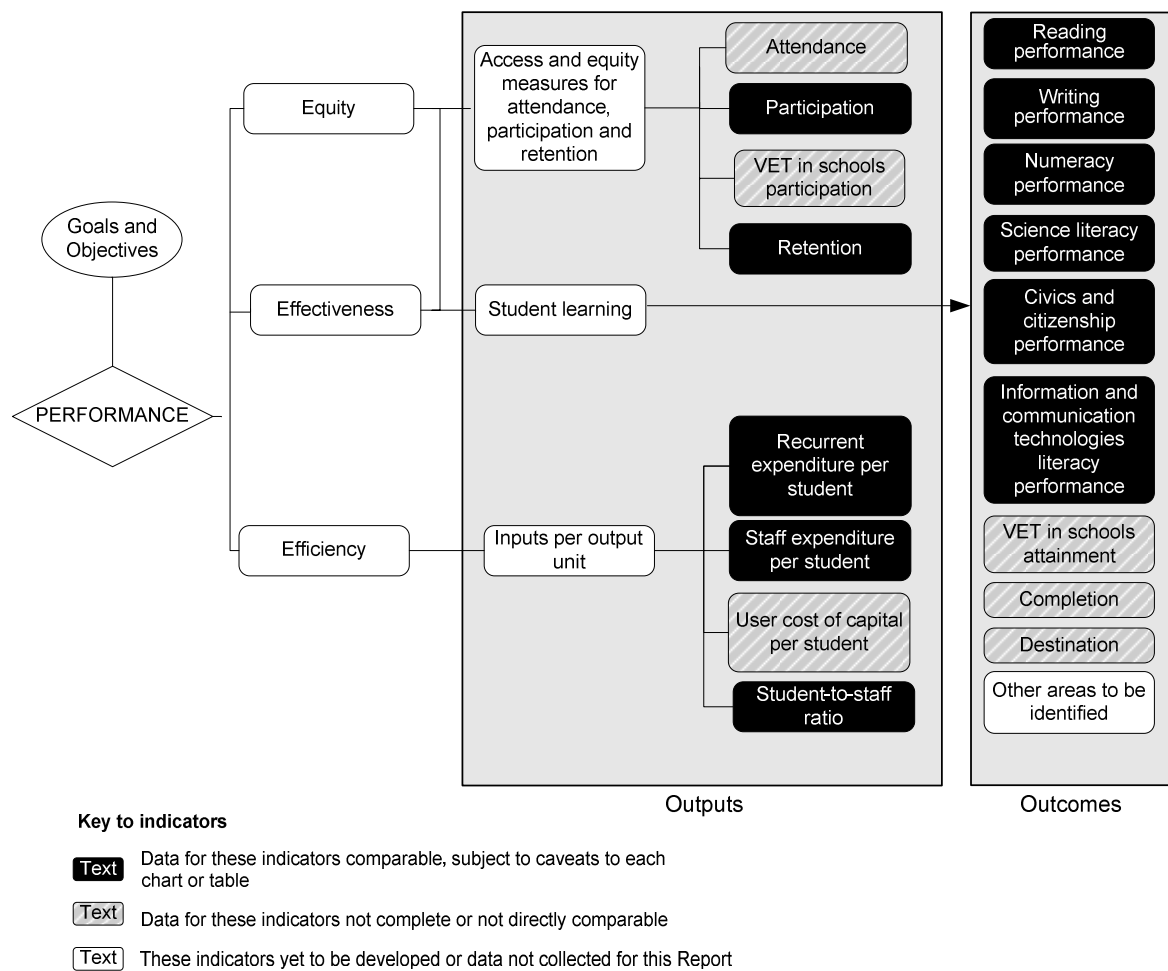
<sup>a</sup> Absolute numbers of Indigenous and all full time students.

Source: ABS (2008) *Schools Australia 2007*, Cat. No. 4221.0; table 4A.2; 2009 Report, table 4.5, p. 4.11.

## Framework of performance indicators

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for school education in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 4.1. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

Figure 4.1 Performance indicators for school education



Source: 2009 Report, figure 4.4, p. 4.19.

## Outputs

Outputs are the actual services delivered (while outcomes are the impact of these services on the status of an individual or group) (see 2009 Report, chapter 1, section 1.5).

### *Equity and effectiveness*

Access and equity measures for school education attendance, participation and retention, and VET in schools participation, are reported.

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## *Attendance*

‘Attendance’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to develop fully the talents and capacities of young people through equitable access to education and learning. National and international research confirms a link between attendance and student achievement, although the factors influencing attendance and achievement are numerous and interrelated in complex ways. Attendance rates for special needs groups are an indication of the equity of access to school education (box 4.1).

### **Box 4.1 Attendance**

‘Attendance’ (school attendance rate) is defined as the number of actual full time equivalent ‘student days attended’ over the collection period as a percentage of the total number of possible student days attended over the collection period.

Holding other factors equal, a high student attendance rate is desirable.

Student attendance is to be measured over a single consistent time period (the first semester) for all schools. However, currently the measure is transitional, with most jurisdictions providing government schools data for the first semester, whereas non-government schools are providing data for the last 20 days in May.

Data on student attendance are collected for each state and territory by:

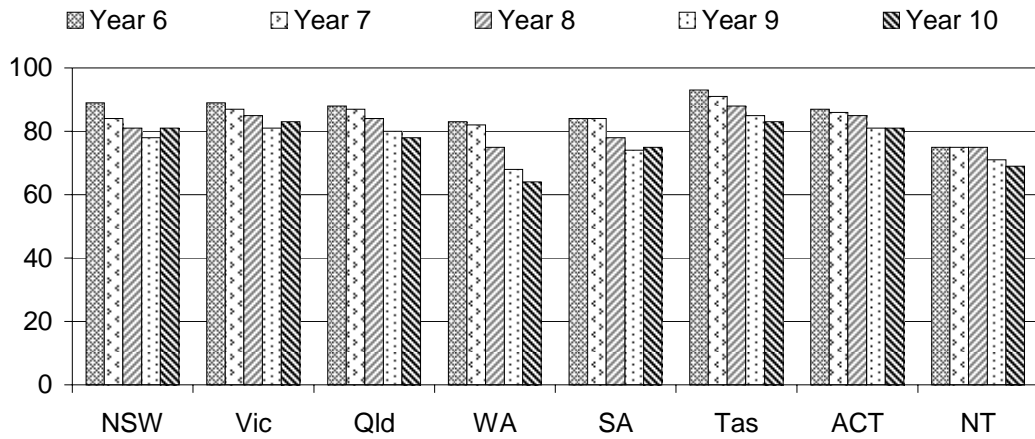
- school sector (government, Catholic and independent)
- sex
- year level (1–10)
- Indigenous status (Indigenous and non-Indigenous students).

Data for this indicator are not directly comparable.

In government schools, non-Indigenous students had higher attendance rates than Indigenous students across all year levels in all jurisdictions (figure 4.2 and table 4A.73). However, the percentage point differences varied across states and territories. A similar pattern to the government schools was observed for non-government schools (independent and Catholic schools) in most jurisdictions (tables 4A.74 and 4A.75).

Care should be exercised in relation to the data for Indigenous students, particularly in some jurisdictions and in the non-government sectors, due to small population sizes.

Figure 4.2 Student attendance rate, government schools, Indigenous students, 2007<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> See source for detailed explanatory notes regarding data.

Source: MCEETYA (2009) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Participation, attainment and attendance chapter*, table 4A.73; 2009 Report, figure 4.6, p. 4.22.

### Retention

‘Retention’ to the final years of schooling is an indicator of governments’ objective that all students have access to high quality education and training necessary to enable the completion of school education to year 12 or its equivalent (box 4.2).

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## Box 4.2 Retention

'Retention' (apparent retention rate) is defined as the number of full time school students in a designated level/year of education as a percentage of their respective cohort group (which is either at the commencement of their secondary schooling — at year 7 or 8 — or at year 10). Data are reported for:

- the proportion of students commencing secondary school at year 7 or 8 and continuing to year 10
- the proportion of students commencing secondary school at year 7 or 8 and continuing to year 12
- the proportion of year 10 students continuing to year 12.

The term 'apparent' is used because the indicator is derived from total numbers of students in each of the relevant year levels, rather than by tracking the retention of individual students. Data are reported for all students, Indigenous and non-Indigenous students, and for students in government and non-government schools.

Holding other factors constant, a higher or increasing apparent retention rate suggests that a large number of students are continuing to participate in school education, which is likely to result in improved educational outcomes.

This indicator does not include part time students or provide information on students who pursue year 12 (or equivalent qualifications) through non-school pathways.

Care needs to be taken in interpretation because the apparent retention rate does not take account of factors such as:

- students repeating a year of education or returning to education after a period of absence
- movement or migration of students between school sectors, between states/territories and between countries
- the impact of full fee paying overseas students.

Data for this indicator are comparable.

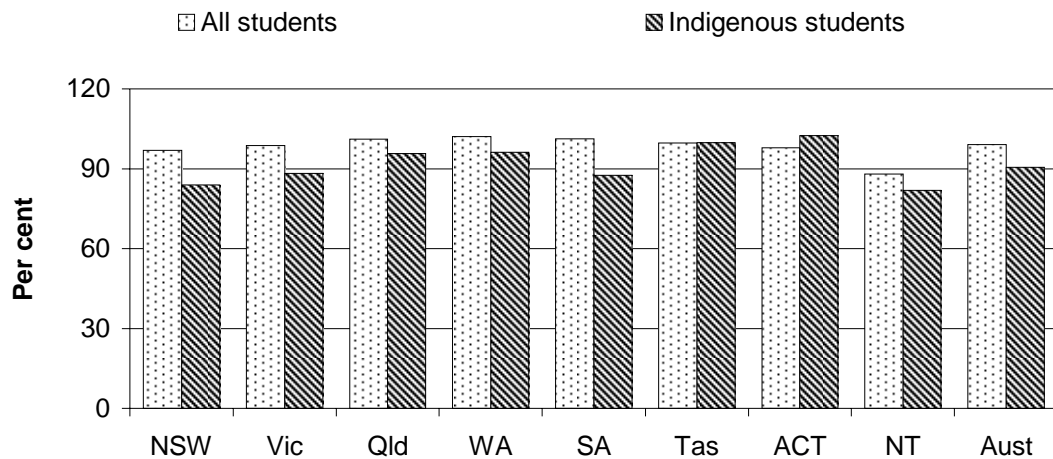
Apparent retention rates, from the commencement of secondary school at year 7 or 8 (see 2009 Report, figure 4.1 which shows the differences across jurisdictions) to year 10, for all students in most jurisdictions were 98–100 per cent in 2007, with a national rate of 99.1 (figure 4.3). High rates are to be expected because normal year level progression means students in year 10 are generally of an age at which schooling is compulsory.

Retention rates for Indigenous students provide one measure of the equity of access to schooling. Retention rates to year 10 for Indigenous students were lower than those for all students in most jurisdictions. The national retention rate for



Indigenous students was 90.5 per cent, or 8.6 percentage points lower than that for all students.

Figure 4.3 **Apparent retention rate from year 7 or 8 to year 10, full time secondary students, all schools, 2007<sup>a, b, c, d</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Apparent retention rates are affected by factors that vary across jurisdictions. For this reason, variations in apparent retention rates over time within jurisdictions may be more useful than comparisons across jurisdictions. <sup>b</sup> Retention rates can exceed 100 per cent for a variety of reasons, including student transfers between jurisdictions. <sup>c</sup> The standard apparent retention rate calculation excludes part time students, which has implications for the interpretation of results for all jurisdictions, but particularly for SA, Tasmania and the NT where there are high proportions of part time students in government schools (2009 Report, table 4.4, p. 4.10). <sup>d</sup> Ungraded students are not included in the calculation of apparent retention rates. This exclusion has particular implications for the NT, where 10.9 per cent of Indigenous secondary students were ungraded (compared with an average of 4.2 per cent for the rest of Australia), in 2007, and this should be considered when interpreting the data.

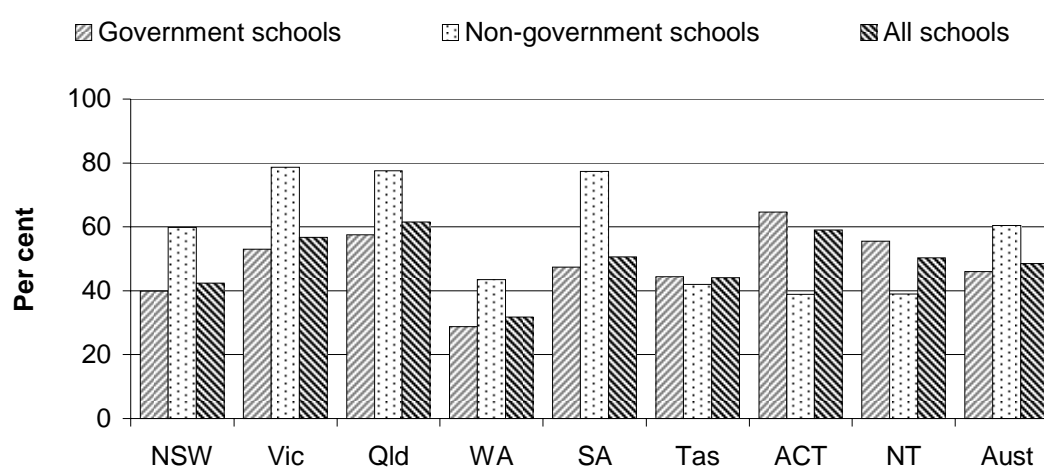
Source: ABS (2008) *Schools Australia 2007*, Cat. No. 4221.0; table 4A.72; 2009 Report, figure 4.8, p. 4.26.

The apparent rate of retention from year 10 to year 12 has been derived by expressing the number of full time school students enrolled in year 12 in 2007 as a proportion of the number of full time school students enrolled in year 10 in 2005.

For government and non-government schools, apparent rates of retention from year 10 to year 12 for Indigenous students in 2007 varied across jurisdictions, but were consistently lower than rates for all students (2009 Report, figure 4.9 and figure 4.4). In interpreting this indicator, note that nationally 9.5 per cent of Indigenous students left school before year 10 (figure 4.3) — compared to 0.9 per cent of all students — so are not included in the base year for retention from year 10 to year 12. This baseline varies across jurisdictions. Further, Indigenous students as a proportion of all students was 5.6 per cent in government schools compared with 1.7 per cent in non-government schools and some jurisdictions have very low numbers of Indigenous students (table 4A.2).

Nationally, Indigenous retention from year 10 to year 12 for all schools in 2007 was 48.5 per cent (figure 4.4), compared to 75.6 per cent for all students. However, Indigenous retention from year 10 to year 12 for all schools has risen in the past five years from 45.7 per cent in 2003 to 48.5 per cent in 2007, with the gap in year 10 to year 12 retention rates between Indigenous students and all students decreasing from 31.2 percentage points in 2003 to 27.1 percentage points in 2007 (table 4A.72).

Figure 4.4 **Apparent retention rates from year 10 to year 12, Indigenous full time secondary students, 2007<sup>a, b, c</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Apparent retention rates are affected by factors that vary across jurisdictions. For this reason, variations in apparent retention rates over time within jurisdictions may be more useful than comparisons across jurisdictions. <sup>b</sup> The standard apparent retention rate calculation excludes part time students, which has implications for the interpretation of results for all jurisdictions, but particularly for SA, Tasmania and the NT where there are high proportions of part time students in government schools (2009 Report, table 4.4, p. 4.10). <sup>c</sup> Ungraded students are not included in the calculation of apparent retention rates. This exclusion has particular implications for the NT, where 10.9 per cent of Indigenous secondary students are ungraded (compared with an average of 4.2 per cent for the rest of Australia), in 2007, and this should be considered when interpreting the data.

Source: ABS (2008) *Schools Australia 2007*, Cat. No. 4221.0; table 4A.69; 2009 Report, figure 4.10, p. 4.28.

Some historical data for apparent retention rates for Indigenous students are included in tables 4A.70–72.

## Outcomes

Outcomes are the impact of services on the status of an individual or group (while outputs are the actual services delivered) (see 2009 Report, chapter 1, section 1.5).

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### *Nationally comparable learning outcomes*

‘Reading performance’, ‘writing performance’, ‘numeracy performance’, ‘science literacy performance’ and ‘civics and citizenship performance’ have been identified as indicators of learning outcomes, and are able to be reported for Indigenous students (boxes 4.3–4.7).

To assist with making comparisons between jurisdictions, 95 per cent confidence intervals are presented in charts. For more information on interpreting learning outcomes data please refer to pp. 4.39–40 in the 2009 Report.

State and Territory data are also available for the first time by Indigenous status and geolocation for 2006 and 2007, and are included in this Report. This complements the national Indigenous learning outcomes by geolocation presented in the 2008 Report. Limitations of national learning outcomes data are detailed in the 2004 Report on Government Services (box 3.1, pages 3.36-7).

### *Reading performance*

‘Reading performance’ is an indicator of governments’ objective that all students should attain the skills of English literacy, such that every student should be able to read, write, spell and communicate at an appropriate level. It is an indicator of students’ achievement in a key learning area of school education (box 4.3).

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### Box 4.3 Reading performance

'Reading performance' is defined by two measures:

*Percentage of students achieving at or above the national reading benchmark:* The proportion of assessed years 3, 5 and 7 students who achieve at or above the national reading benchmark for a given year, reported by sex, Indigenous status, language backgrounds other than English (LBOTE), socioeconomic status and geolocation. The benchmarks describe nationally agreed minimum acceptable standards for reading performance at years 3, 5 and 7.

Up to and including 2007, student performance has been measured by annual State and Territory-based testing programs which were equated through a national process designed to allow comparable reporting against the benchmarks. Commencing in 2008, common national tests in literacy and numeracy were held for all students at years 3, 5, 7 and 9. These tests replaced the former State and Territory-based assessments.

*Percentage of students achieving at or above the proficient standard on the OECD PISA combined reading scale in a triennial international assessment:* The proportion of assessed 15 year old students who achieve at or above the proficient standard (agreed by the MCEETYA to be level 3) on the OECD PISA combined reading scale for a given year, reported by sex, Indigenous status, socioeconomic status and geolocation.

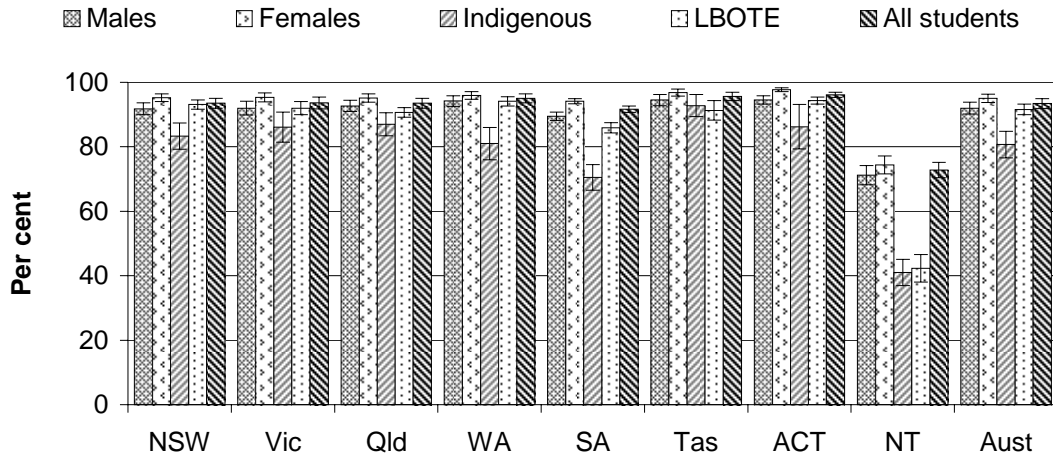
A high or increasing proportion of students achieving the reading benchmark/proficient standard is desirable.

Data for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, the proportion of assessed year 3 students who achieved the reading benchmark in 2007 was 91.9–94.9 per cent. The national proportion of Indigenous students who achieved the year 3 reading benchmark in 2007 was 76.6–84.8 per cent (figure 4.5).

The proportion of assessed year 5 students who achieved the reading benchmark in 2007 was 87.6–90.8 per cent nationally. The national proportion of Indigenous students who achieved the year 5 reading benchmark in 2007 was 63.4–71.8 per cent (figure 4.6).

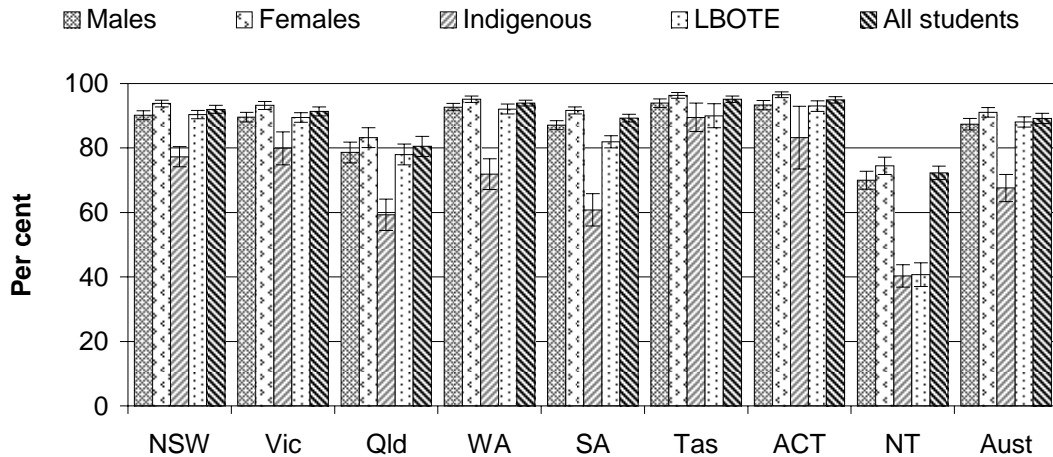
Figure 4.5 Proportion of year 3 students achieving the reading benchmark, by equity group, 2007<sup>a, b</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Error bars represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate. <sup>b</sup> For further information and caveats see table 4A.49 and 2009 Report, table 4A.84.

Source: MCEETYA (2008) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007*; table 4A.45; 2009 Report, figure 4.20, p. 4.42.

Figure 4.6 Proportion of year 5 students achieving the reading benchmark, by equity group, 2007<sup>a, b</sup>

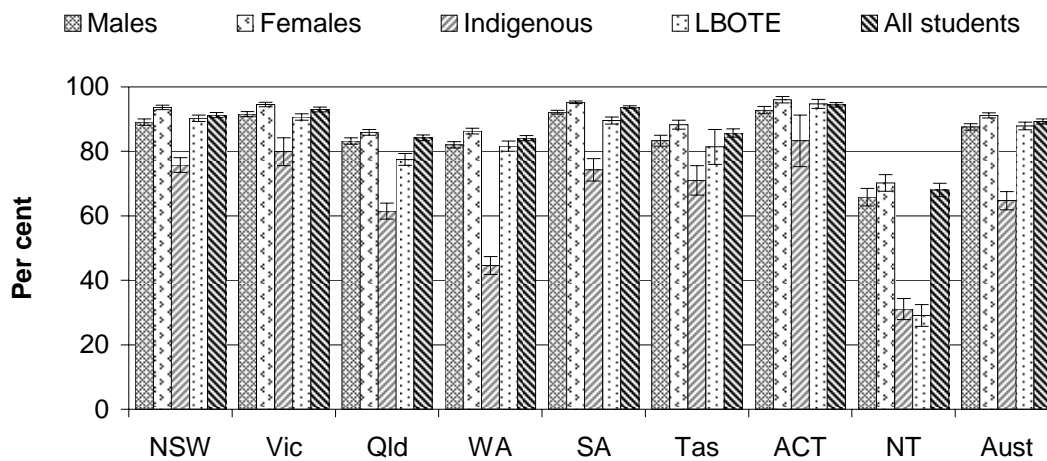


<sup>a</sup> Error bars represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate. <sup>b</sup> For further information and caveats see table 4A.49 and 2009 Report, table 4A.84.

Source: MCEETYA (2008) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007*; table 4A.46; 2009 Report, figure 4.22, p. 4.43.

The proportion of assessed year 7 students who achieved the reading benchmark in 2007 was 88.5–90.1 per cent nationally. The national proportion of Indigenous students who achieved the year 7 reading benchmark in 2007 was 61.9–67.5 per cent (figure 4.7).

Figure 4.7 **Proportion of year 7 students achieving the reading benchmark, by equity group, 2007<sup>a, b</sup>**

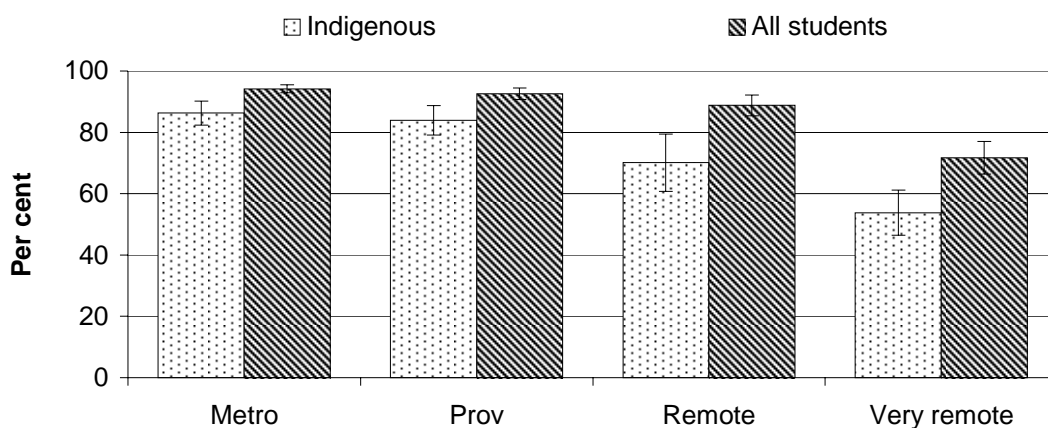


<sup>a</sup> Error bars represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate. <sup>b</sup> For further information and caveats see tables 4A.48 and 2009 Report, table 4A.84.

Source: MCEETYA (2008) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007*, table 4A.47; 2009 Report, figure 4.24, p. 4.45.

For all categories of remoteness across years 3, 5 and 7, the reading outcomes for Indigenous students were lower than those for all students. As with all students, outcomes for Indigenous students declined as remoteness increased — furthermore the gap in learning outcomes between Indigenous students and all students increased as the degree of remoteness increased (figure 4.8).

Figure 4.8 National proportion of year 3 students achieving the reading benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2007<sup>a, b, c</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Error bars represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate. <sup>b</sup> Data for year 3 students are shown and may not be representative of students in years 5 and 7 which are detailed in table 4A.48. <sup>c</sup> Insufficient or no students in an area of geographic classification are not included.

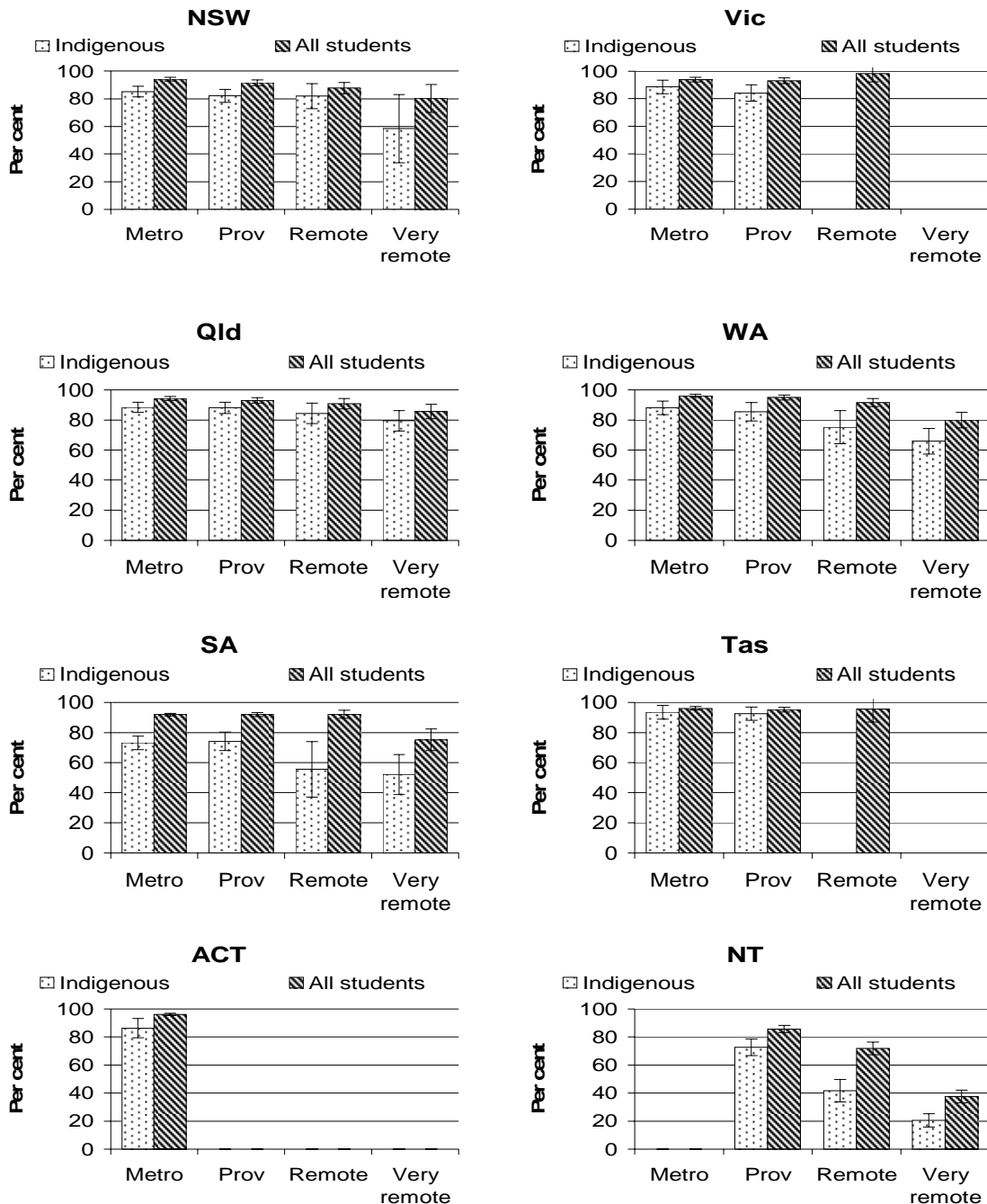
Source: MCEETYA (2008) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007*; table 4A.48; 2009 Report, figure 4.25, p. 4.46.

Nationally, the proportion of assessed Indigenous students who achieved the reading benchmark by geolocation in 2007 was:

- 82.4–90.2 per cent for Indigenous year 3 students in metropolitan areas, no different to the proportion for provincial students (79.1–88.7 per cent), but above the proportion for remote students (60.8–79.4 per cent) and very remote students (46.4–61.2 per cent) (figure 4.8)
- 69.4–79.6 per cent for Indigenous year 5 students in metropolitan areas, no different to the proportion for provincial students (65.6–77.0 per cent), but above the proportion for remote students (46.2–65.0 per cent) and very remote students (25.1–40.1 per cent) (table 4A.48)
- 69.0–75.8 per cent for Indigenous year 7 students in metropolitan areas, no different to the proportion of provincial students (65.5–73.1 per cent), but above the proportion for remote students (39.0–55.0 per cent) and very remote students (19.3–31.5 per cent) (table 4A.48).

State and Territory results are presented for year 3 reading literacy (by Indigenous status and geolocation) in figure 4.9 (results for years 5 and 7 reading literacy are in table 4A.48). Relatively large confidence intervals mean it is difficult to draw conclusions from these data. However, the general pattern in jurisdictions appears similar to the national results.

**Figure 4.9 Proportion of year 3 students achieving the reading benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2007<sup>a, b, c</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Error bars represent the 95 per cent confidence intervals associated with each point estimate. <sup>b</sup> Geolocation data are based on the MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification and represent school location. <sup>c</sup> There are no very remote areas in Victoria. There are no provincial, remote or very remote areas in the ACT. There is no metropolitan zone in the NT.

Source: MCEETYA (2008) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007*; table 4A.48; 2009 Report, figure 4.26, p. 4.47.



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### *Writing performance*

‘Writing performance’ is an indicator of governments’ objective that all students should attain the skills of English literacy; such that every student should be able to read, write, spell and communicate at an appropriate level. It is an indicator of students’ achievement in a key learning area of school education (box 4.4).

#### **Box 4.4 Writing performance**

‘Writing performance’ is defined as the proportion of assessed years 3, 5 and 7 students who achieve at or above the national writing benchmark for a given year, reported by sex, Indigenous status, LBOTE, socioeconomic status and geolocation. The benchmarks describe nationally agreed minimum acceptable standards for writing performance at years 3, 5 and 7.

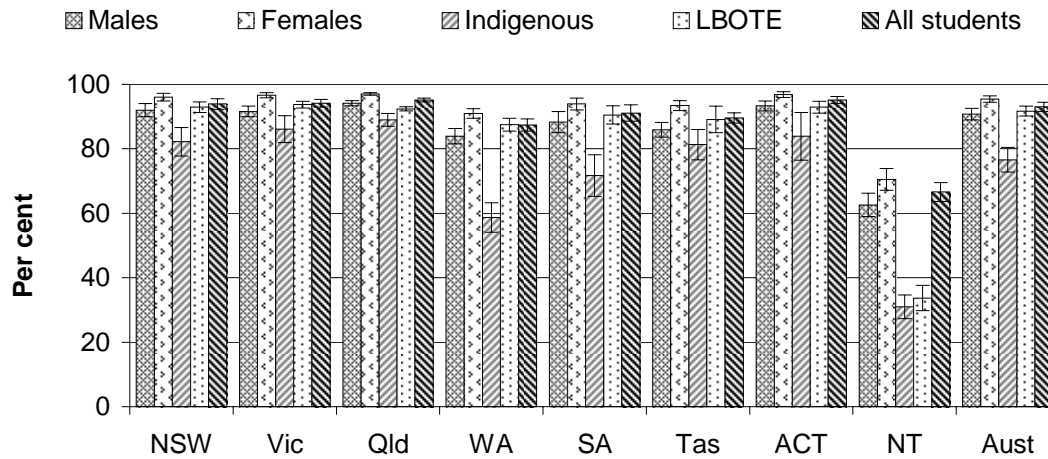
Up to and including 2007, student performance has been measured by annual State and Territory-based testing programs which were equated through a national process designed to allow comparable reporting against the benchmarks. Commencing in 2008, common national tests in literacy and numeracy were held for all students at years 3, 5, 7 and 9. These tests replaced the former State and Territory-based assessments.

A high or increasing proportion of students achieving the writing benchmark is desirable.

Data for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, the proportion of assessed year 3 students who achieved the writing benchmark in 2007 was 91.6–94.4 per cent. The national proportion of Indigenous students who achieved the year 3 writing benchmark in 2007 was 72.8–80.4 per cent (figure 4.10).

Figure 4.10 Proportion of year 3 students achieving the writing benchmark, by equity group, 2007<sup>a, b</sup>

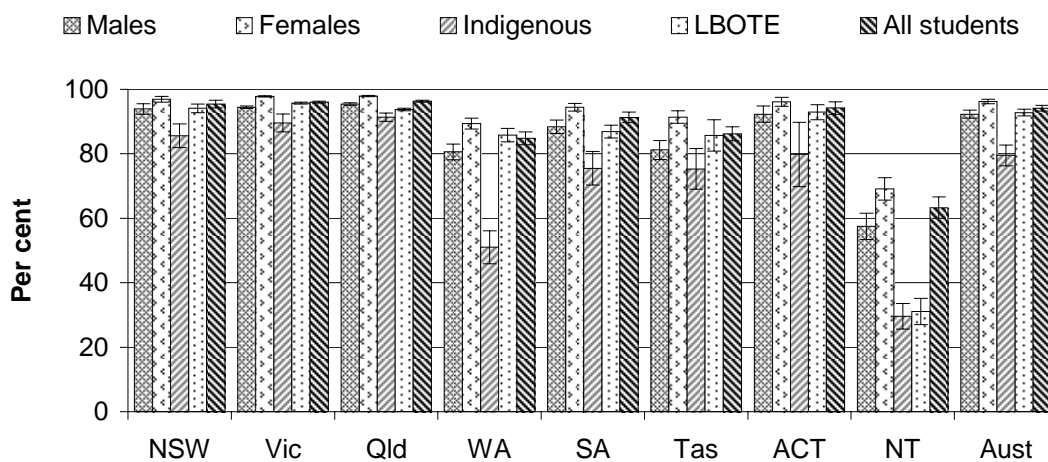


<sup>a</sup> Error bars represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate. <sup>b</sup> For further information and caveats see table 4A.54 and 2009 Report, table 4A.90.

Source: MCEETYA (2008) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007*; table 4A.50; 2009 Report, figure 4.28, p. 4.50.

Nationally, the proportion of assessed year 5 students who achieved the writing benchmark by geolocation in 2007 was 93.2–95.0 per cent. The national proportion of Indigenous students who achieved the year 5 writing benchmark in 2007 was 76.3–82.7 per cent (figure 4.11).

Figure 4.11 Proportion of year 5 students achieving the writing benchmark, by equity group, 2007<sup>a, b</sup>

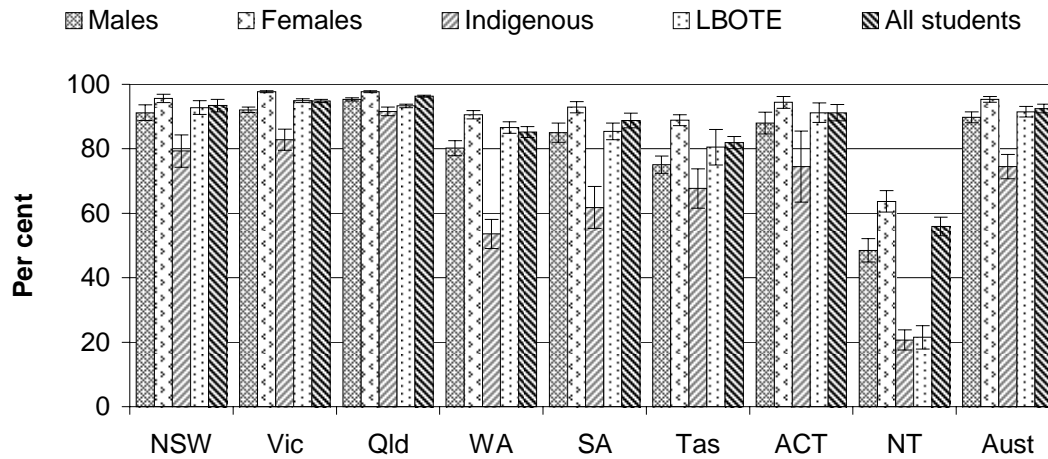


<sup>a</sup> Error bars represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate. <sup>b</sup> For further information and caveats see table 4A.54 and 2009 Report, table 4A.90.

Source: MCEETYA (2008) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007*; table 4A.51; 2009 Report, figure 4.30, p. 4.51.

Nationally, the proportion of assessed year 7 students who achieved the writing benchmark in 2007 was 91.2–93.8 per cent. The national proportion of Indigenous students who achieved the year 7 writing benchmark in 2007 was 70.7–78.3 per cent (figure 4.12).

**Figure 4.12 Proportion of year 7 students achieving the writing benchmark, by equity group, 2007<sup>a, b</sup>**

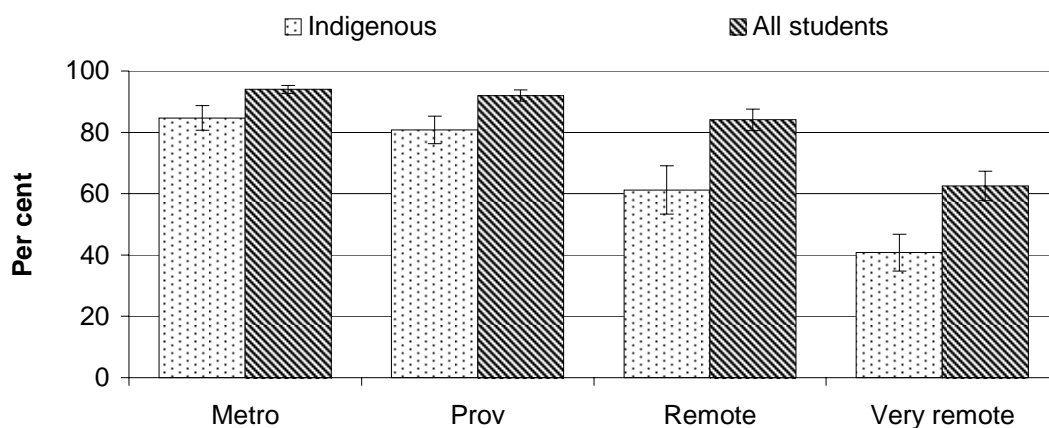


<sup>a</sup> Error bars represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate. <sup>b</sup> For further information and caveats see table 4A.54 and 2009 Report, table 4A.90.

Source: MCEETYA (2008) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007*; table 4A.52; 2009 Report, figure 4.32, p. 4.52.

National data on the proportion of assessed Indigenous students who achieved the writing benchmark by geolocation in 2007 are presented in figure 4.13.

Figure 4.13 National proportion of year 3 students achieving the writing benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2007a, b



**a** Error bars represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate. **b** Data for year 3 students are shown and may not be representative of students in years 5 and 7 which are detailed in table 4A.50.

Source: MCEETYA (2008) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007*; table 4A.53; 2009 Report, figure 4.33, p. 4.53.

For all categories of remoteness across years 3, 5 and 7, the writing outcomes for Indigenous students were lower than those for all students. As with all students, outcomes for Indigenous students declined as remoteness increased — furthermore the gap in learning outcomes between Indigenous students and all students increased as the degree of remoteness increased.

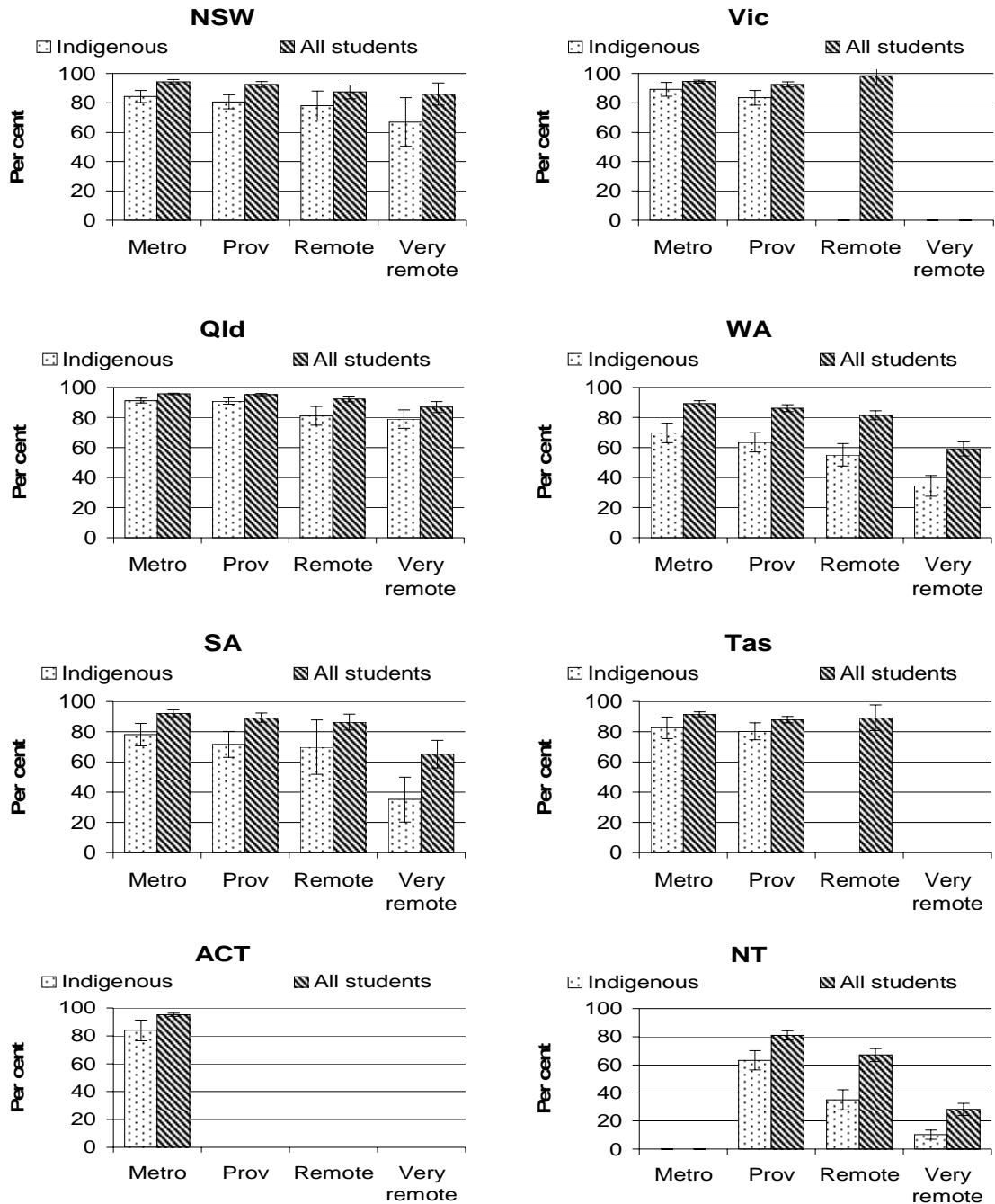
Nationally, the proportion of assessed Indigenous students who achieved the writing benchmark by geolocation in 2007 was:

- 80.7–88.7 per cent for Indigenous year 3 students in metropolitan areas, no different to the proportion for provincial students (76.3–85.3 per cent), but above the proportion for remote students (53.3–69.1 per cent) and very remote students (34.8–46.8 per cent) (figure 4.13)
- 82.4–93.8 per cent for Indigenous year 5 students in metropolitan areas, no different to the proportion for provincial students (76.4–89.4 per cent), but above the proportion for remote students (51.0–74.6 per cent) and very remote students (34.5–46.3 per cent) (table 4A.53)
- 79.2–87.4 per cent for Indigenous year 7 students in metropolitan areas, no different to the proportion of provincial students (72.6–82.4 per cent), but above the proportion for remote students (44.5–61.1 per cent) and very remote students (33.5–43.1 per cent) (table 4A.53).

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State and territory Indigenous results are presented for year 3 writing literacy in figure 4.14 (results for years 5 and 7 writing literacy are in table 4A.53). Relatively large confidence intervals mean it is difficult to draw conclusions from these data. However, the general pattern in jurisdictions appears similar to the national results.

Figure 4.14 Proportion of year 3 students achieving the writing benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2007<sup>a, b, c</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Error bars represent the 95 per cent confidence intervals associated with each point estimate. <sup>b</sup> Geolocation data are based on the MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification and represent school location. <sup>c</sup> There are no very remote areas in Victoria. There are no provincial, remote or very remote areas in the ACT. There is no metropolitan zone in the NT.

Source: MCEETYA (2008) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007*; table 4A.53; 2009 Report, figure 4.34, p. 4.55.

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## *Numeracy performance*

'Numeracy performance' (including mathematical literacy) is an indicator of governments' objective that all students should attain the skills of numeracy. It is an indicator of students' achievement in a key learning area of school education (box 4.5).

### **Box 4.5 Numeracy performance**

'Numeracy performance' (or mathematical literacy) performance is defined by three measures:

*Percentage of students achieving at or above the national numeracy benchmark:* The proportion of assessed years 3, 5 and 7 students who achieve at or above the national numeracy benchmark for a given year, reported by sex, Indigenous status, LBOTE, socioeconomic status and geolocation. The benchmarks describe nationally agreed minimum acceptable standards for numeracy performance at years 3, 5 and 7.

Up to and including 2007, student performance has been measured by annual State and Territory-based testing programs which were equated through a national process designed to allow comparable reporting against the benchmarks. Commencing in 2008, common national tests in literacy and numeracy were held for all students at years 3, 5, 7 and 9. These tests replaced the former State and Territory-based assessments.

*Percentage of students achieving at or above the proficient standard on the OECD PISA combined mathematical literacy scale in a triennial assessment:* The proportion of assessed 15 year old students who achieve at or above the proficient standard (agreed by the MCEETYA to be level 3) on the OECD PISA combined mathematical literacy scale for a given year, reported by sex, Indigenous status, socioeconomic status and geolocation.

*Percentage of students achieving at or above the proficient standard on the TIMSS mathematical literacy scale in a quadrennial assessment:* The proportion of assessed year 4 and year 8 students who achieve at or above the proficient standard on the TIMSS mathematical literacy scale for a given year. A national standard has yet to be developed for this measure.

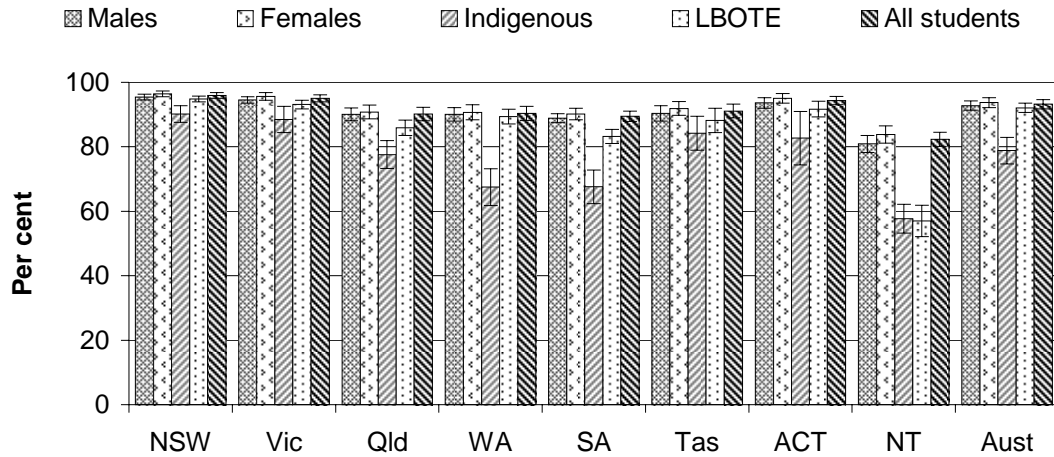
A high or increasing proportion of students achieving the numeracy benchmark/mathematical literacy proficient standard is desirable.

Data for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, the proportion of assessed year 3 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark in 2007 was 91.8–94.6 per cent. The national proportion of Indigenous students who achieved the year 3 numeracy benchmark in 2007 was 74.7–82.9 per cent (figure 4.15).



Figure 4.15 Proportion of year 3 students achieving the numeracy benchmark, by equity group, 2007<sup>a, b</sup>

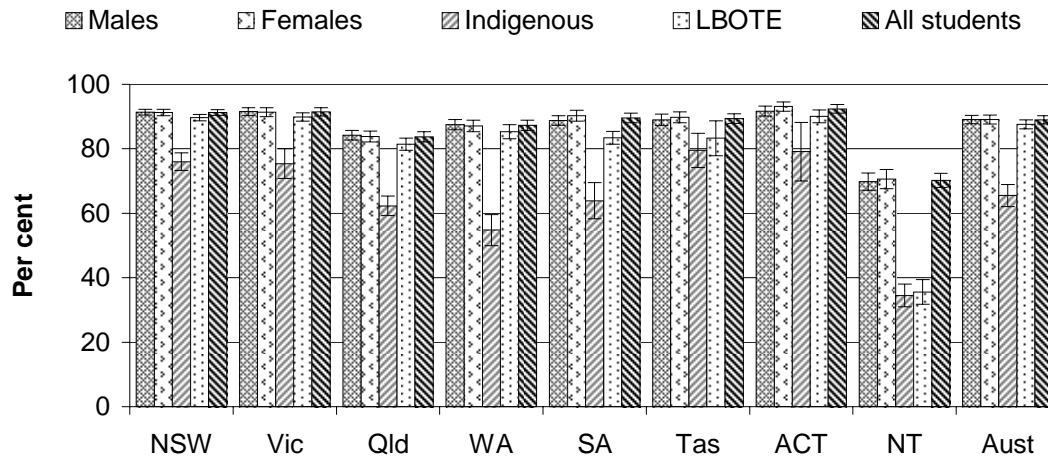


<sup>a</sup> Error bars represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate. <sup>b</sup> For further information and caveats see table 4A.59 and 2009 Report, table 4A.96.

Source: MCEETYA (2008) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007*; table 4A.55; 2009 Report, figure 4.36, p. 4.58.

Nationally, the proportion of assessed year 5 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark in 2007 was 87.7–90.3 per cent. The national proportion of Indigenous students who achieved the year 5 numeracy benchmark in 2007 was 62.1–68.9 per cent (figure 4.16).

Figure 4.16 Proportion of year 5 students achieving the numeracy benchmark, by equity group, 2007<sup>a, b</sup>

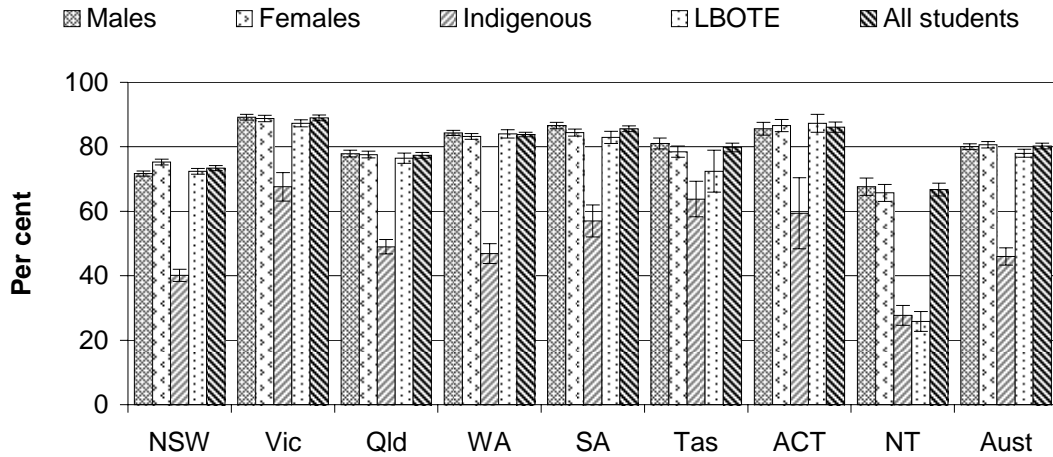


<sup>a</sup> Error bars represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate. <sup>b</sup> For further information and caveats see table 4A.59 and 2009 Report, table 4A.96.

Source: MCEETYA (2008) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007*, table 4A.56; 2009 Report, figure 4.38, p. 4.59.

Nationally, the proportion of assessed year 7 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark in 2007 was 79.3–81.1 per cent. The national proportion of Indigenous students who achieved the year 7 numeracy benchmark in 2007 was 43.3–48.7 per cent (figure 4.17).

**Figure 4.17 Proportion of year 7 students achieving the numeracy benchmark, by equity group, 2007<sup>a, b</sup>**

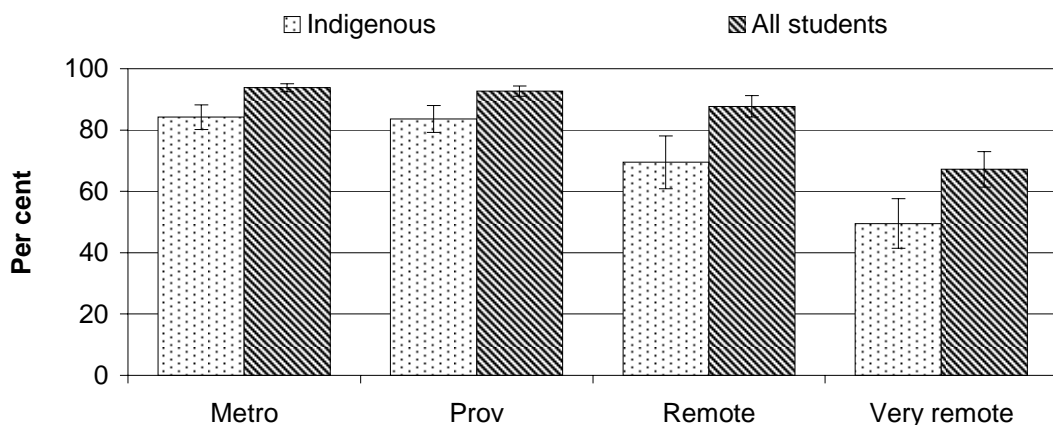


<sup>a</sup> Error bars represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate. <sup>b</sup> For further information and caveats see table 4A.59 and 2009 Report, table 4A.96.

Source: MCEETYA (2008) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007*; table 4A.57; 2009 Report, figure 4.40, p. 4.61.

National data on the proportion of assessed Indigenous students who achieved the numeracy benchmark by geolocation in 2007 are presented in figure 4.18.

**Figure 4.18 National proportion of year 3 students achieving the numeracy benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2007<sup>a, b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Error bars represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate. <sup>b</sup> Data for year 3 students are shown and may not be representative of students in years 5 and 7 which are detailed in table 4A.58.

Source: MCEETYA (2008) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007*; table 4A.58; 2009 Report, figure 4.41, p. 4.62.

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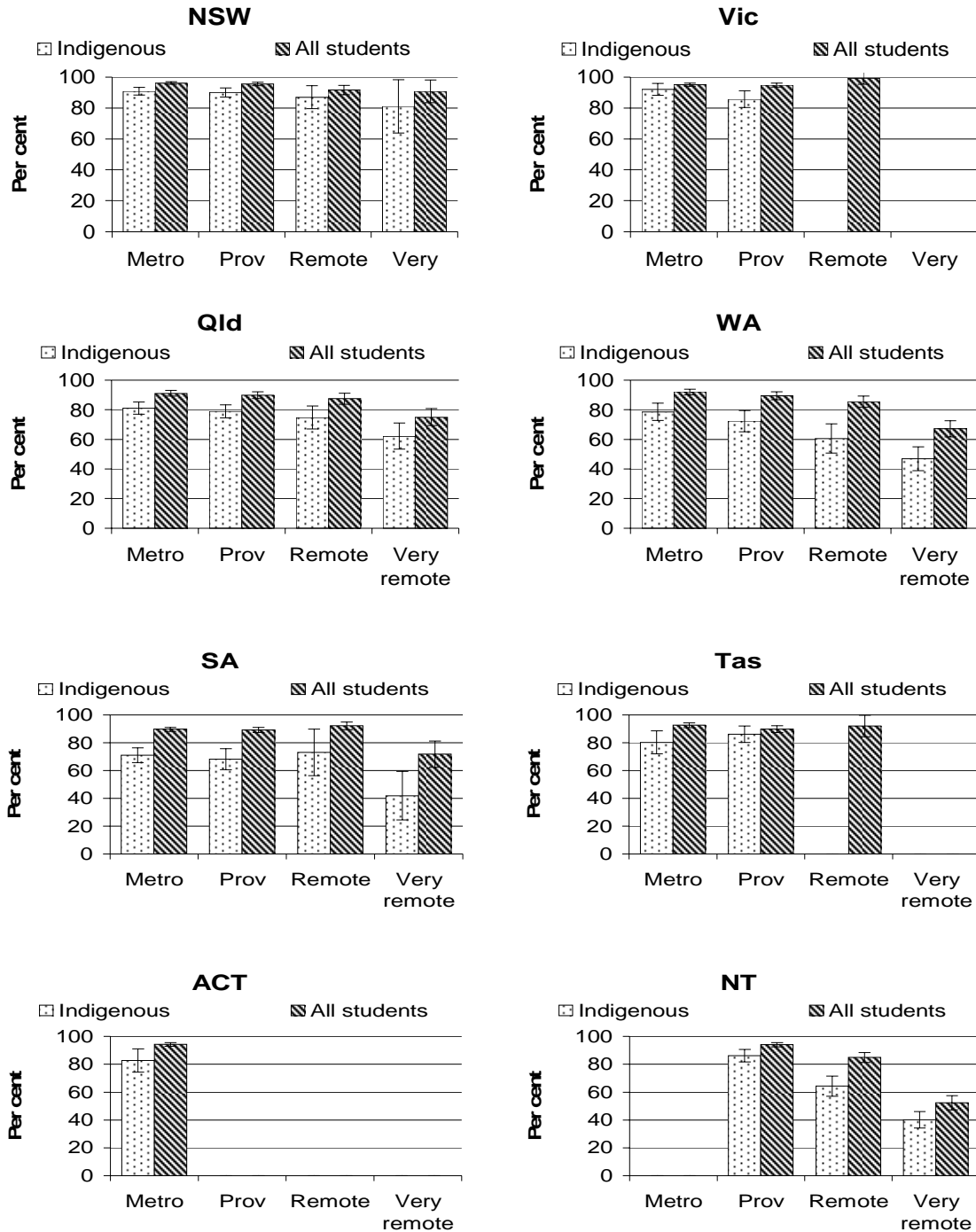
For all categories of remoteness across years 3, 5 and 7, the numeracy outcomes for Indigenous students were lower than those for all students. As with all students, outcomes for Indigenous students declined as remoteness increased — furthermore the gap in learning outcomes between Indigenous students and all students increased as the degree of remoteness increased.

Nationally, the proportion of assessed Indigenous students who achieved the numeracy benchmark in 2007 was:

- 80.2–88.2 per cent for Indigenous year 3 students in metropolitan areas, no different to the proportion for provincial students (79.2–88.0 per cent), but above the proportion for remote students (60.9–78.1 per cent) and very remote students (41.4–57.6 per cent) (figure 4.18)
- 69.6–77.6 per cent for Indigenous year 5 students in metropolitan areas, no different to the proportion for provincial students (65.6–74.6 per cent), but above the proportion for remote students (40.9–58.3 per cent) and very remote students (21.3–33.1 per cent) (table 4A.58)
- 48.2–55.2 per cent for Indigenous year 7 students in metropolitan areas, no different to the proportion of provincial students (45.0–53.0 per cent), but above the proportion for remote students (28.2–43.2 per cent) and very remote students (13.7–24.1 per cent) (table 4A.58).

State and Territory results are presented for year 3 numeracy outcomes in figure 4.19 (results for years 5 and 7 numeracy outcomes are in table 4A.58). Relatively large confidence intervals mean it is difficult to draw conclusions from these data. However, the general pattern in jurisdictions appears similar to the national results.

Figure 4.19 Proportion of year 3 students achieving the numeracy benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2007<sup>a, b, c</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Error bars represent the 95 per cent confidence intervals associated with each point estimate. <sup>b</sup> Geolocation data are based on the MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification and represent school location. <sup>c</sup> There are no very remote areas in Victoria. There are no provincial, remote or very remote areas in the ACT. There is no metropolitan zone in the NT.

Source: MCEETYA (2008) *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007*; table 4A.58; 2009 Report, figure 4.42, p. 4.64.

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## *Science literacy performance*

‘Science literacy performance’ is an indicator of governments’ objective that all students should attain high standards of knowledge, skill and understanding in agreed key learning areas (box 4.6).

### **Box 4.6 Science literacy performance**

‘Science literacy performance’ is defined by three measures:

- *Percentage of students achieving at or above the proficient standard on the scientific literacy scale:* This is the proportion of assessed year 6 students who achieve at or above the proficient standard for scientific literacy, reported by sex, Indigenous status, and geolocation for 2003 and 2006 (and for LBOTE and socioeconomic status for 2003). The proficient standard for performance in scientific literacy is set at proficiency level 3.2 (of levels 1 to 4 or above) for year 6 (MCEETYA 2004, 2008a). This is a challenging but reasonable level of performance where to be regarded as having reached the proficient standard, students need to demonstrate more than the minimal or elementary skills expected of a student at that year level (MCEETYA Performance Measurement and Reporting Taskforce (PMRT) unpublished).
- *Percentage of students achieving at or above the proficient standard on the OECD PISA combined scientific literacy scale in a triennial international assessment:* This is the proportion of assessed 15 year old students who achieve at or above the proficient standard on the OECD PISA combined scientific literacy scale for a given year, reported by sex, Indigenous status, socioeconomic status and geolocation. A national standard has yet to be developed for this measure.
- *Percentage of students achieving at or above the proficient standard on the TIMSS science literacy scale in a quadrennial assessment:* This is the proportion of assessed year 4 and year 8 students who achieve at or above the proficient standard on the TIMSS science literacy scale for a given year. A national standard has yet to be developed for this measure.

A high or increasing proportion of students achieving at or above the scientific literacy benchmark/proficient standard is desirable.

Data for this indicator are comparable.

The National Assessment Program — Science Literacy, Year 6 assessment measures the scientific literacy of a sample of students and is conducted triennially. It was first conducted in 2003, and for a second time in 2006. Results from the 2003 national science literacy sample assessment were discussed in detail in the 2006 Report (SCRGSP 2006, pages 3.59–62), with available rescaled data (based on the 2006 sample) presented in tables 4A.98–100 of the 2009 Report. Results from the 2006 national science literacy sample assessment are reported below.

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Year 6 scientific literacy 2006 results are reported as the proportion of Australian students from the sampled students (year 6 enrolled in participating schools) who achieved at the proficient standard or above. Nationally, 52.2–56.4 per cent of participating year 6 students achieved at the proficient standard or above in scientific literacy (down from 58.4–60.4 per cent in 2003) (2009 Report, table 4A.98). The national proportion of students who achieved at the proficient standard or above in scientific literacy was 15.5–35.5 per cent for Indigenous students in 2006 (table 4A.60).

Scientific literacy was a domain tested in the PISA 2006 survey. In PISA 2006 the proportion of 15 year old students who achieved at level 3 or above in scientific literacy was 28.7–39.9 per cent for Indigenous students, compared with 65.3–68.7 per cent for all Australian students (table 4A.66).

### *Civics and citizenship performance*

‘Civics and citizenship performance’ is an indicator of governments’ objective that students be active and informed citizens with an understanding and appreciation of Australia’s system of government and civic life (box 4.7).

#### **Box 4.7 Civics and citizenship performance**

‘Civics and citizenship performance’ is defined as the percentage of students that achieve at or above the proficient standard on the civics and citizenship scale in a triennial assessment. This is the proportion of sampled year 6 and year 10 students that achieve at or above the proficient standard in civic knowledge and understanding, reported by sex, Indigenous status, LBOTE, socioeconomic status and geolocation.

The proficient standard for performance in civics and citizenship is set at proficiency level 2 for year 6, and at level 3 for year 10 (of levels 1 to 5) (MCEETYA 2006). This is a challenging but reasonable level of performance where to be regarded as having reached the proficient standard, students need to demonstrate more than the minimal or elementary skills expected of a student at that year level (PMRT unpublished).

A high proportion of students achieving at or above the applicable proficient standard in civics and citizenship performance is desirable.

Data for this indicator are comparable.

The National Assessment Program — Civics and Citizenship, Years 6 and 10 assessment measures the civics and citizenship performance of a sample of students and is conducted triennially (MCEETYA 2006). It was conducted for the first time in 2004 and again in 2007. Results from the 2004 national civics and citizenship sample assessment were discussed in detail in the 2007 Report (SCRGSP 2007,

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pages 3.56–59), with data reproduced in table 4A.61 in this Compendium and tables 4A.101-102 of the 2009 Report. Results from the 2007 national civics and citizenship sample assessment were not available in time for inclusion in this Report, and will be included in the 2010 Report.

## **Future directions in performance reporting**

### *Nationally comparable reporting of learning outcomes*

#### *Enhanced literacy and numeracy measures*

The *National Summary Report* was released on 12 September 2008 (MCEETYA 2008b). Results from a second report with more detailed information (including disaggregation by Indigenous status and geolocation) will be included in the 2010 Report.

#### *Nationally consistent definitions*

Nationally consistent definitions of student background characteristics have been adopted for nationally comparable reporting on students' educational achievement and outcomes. Ministers have endorsed standard definitions of sex, Indigenous status, socioeconomic background, language background and geographic location.



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## Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within this chapter are contained in the attachment to the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 4A.3 is table 3 in the school education attachment). The tables included in the attachment are listed below.

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## 5 Vocational education and training

This chapter reports performance information about the equity, effectiveness and efficiency of government funded vocational education and training (VET) in Australia in 2007. The VET system delivers employment related skills across a wide range of vocations. It provides Australians with the skills to enter or re-enter the labour force, retrain for a new job or upgrade skills for an existing job. The VET system includes government and privately funded VET delivered through a number of methods by a wide range of training institutions and enterprises.

The focus of this chapter is on VET services delivered by providers receiving government funding, which relate directly to training activity funded under the *Commonwealth–State Agreement for Skilling Australia’s Workforce*. These services include the provision of VET programs in government owned technical and further education (TAFE) institutes and universities with TAFE divisions, other government and community institutions, and government funded activity by private registered training organisations (RTOs). The scope of this chapter does not extend to VET services provided in schools (which are within the scope of school education in chapter 4) or university education (some information on university education is included in preface A).

This year, the chapter has been enhanced by reporting of VET and TAFE graduates who improved their employment circumstances after training, by Indigenous status.

### **Indigenous data in the vocational education and training chapter**

The vocational education and training chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report) contains the following data items on Indigenous people:

- VET participation rate, 2007
- proportion of students who reported as Indigenous, 2007
- load pass rate, 2003–2007
- number of VET qualifications completed, 2003–2006
- number of units of competency and modules achieved/passed, 2003–2007

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- proportion of graduates who were satisfied with the quality of their completed course, 2003–2007
  - proportion of graduates in employment and/or continued on to further study after completing a course, 2003–2007
  - proportion of graduates who improved their employment circumstances after training, 2003–2007.

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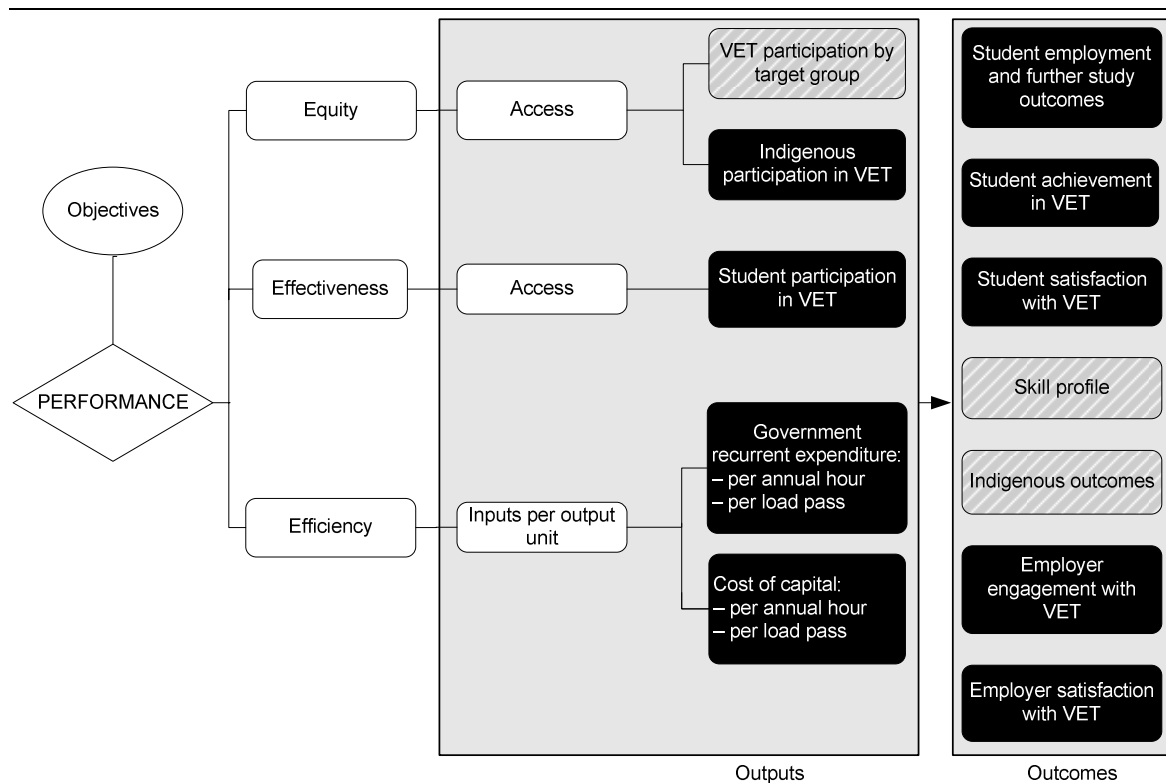
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### **Framework of performance indicators**

The VET performance indicator framework (figure 5.1) is developed around the VET objectives established under the national strategy for 2004–2010 (ANTA 2004). A specific objective relating to Indigenous people is that ‘Indigenous Australians will have skills for viable jobs and their learning culture will be shared’.

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for VET services in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 5.1. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

Figure 5.1 Performance indicators for VET services



Key to indicators

- Text** Data for these indicators comparable, subject to caveats to each chart or table
- Text** Data for these indicators not complete or not directly comparable
- Text** These indicators yet to be developed or data not collected for this Report; chapter contains explanatory text

Source: 2009 Report, figure 5.4, p. 5.12.

## Indigenous participation in VET

A key national goal of the VET system is to increase opportunities and outcomes for disadvantaged groups including Indigenous people. ‘Indigenous participation in VET’ is an indicator of equitable access to the VET system by Indigenous people (box 5.1).

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**Box 5.1 Indigenous participation in VET**

'Indigenous participation in VET' is defined as the number of all government funded participants in the VET system who self-identified as Indigenous, as a proportion of the total number of Indigenous people aged 15–64 years, compared with that of the general population.

A lower participation rate means Indigenous people are under-represented in VET; a higher participation rate means Indigenous people are over-represented in VET.

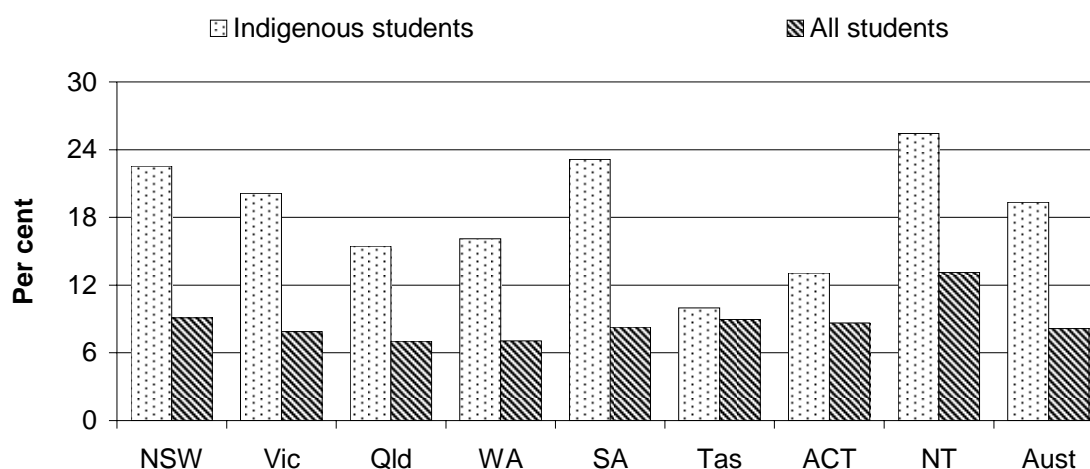
Care needs to be taken in interpreting the participation rates presented for Indigenous people because (1) the data depend on self-identification at the time of enrolment and (2) the number of non-responses (that is, students who did not indicate whether or not they were Indigenous) varies across jurisdictions. Data are for government funded VET students.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, the VET participation rate for all Indigenous students (the number of all Indigenous students as a percentage of Indigenous people aged 15–64) was 19.4 per cent. The participation rate for all 15–64 year old students (the number of 15–64 year old students as a percentage of the 15–64 year old population) was 8.2 per cent (figure 5.2). These student participation data are not age standardised, so the younger age profile of the Indigenous population relative to all Australians is likely to affect the results.



Figure 5.2 VET participation rate, by Indigenous status, 2007<sup>a, b, c, d</sup>

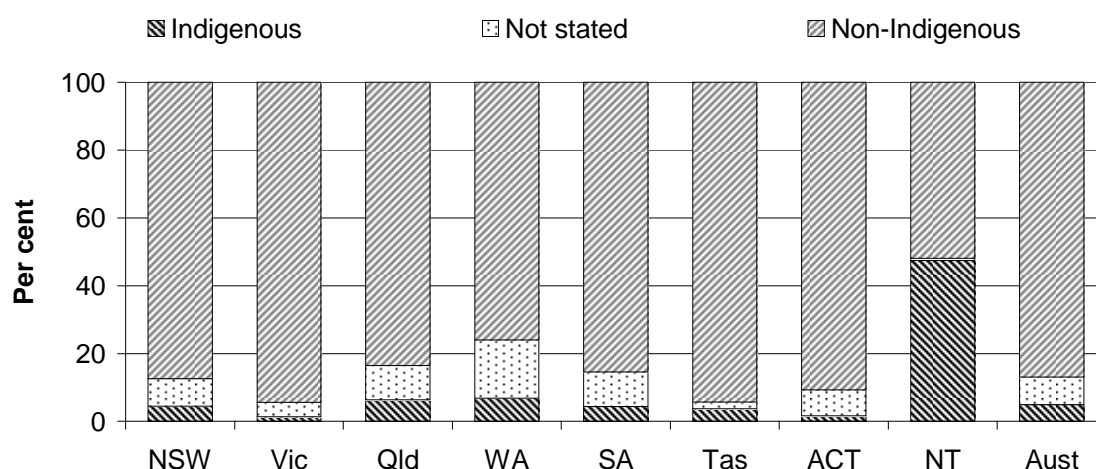


<sup>a</sup> Data are for government recurrent funded VET students. <sup>b</sup> The scope of Indigenous students covers all age groups who reported being Indigenous and the scope of all students covers those aged 15–64 years. <sup>c</sup> The Indigenous participation rate is the number of Indigenous students as a percentage of the experimental estimates of Indigenous people aged 15–64 years for 30 June 2007 (ABS 2004; low series, tables 25–34, pp. 53–62). The all students participation rate is the number of students as a percentage of the estimated resident population aged 15–64 as at 30 June 2007. <sup>d</sup> Care needs to be taken in interpreting these data because the Indigenous population's age profile is younger than that of the non-Indigenous population. Participation rates for all ages are likely to differ from participation rates for working age populations.

Source: ABS (unpublished), *Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2007*, Cat. No. 3101.0; NCVET National VET provider collection (unpublished); table 5A.1; 2009 Report, figure 5.9, p. 5.18.

In 2007, 4.9 per cent of government funded VET students in Australia identified themselves as Indigenous, while 8.2 per cent of students did not report their Indigenous status (figure 5.3). The proportion of government funded VET students who identified themselves as Indigenous (4.9 per cent) was higher than the proportion of Indigenous people in the total population nationally (2.4 per cent) (table 5A.1).

Figure 5.3 VET students, all ages, by Indigenous status, 2007<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Data are for government recurrent funded VET students.

Source: NCVET National VET provider collection (unpublished); table 5A.1; 2009 Report, figure 5.10; p. 5.19.

## Indigenous outcomes

‘Indigenous outcomes’ is an indicator of the extent to which Indigenous people achieve positive outcomes from VET services (box 5.2).

### Box 5.2 Indigenous outcomes

‘Indigenous outcomes’ is defined by three measures:

- ‘Indigenous students’ achievement in VET’ measures Indigenous students’ success in VET. It reports on load pass rates achieved by Indigenous students and the number of Indigenous students who commenced and completed expressed as a proportion of all course commencing enrolments by Indigenous students in that year.
- ‘Skill outputs of Indigenous students’ measures the level of skill outputs achieved in a given year by Indigenous students from the VET system. It reports on the number of qualifications completed by Indigenous students, the number of units of competency and the number of modules (outside training packages) achieved/passed by Indigenous students.

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**Box 5.2 (Continued)**

- ‘Qualifications completed by Indigenous students’ is defined as the number of qualifications completed by both government and non-government funded Indigenous students each year in VET, where a qualification is a certification awarded to a person on successful completion of a course in recognition of having achieved particular knowledge, skills or competencies.
- ‘Units of competency achieved by Indigenous students’ is defined as the number of units of competency achieved/passed by Indigenous government recurrent funded VET students, where a unit of competency is defined as a component of a competency standard and/or a statement of a key function or role in a particular job or occupation.
- ‘Modules completed by Indigenous students’ is defined as the number of modules (outside training packages) achieved/passed each year by Indigenous government recurrent funded VET students, where a module (also called a subject) is a unit of education or training which can be completed on its own or as part of a course. Modules may also result in the attainment of one or more units of competency.
- ‘VET outcomes for Indigenous students’ measures the VET system’s ability to meet Indigenous students’ objectives. It reports on the proportion of Indigenous students who were satisfied with the quality of their completed course; the proportion of Indigenous graduates who were employed and/or continued on to further study after completing a course (compared to those of the general population); and the proportion of Indigenous graduates who improved their employment circumstances after completing training (compared to those of the general population).

High ‘load pass rates’ and ‘number of students who commenced and completed’ indicate that student achievement is high, which is desirable. Holding other factors constant, high or increasing numbers of qualifications completed, and units of competency or modules achieved/passed results in a greater increase in VET skills. Higher proportions of Indigenous student satisfaction indicates higher levels of satisfaction. The proportion of graduates who achieve their training objectives varies according to their objectives — employment related, further study and/or developmental — so it is useful to distinguish amongst types of student objective. High or increasing proportions of employment or further study outcomes after training are positive.

Reporting on students who commenced and completed is dependent on the capacity to track individual students over more than one calendar year and the data are not yet available. Qualifications completed in 2006 are counted in 2008 and are included in the 2009 Report.

Data reported for this indicator are not directly comparable.

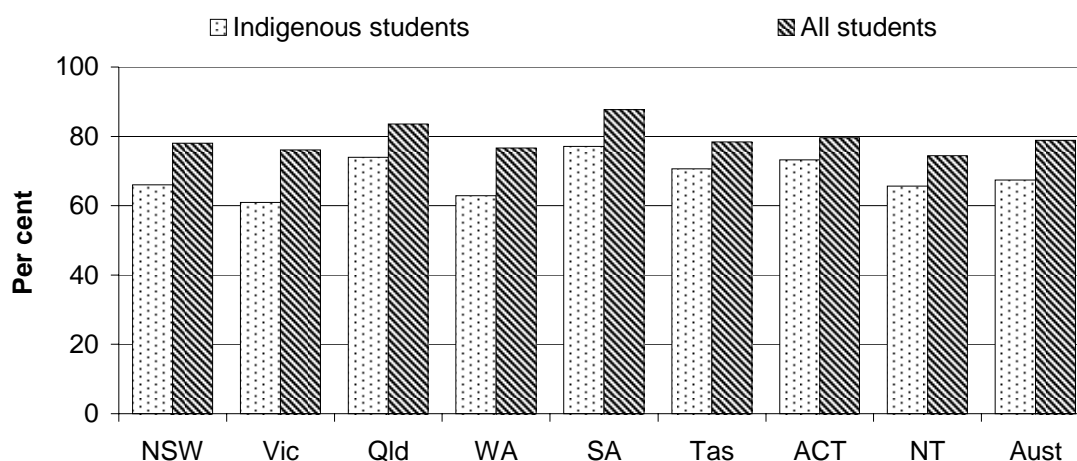
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### *Indigenous students' achievement in VET*

In 2007, the national 'load pass rate' for Indigenous government funded students (67.4 per cent) was lower than the national 'load pass rate' for all government funded students (78.8 per cent) (figure 5.4).

**Figure 5.4 Indigenous students' load pass rate, 2007<sup>a</sup>**

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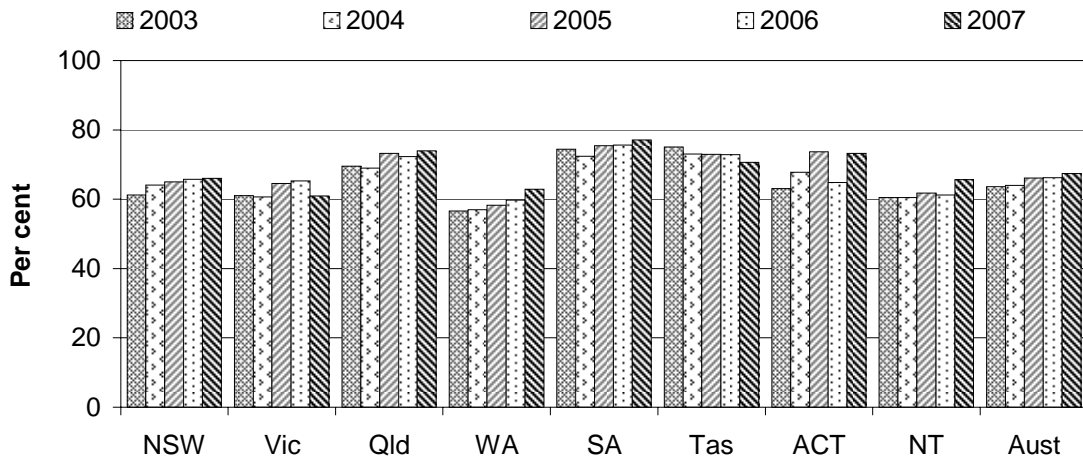


<sup>a</sup> Data are for government recurrent funded hours.

Source: NCVET National VET provider collection (unpublished); table 5A.2; 2009 Report, figure 5.37; p. 5.55.

Nationally, the load pass rate for Indigenous government funded students increased from 63.6 per cent in 2003 to 67.4 per cent in 2007 (figure 5.5).

Figure 5.5 Indigenous students' load pass rate<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Data are for government recurrent funded hours.

Source: NCVET National VET provider collection (unpublished); table 5A.2; 2009 Report, figure 5.38, p. 5.56.

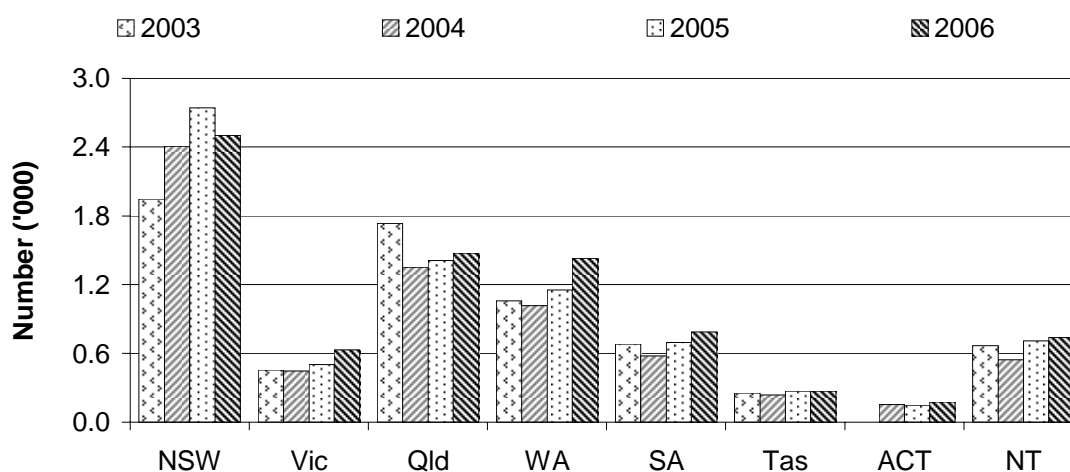
### *Indigenous students' skill outputs*

The measure 'skill outputs of Indigenous students' reports on the number and proportion of qualifications completed, units of competency and modules (outside training packages) achieved/passed in a given year.

#### *Indigenous students' skill outputs — Qualifications completed*

Nationally, Indigenous students completed 8007 VET qualifications in 2006, an increase of 4.9 per cent from 7632 in 2005. Indigenous students accounted for 2.7 per cent of all the qualifications completed in 2006 (table 5A.3). The number of qualifications completed by Indigenous students varied across jurisdictions (figure 5.6).

Figure 5.6 Qualifications completed by Indigenous students<sup>a, b, c, d</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Qualifications completed includes courses accredited or approved by a local State/Territory authority, and represents students eligible to be awarded a qualification. <sup>b</sup> The number of qualifications completed includes both government funded and non-government funded VET students. <sup>c</sup> In 2006, WA reported additional awards completed in 2003. The 2003 ACT data were rounded to zero. <sup>d</sup> SA data now include VET in schools which has been assessed by TAFE. To enable comparability of data, SA data for 2003–2005 have been adjusted to include SA VISA (VET in Schools Assessment) data.

Source: NCVET National VET provider collection (unpublished); table 5A.3; 2009 Report, figure 5.39; p. 5.57.

### *Indigenous students' skill outputs — Units of competency and modules completed*

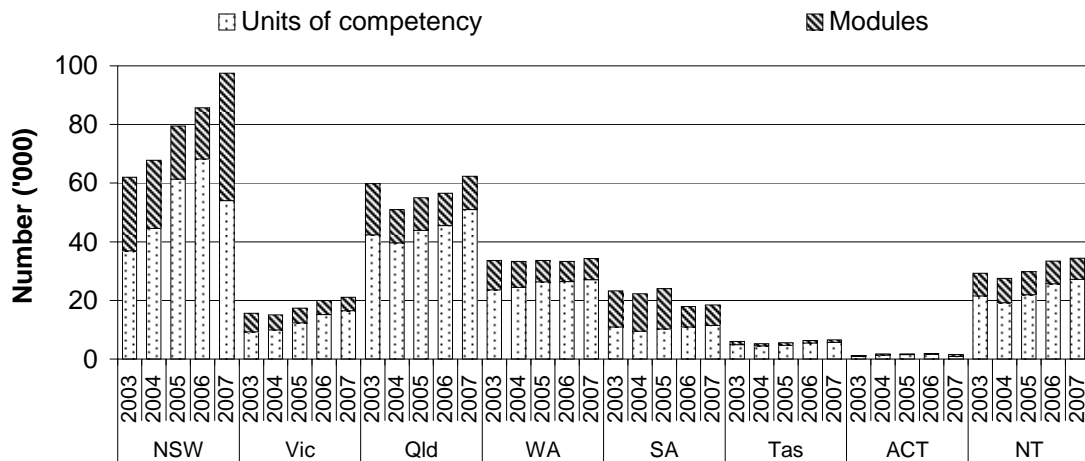
Due to changes in the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical (AVETMIS) reporting standard and the method of implementation of these changes by some training providers and states, a large number of Units of Competency that the ACT and NSW reported in previous years have not been reported in 2007. In addition, a large number of modules that would not have been reported in previous years have been reported in 2007 by the ACT and NSW. As a result, reported units of competency have significantly decreased and the number of modules have significantly increased in 2007.

Nationally, Indigenous government funded students achieved/passed 193 823 units of competency in 2007, a decrease of 2.6 per cent from 198 899 units in 2006. Units of competency achieved/passed increased by 29.0 per cent from 150 221 units in 2003 (table 5A.4).

The VET sector is focussed on delivering nationally approved training package qualifications and units of competency as opposed to modules. Nationally, the number of modules achieved/passed by Indigenous government funded students increased by 46.5 per cent from 56 096 in 2006 to 82 182 in 2007. The number of modules achieved/passed increased by 2.2 per cent from 80 404 in 2003

(table 5A.4). The number of units of competency and number of modules achieved/passed varied across jurisdictions (figure 5.7).

Figure 5.7 **Units of competency and modules achieved/passed, by Indigenous students<sup>a, b, c, d</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Data are for government recurrent funded VET students. <sup>b</sup> NSW reported data on two additional programs for the first time in 2006. <sup>c</sup> SA data now include VET in schools which has been assessed by TAFE. To enable comparability of data, SA data for 2003–2005 have been adjusted to include SA VISA (VET in Schools Assessment) data. <sup>d</sup> Due to changes in the AVETMISS reporting standard and the method of implementation of these changes, a large number of Units of Competency that the ACT and NSW reported in previous years have not been reported in 2007. In addition, a large number of modules that would not have been reported in previous years have been reported in 2007 by the ACT and NSW.

Source: NCVET National VET provider collection (unpublished); table 5A.4; 2009 Report, figure 5.40; p. 5.58.

### VET outcomes for Indigenous students

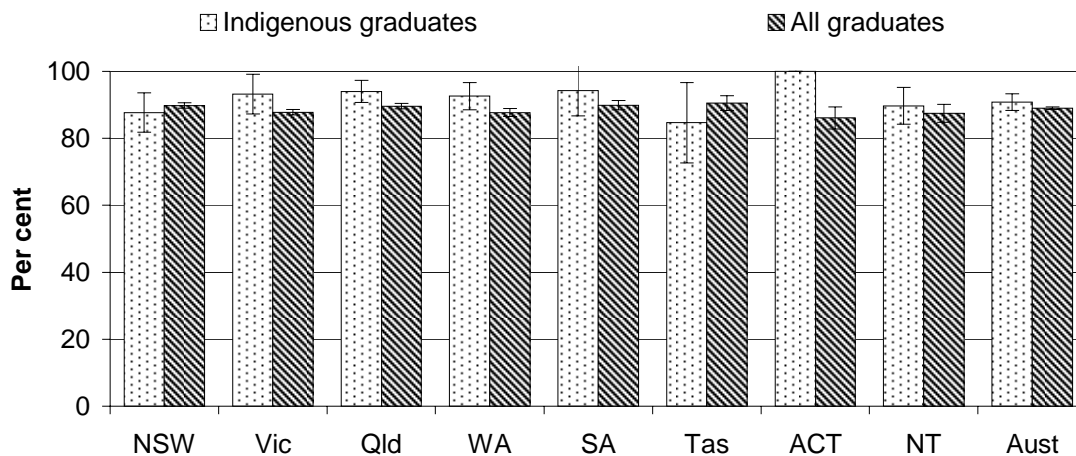
The measure ‘VET outcomes for Indigenous students’ reports on Indigenous students’ satisfaction with VET and Indigenous employment and further study outcomes.

#### VET outcomes for Indigenous students — satisfaction with VET

The measure ‘Indigenous students’ satisfaction with VET’ reports on the proportion of Indigenous graduates who indicated they were satisfied with the quality of their completed VET course.

Nationally, 90.8 per cent of Indigenous TAFE graduates surveyed in 2007 indicated that they were satisfied with the quality of their completed course, compared with 89.0 per cent for all TAFE graduates (figure 5.8).

**Figure 5.8 Proportion of TAFE graduates who were satisfied with the quality of their completed course, by Indigenous status, 2007<sup>a, b</sup>**



**a** Satisfaction with overall quality of training was rated as satisfied or very satisfied (4 or 5 on a 5 point scale).  
**b** The error bars in the figure represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate.

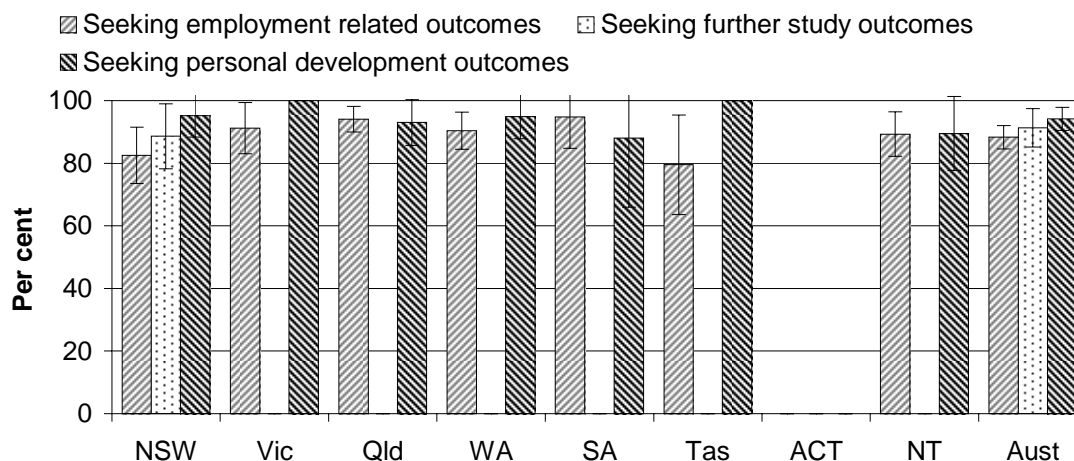
Source: NCVET Student Outcomes Survey (unpublished); table 5A.5 and 2009 Report, table 5A.47; 2009 Report, figure 5.41; p. 5.59.

Of those Indigenous TAFE graduates who completed courses in 2007, the proportion of those who indicated that they were satisfied with their courses was:

- 88.3 per cent of those seeking employment related outcomes
- 91.3 per cent of those seeking further study outcomes
- 94.2 per cent of those seeking personal development (figure 5.9).



Figure 5.9 **Proportion of Indigenous TAFE graduates who were satisfied with the quality of their course, by purpose of study, 2007<sup>a, b, c, d</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Satisfaction with overall quality of training was rated as satisfied or very satisfied (4 or 5 on a 5 point scale). <sup>b</sup> The seeking further study outcomes data for ACT were nil or rounded to zero. Data for Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA, Tasmania, the ACT and the NT are not published due to 5 or fewer responses. <sup>c</sup> The error bars in the figure represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate. <sup>d</sup> Due to insufficient sample size it was not possible to calculate an estimate of the variance for some proportions.

Source: NCVET Student Outcomes Survey (unpublished); table 5A.5; 2009 Report, figure 5.42; p. 5.60.

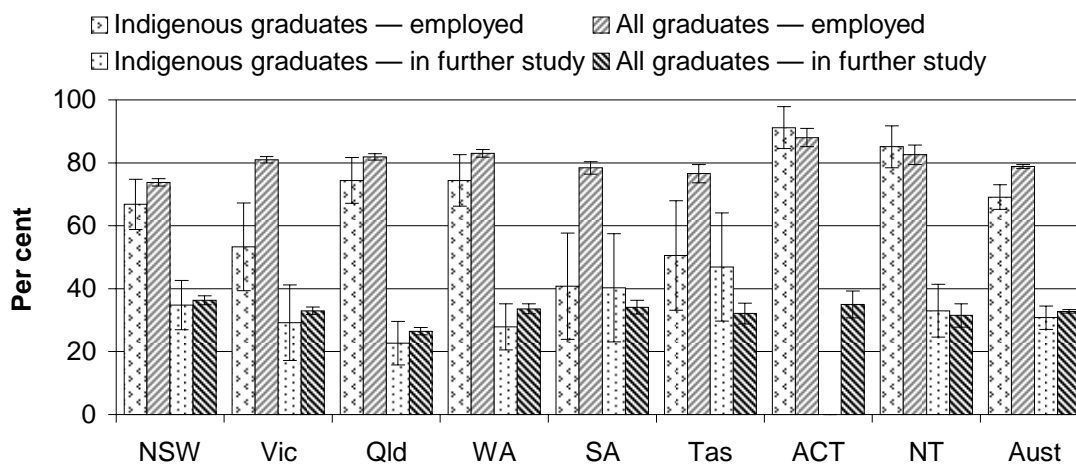
Further information on Indigenous students' views of their VET courses is available in the 2006 Report (SCRGSP 2006, box 4.18) and in the NCVET publication, *Indigenous Australians' training experiences 2004 – First findings* (NCVER 2005).

#### *VET outcomes for Indigenous students —employment and further study outcomes*

'Indigenous students' employment and further study outcomes' measures the proportion of Indigenous graduates who improved their employment circumstances or continued on to further study after completing training.

In 2007, 81.9 per cent of Indigenous TAFE graduates surveyed nationally indicated that they were employed and/or in further study after completing a course (table 5A.6). The proportion of students who improved their employment outcomes or were engaged in further study may overlap, since students may realise the two outcomes simultaneously. Of Indigenous TAFE graduates, 69.1 per cent indicated that they were employed after completing a course (compared with 78.8 per cent of all TAFE graduates) and 30.8 per cent continued on to further study (compared with 32.8 per cent of all TAFE graduates) (figure 5.10).

**Figure 5.10 Proportion of TAFE graduates who were in employment and/or continued on to further study after completing a course, by Indigenous status, 2007<sup>a, b, c</sup>**

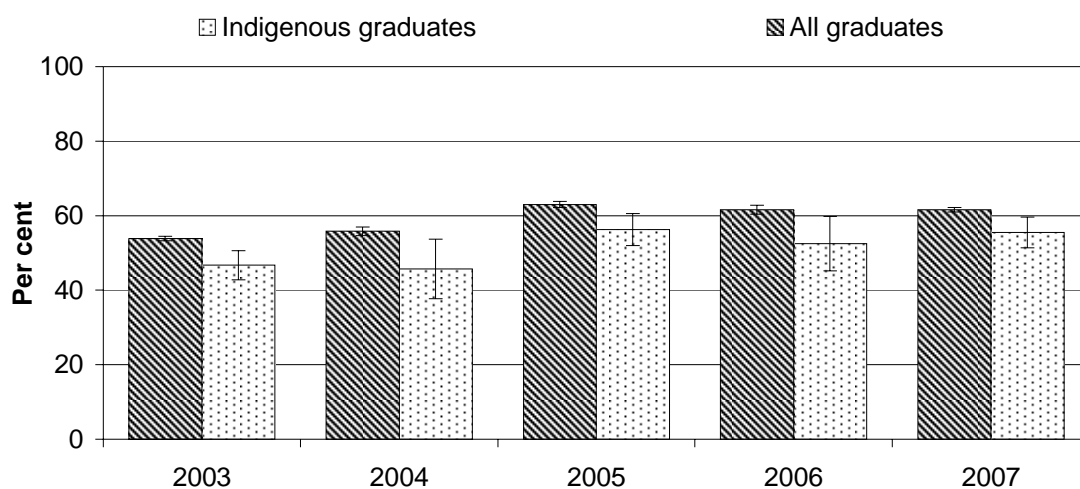


<sup>a</sup> Graduates 'employed' and graduates 'in further study' are subsets of graduates who are 'employed or in further study'. Graduates can be both employed and in further study. <sup>b</sup> The ACT 'Indigenous graduates — in further study' data are not published due to 5 or fewer responses. <sup>c</sup> The error bars in the figure represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate.

Source: NCVET Student Outcomes Survey (unpublished); table 5A.6 and 2009 Report, table 5A.21; 2009 Report, figure 5.43; p. 5.61.

Nationally, 55.5 per cent of all Indigenous TAFE graduates in 2007 indicated they had improved their employment circumstances after completing their course (compared with 61.6 per cent of all TAFE graduates) (figure 5.11).

Figure 5.11 Indigenous TAFE graduates who improved their employment circumstances after training, 2007<sup>a</sup>

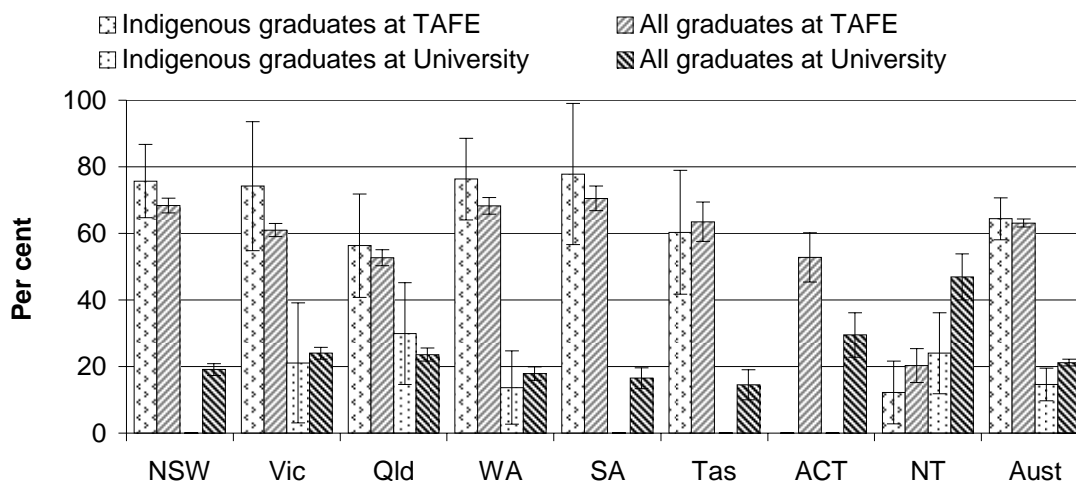


<sup>a</sup> The error bars in the figure represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate.

Source: NCVET Student Outcomes Survey (unpublished); table 5A.7 and 2009 Report, table 5A.33; 2009 Report, figure 5.44; p. 5.61.

Of those Indigenous TAFE graduates who went on to further study, 64.4 per cent continued on to further study within the TAFE system (compared with 63.1 per cent for all TAFE graduates) and 14.6 per cent went to university (compared with 21.2 per cent for all TAFE graduates) (figure 5.12).

**Figure 5.12 TAFE graduates who continued on to further study after completing a course, by Indigenous status, by type of institution, 2007<sup>a, b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> The 'Indigenous graduates at TAFE' data for the ACT and the 'Indigenous graduates at University' data for NSW, SA, Tasmania and the ACT are not published due to 5 or fewer responses. The NT Indigenous graduates at TAFE estimate for the NT, and the Indigenous graduates at University estimates for the NT, Victoria, Queensland and WA, have relative standard errors greater than 25 per cent and should be used with caution. <sup>b</sup> The error bars in the figure represent the 95 per cent confidence interval associated with each point estimate.

Source: NCVER Student Outcomes Survey (unpublished); table 5A.6 and 2009 Report, table 5A.21; 2009 Report, figure 5.45; p. 5.62.

## Future directions in performance reporting

Aspects of some VET indicators are not yet fully developed or comparable, and work for future Reports includes improving the quality of Indigenous outcomes data that are published in the Report.

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## Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within this chapter are contained in the attachment to the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 5A.3 is table 3 in the VET attachment). The tables included in the attachment are listed below.

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| <b>Table 5A.1</b> | VET participation by Indigenous status, 2007 (per cent)  |
| <b>Table 5A.2</b> | Load pass rates by Indigenous status (per cent)  |
| <b>Table 5A.3</b> | Number of VET qualifications completed, by Indigenous status ('000)  |
| <b>Table 5A.4</b> | Number of units of competency and modules completed, by Indigenous status ('000)   |
| <b>Table 5A.5</b> | Proportion of Indigenous graduates who were satisfied with the quality of their completed course, by purpose of study      |
| <b>Table 5A.6</b> | Proportion of Indigenous graduates in employment and/or continued on to further study after completing a course (per cent) |
| <b>Table 5A.7</b> | Indigenous graduates who improved their employment circumstances after training  |

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# B Justice preface

## Part B: Justice preface

Governments provide justice services to facilitate effective and efficient administration of justice and to ensure community safety and confidence in law and order. The provision of justice services involves crime prevention, detection and investigation, judicial processes and dispute resolution, prisoner and offender management, and rehabilitation services. Some of the high level goals common to all justice agencies are to:

- protect the rights and freedoms of all people through a fair and just system of criminal justice
- provide an accessible and equitable civil justice system
- preserve civil order through the prevention and detection of crime
- provide a safe, just and humane corrective services system.

The focus of the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report) is on the justice services provided by police (chapter 6), court administration (chapter 7) and adult corrective services (chapter 8).

### Profile of the justice system

The justice system reported on in this Report comprises both criminal and civil jurisdictions. Services in the criminal jurisdiction are delivered by police, court administration and corrective services. In the civil jurisdiction, police deliver services for infringements, and court administration deal with civil law matters.

The objectives of the criminal justice system are listed in box JP.1.

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**Box JP.1 Objectives of the criminal justice system**

The objectives of the criminal justice system are to provide protection for the rights and freedoms of all people through:

- the operation of police services that enhance community safety by preventing, detecting and investigating crime
- the administration of criminal justice that determines guilt and applies appropriate, consistent and fair sanctions to offenders
- the provision of a safe, secure and humane custodial environment and an effective community corrections environment that provide program interventions to reduce the risk of re-offending.

These objectives are pursued in a manner that is accessible, equitable, timely and efficient.

The objectives of the civil justice system are listed in box JP.2.

**Box JP.2 Objectives of the civil justice system**

The civil justice system sustains and fosters social stability and economic growth through a network of courts, tribunals and legal processes that:

- resolve civil disputes and enforce a system of legal rights and obligations
- respect, restore and protect private and personal rights
- resolve and address the issues resulting from family conflicts and ensure that children's and spousal rights are respected and enforced.

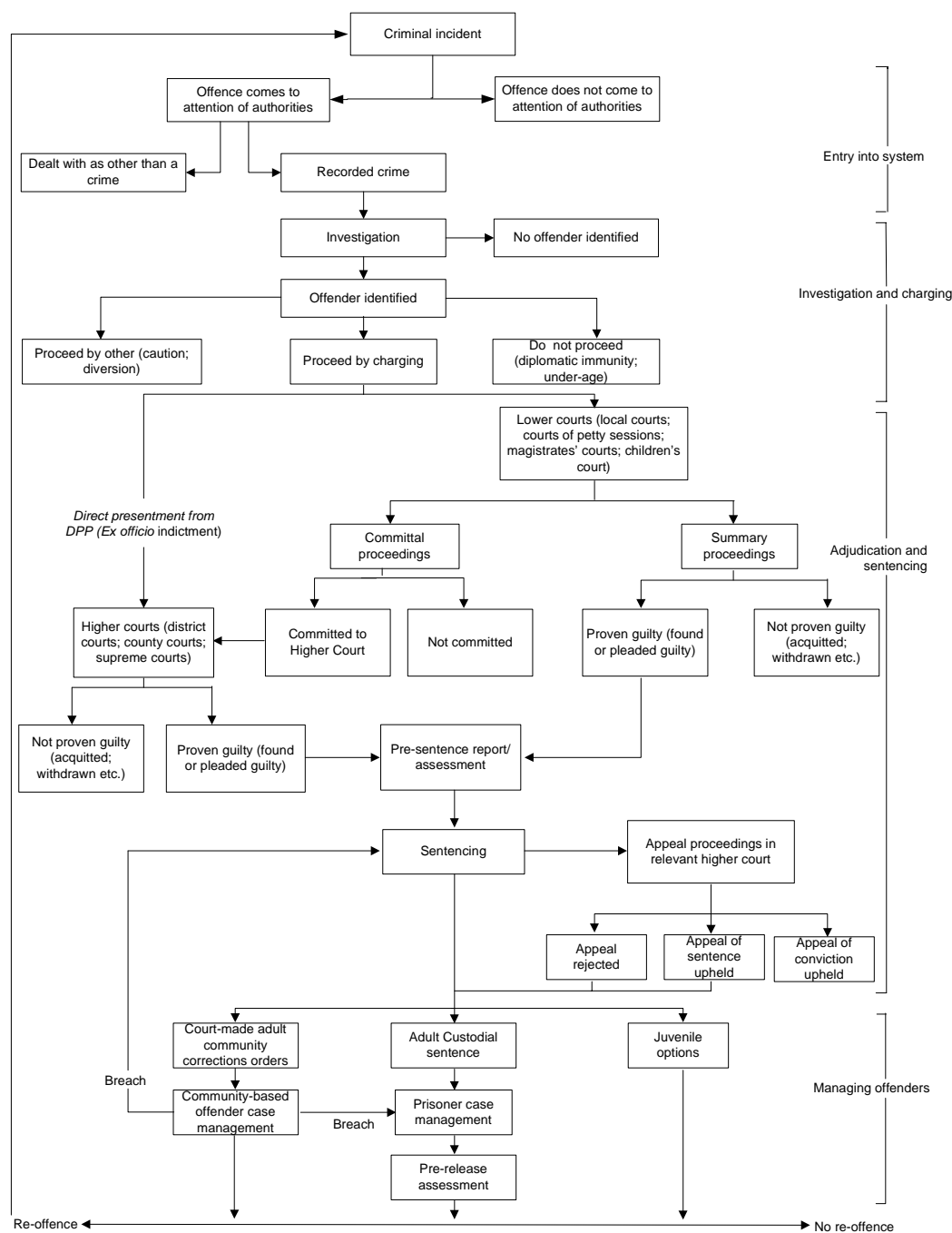
By contrast with criminal justice, civil cases involve participants using the legal system as a matter of choice to settle disputes, and the types of parties and possible dispute resolution approaches vary considerably.

*A model of the criminal justice system*

The justice system is broad and complex, and has many interrelated objectives. An overarching aim is to ensure that the community has access to a fair system of justice that protects the rights of individuals and organisations (legal entities) and contributes to community safety.

For most people who come into contact with it, the criminal justice system is a sequentially structured process (figure JP.1).

Figure JP.1 Flows through the criminal justice system<sup>a, b, c</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Does not account for all variations across jurisdictions. <sup>b</sup> The flow diagram is indicative and does not seek to include all the complexities of the criminal justice system. <sup>c</sup> Juvenile justice is covered in the Protection and support services chapter (chapter 15).

Source: ABS 2007; 2009 Report, figure C.1, p. C.5.

Figure JP.1 shows the typical flow of events in the criminal justice system. This depiction is broadly indicative and, for brevity and clarity, does not seek to capture all the complexities of the criminal justice system or variations across jurisdictions.



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## Indigenous issues

### *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators*

In April 2002, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) asked the Steering Committee to prepare a regular report on key indicators of Indigenous disadvantage as part of the COAG reconciliation commitment. In November 2003 the Steering Committee released the first edition of this Report. A second edition was released in July 2005 and a third in June 2007 (SCRGSP 2007). The next edition of the Report is expected to be released in mid-2009.

The annual Report on Government Services focuses on the delivery of government services, whereas the *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key indicators* report series concentrates on high level outcomes (which include criminal justice indicators). In the *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key indicators 2007* report, information about family and community violence, and imprisonment and juvenile detention rates formed part of the suite of headline indicators. Strategic change indicators included diversions of juvenile offenders and repeat offending.

### *Developments in Indigenous data*

Limited data are available on Indigenous people who have interaction with the criminal justice system. In this Report, data on the deaths of Indigenous people in police custody and custody-related operations (for example, sieges and pursuits) (chapter 6) are sourced from the Australian Institute of Criminology. Data on the representation of Indigenous people in prisons and community corrections (chapter 8) are sourced from the ABS.

Ongoing examination by the ABS of the implementation of the ABS 'Standard Indigenous Question' (SIQ) in the practices and systems of police agencies, court agencies, and corrective services agencies will lead to data quality improvements for ABS data currently included in this Report, and may lead to additional data becoming available in the future.

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- SCRGSP (Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision) 2007, *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators 2007*, Productivity Commission, Canberra.

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## 6 Police services

This chapter reports on the performance of police services. These services comprise the operations of the police agencies of each State and Territory government. The national policing function of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and other national non-police law enforcement bodies (such as the Australian Crime Commission) are not included in the report.

Performance is reported against four activity areas (community safety, crime, road safety and judicial services). The main efficiency indicator, expenditure on police services per person, combines all the activity areas.

It should be noted that the use of the term ‘offender’ in this chapter refers to a person who is alleged to have committed an offence and is not the same as the definition used in chapter 8 (‘Corrective services’), where the term ‘offender’ refers to a person who has been convicted of an offence and is subject to a correctional sentence.

Police services are the principal means through which State and Territory governments pursue the achievement of a safe and secure environment for the community, through the investigation of criminal offences, response to life threatening situations, the provision of services to the judicial process and the provision of road safety and traffic management. They also respond to more general needs in the community — for example, assisting emergency services, mediating family and neighbourhood disputes, delivering messages regarding death or serious illness, and advising on general policing and crime issues. Additionally, police are involved in various activities which aim to improve public safety and prevent crime.

### **Indigenous data in the police services chapter**

The police services chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report) contains the following data items on Indigenous people:

- police service expenditure, Indigenous staff and asset descriptors
- proportion of police staff from Indigenous backgrounds relative to the proportion of the general population who are from Indigenous backgrounds, 2007-08
- deaths in police custody and custody-related operations, 2003–2007.

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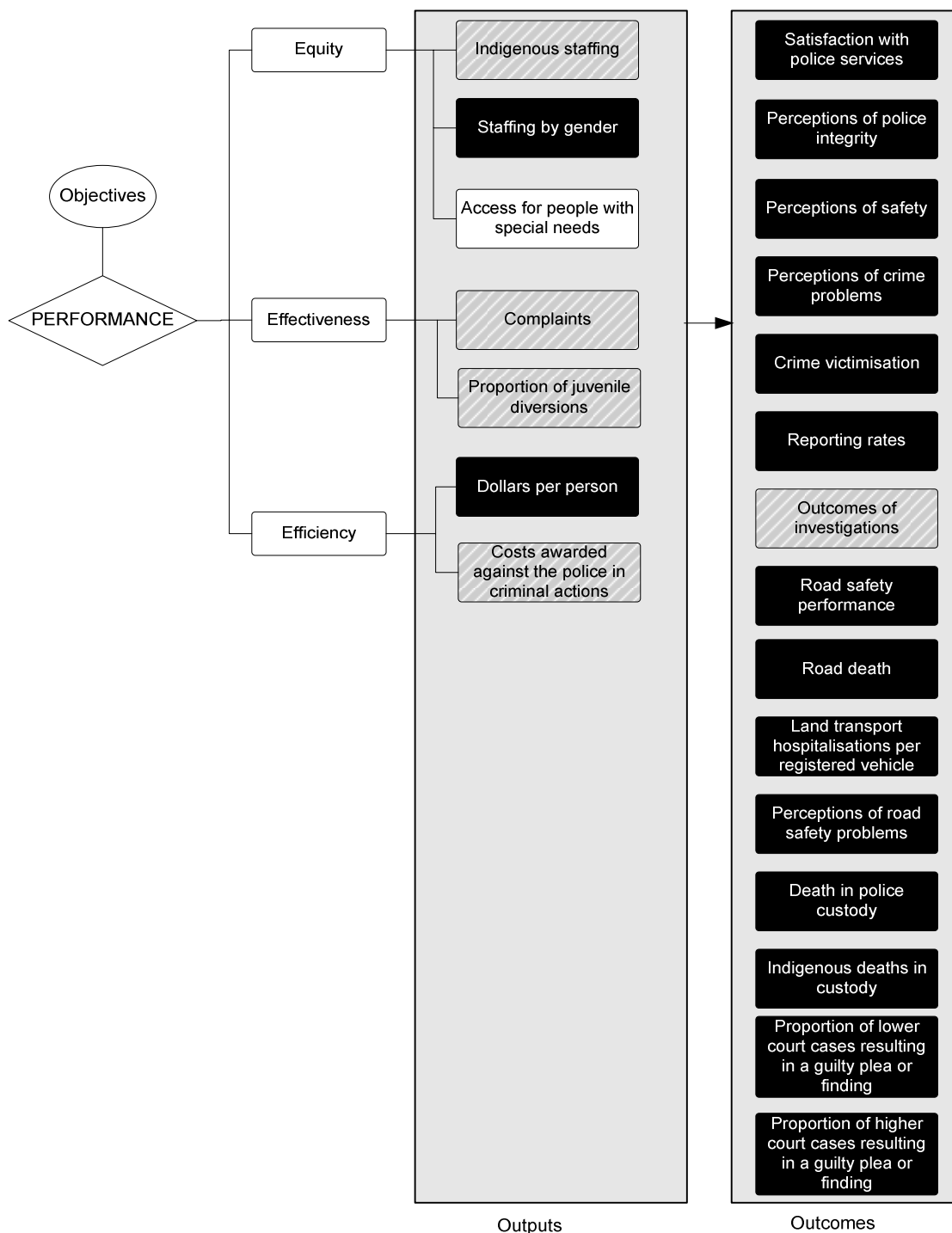
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### **Framework of performance indicators**

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for police services in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 6.1. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

Figure 6.1 General performance framework for the police services sector



**Key to indicators**

- Text Data for these indicators comparable, subject to caveats to each chart or table
- Text Data for these indicators not complete or not directly comparable
- Text These indicators yet to be developed or data not collected for this Report: chapter contains explanatory text

Source: 2009 Report, figure 6.4, p. 6.8.

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## Indigenous staffing

This section focuses on the performance of mainstream police services in relation to Indigenous Australians. ‘Indigenous staffing’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide police services in an equitable manner. Indigenous people may feel more comfortable in ‘accessing’ police services when they are able to deal with Indigenous police staff (box 6.1).

### Box 6.1 Indigenous staffing

‘Indigenous staffing’ is defined as the proportion of police staff from Indigenous backgrounds compared to the proportion of the general population aged 20–64 years who are from Indigenous backgrounds. These data are used because a significantly larger proportion of the Indigenous population falls within the younger non-working age groupings compared with the non-Indigenous population. Readily available ABS population projections of people aged 20–64 years at 30 June 2006 provide a proxy for the estimated working population.

A proportion of police staff from Indigenous backgrounds closer to the proportion of the general population aged 20–64 years who are from Indigenous backgrounds represents a more equitable outcome.

The process of identifying Indigenous staff members generally relies on self-identification as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Where Indigenous people are asked to identify themselves, the accuracy of the data will partly depend on how they perceive the advantages (or disadvantages) of identification and whether these perceptions change over time. In addition, many factors will influence the willingness of Indigenous people to access police services, including familiarity with procedures for dealing with police and confidence in the effectiveness of police services.

Data reported for this indicator are not complete and not directly comparable.

The proportion of Indigenous police staff in 2007-08 was similar to the representation of Indigenous people in the population aged 20–64 years for most jurisdictions (figure 6.2).

**Figure 6.2 Proportion of Indigenous staff in 2007-08 and Indigenous population aged 20–64 years<sup>a, b, c</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Indigenous staff numbers relate to those staff who self-identify as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. Indigenous staff are reported as the sum of both the operational and non-operational categories. <sup>b</sup> Information on Indigenous status is collected only at the time of recruitment. <sup>c</sup> Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff data were unable to be separated in Victoria.

Source: ABS (2004) *Indigenous population projections aged 20–64 years* Cat. no. 3238.0 (Low Series); State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 6A.9; 2009 Report, figure 6.6, p. 6.13.

## Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations

‘Deaths in custody and custody-related operations’, and ‘Indigenous deaths in custody and custody-related operations’ are indicators of governments’ objective to provide safe custody for alleged offenders, and ensure fair and equitable treatment for both victims and alleged offenders (box 6.2).

### Box 6.2 Deaths in custody and custody-related operations, and Indigenous deaths in custody and custody related operations

‘Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations’ and ‘Indigenous deaths in custody and custody-related operations’ are defined as the number of non-Indigenous and Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations.

A lower number of deaths in custody and custody-related operations is a better outcome.

Data reported for these indicators are comparable.

Nationally, there were 30 deaths in police custody and custody-related operations in 2007 (up from 22 in 2006). This total comprised 26 non-Indigenous deaths and 4 Indigenous deaths (table 6.1).

**Table 6.1 Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations<sup>a, b</sup>**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Non-Indigenous deaths                              |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2003   | 11         | 4          | 7          | 3         | 2         | –          | 1          | –         | 28          |
| 2004   | 9          | 4          | 5          | 2         | 2         | –          | 1          | –         | 23          |
| 2005   | 3          | 5          | 6          | –         | 1         | –          | –          | –         | 15          |
| 2006   | 8          | 3          | 1          | 2         | 1         | –          | 1          | –         | 16          |
| 2007   | 5          | 7          | 3          | 4         | 4         | –          | –          | 2         | 26          |
| Indigenous deaths                                  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2003   | 1          | –          | 2          | 4         | –         | –          | –          | 1         | 8           |
| 2004   | 2          | 1          | 2          | 1         | 1         | –          | –          | 1         | 8           |
| 2005   | 1          | –          | 1          | 6         | –         | –          | –          | –         | 8           |
| 2006   | –          | 1          | 1          | 2         | 1         | –          | –          | 1         | 6           |
| 2007   | –          | –          | 2          | –         | 2         | –          | –          | –         | 4           |
| <b>Total Indigenous deaths 2003–07<sup>c</sup></b> | <b>4</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>8</b>   | <b>13</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>–</b>   | <b>–</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>34</b>   |
| Total deaths                                       |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2003   | 12         | 4          | 9          | 7         | 2         | –          | 1          | 1         | 36          |
| 2004   | 11         | 5          | 7          | 3         | 3         | –          | 1          | 1         | 31          |
| 2005   | 4          | 5          | 7          | 6         | 1         | –          | –          | –         | 23          |
| 2006   | 8          | 4          | 2          | 4         | 2         | –          | 1          | 1         | 22          |
| 2007   | 5          | 7          | 5          | 4         | 6         | –          | –          | 2         | 30          |
| <b>Total 2003–07</b>                               | <b>40</b>  | <b>25</b>  | <b>30</b>  | <b>24</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>–</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>5</b>  | <b>142</b>  |

<sup>a</sup> Deaths in police custody include: deaths in institutional settings (for example, police stations/lockups and police vehicles, or during transfer to or from such an institution, or in hospitals following transfer from an institution); and other deaths in police operations where officers were in close contact with the deceased (for example, most raids and shootings by police). Deaths in custody-related operations cover situations where officers did not have such close contact with the person as to be able to significantly influence or control the person's behaviour (for example, most sieges and most cases where officers were attempting to detain a person, such as pursuits). <sup>b</sup> The AIC Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations for 2006-07 are preliminary (unpublished) and final data in other publications might differ. <sup>c</sup> In 2006, two deaths occurred in NSW for which Indigenous status has not been determined. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIC (various years, unpublished), *Deaths in Custody*, Australia; table 6A.10; 2009 Report, figure 6.4, p. 6.61.

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## Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within this chapter are contained in the attachment to the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 6A.3 is table 3 in the police attachment). The tables included in the attachment are listed below.

|                    |   |
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| <b>Table 6A.1</b>  | Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, NSW                    |
| <b>Table 6A.2</b>  | Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, Victoria               |
| <b>Table 6A.3</b>  | Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, Queensland             |
| <b>Table 6A.4</b>  | Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, WA                     |
| <b>Table 6A.5</b>  | Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, SA                     |
| <b>Table 6A.6</b>  | Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, Tasmania               |
| <b>Table 6A.7</b>  | Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, ACT                    |
| <b>Table 6A.8</b>  | Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, NT                     |
| <b>Table 6A.9</b>  | Indigenous, sworn and unsworn police staff                                      |
| <b>Table 6A.10</b> | Number of deaths in police custody and custody-related operations, 2003 to 2007 |



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## 7 Court administration

This chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report) focuses on administrative support functions for the courts, not on the judicial decisions made in the courts. The primary support functions of court administration agencies are to:

- manage court facilities and staff, including buildings, security and ancillary services such as registries, libraries and transcription services
- provide case management services, including client information, scheduling and case flow management
- enforce court orders through the sheriff's department or a similar mechanism.

The courts for which these services are covered in the chapter are State and Territory supreme, district/county and magistrates' (including children's) courts, electronic infringement and enforcement systems, coroners' courts and probate registries. The chapter also covers the Federal Court of Australia, the Family Court of Australia, the Family Court of WA and the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia. The chapter does not include information on the High Court of Australia, and broadly excludes tribunals and specialist jurisdiction courts (for example, Indigenous and circle sentencing courts and drug courts are excluded).

### **Indigenous data in the court administration chapter**

The court administration chapter in the 2009 Report contains no specific data items on Indigenous people.

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## 8 Corrective services

Corrective services aim to provide a safe, secure and humane custodial environment and an effective community corrections environment in which prisoners and offenders are effectively managed, commensurate with their needs and the risks they pose to the community. Additionally, corrective services aim to reduce the risk of re-offending by providing services and program interventions that address the causes of offending, maximise the chances of successful reintegration into the community and encourage offenders to adopt a law-abiding way of life.

The term ‘prisoners’ is used in this chapter to refer to people held in full time custody under the jurisdiction of an adult corrective services agency. This includes sentenced prisoners serving a term of imprisonment and unsentenced prisoners held on remand. ‘Detainees’ refers to people subject to a periodic detention order, which requires them to be held for two consecutive days within a one-week period in a proclaimed prison or detention centre under the responsibility of corrective services. The term ‘offenders’ is used to refer to people serving community corrections orders.

In this chapter, corrective services include prison custody (including periodic detention) and a range of community corrections orders and programs for adult offenders (for example, parole and community work orders). Both public and privately operated correctional facilities are included; however, the scope of this chapter generally does not extend to:

- juvenile justice<sup>1</sup> (which is reported in the chapter on Protection and support services)
- prisoners or alleged offenders held in forensic mental health facilities to receive psychiatric care (who are generally the responsibility of health departments)
- prisoners held in police custody (who are covered in the police services chapter)
- people held in facilities such as immigration or military detention centres.

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<sup>1</sup> As of 2004-05, corrective services in NSW manages one 40-bed facility that houses males aged 16 to 18. These young offenders are included in the daily average number of prisoners and are therefore included in the calculation of indicators. As they represent only a very small proportion of NSW prisoners (less than one-half of one percent), they will have a negligible effect on these indicators and this footnote has therefore not been added to each table and figure.

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## Indigenous data in the corrective services chapter

The corrective services chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report) contains the following data items on Indigenous people:

- imprisonment rates, 2007-08
- community corrections rates, 2007-08
- prisoner death rates from apparent unnatural causes, 2007-08.

The corrective services attachment contains additional data relating to Indigenous people including periodic detention rates, 2007-08.

An improvement to reporting in the Corrective services chapter this year, is the inclusion of aged standardised imprisonment rates for Indigenous and non-Indigenous prisoners, along with the previously reported crude rates.

### *Attachment tables*

Attachment tables for data within the corrective services chapter of this compendium are contained in attachment 8A of the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 8A.3 is table 3 in the corrective services attachment). As the data are directly sourced from the 2009 Report, the compendium also notes where the original table, figure or text in the 2009 Report can be found. For example, where the compendium refers to '2009 Report, p. 8.15' this is page 15 of chapter 8 of the 2009 Report, and '2009 Report, table 8A.2' is attachment table 2 of attachment 8A of the 2009 Report.

## Prison custody

On average, 26 455 people per day (excluding periodic detainees) were held in Australian prisons during 2007-08 — an increase of 2.1 per cent over the average daily number reported in the previous year (table 8A.1). In addition, on average, 784 people per day were serving periodic detention orders in NSW and the ACT in 2007-08 — a decrease of 1.6 per cent from the 2006-07 average.

The daily average number of Indigenous prisoners was 6505 — 24.6 per cent of prisoners nationally (table 8A.1).

The rate of imprisonment represents the number of prisoners (excluding periodic detainees) per 100 000 people in the corresponding adult population. The adult population refers to people at or over the minimum age at which offenders are

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generally sentenced as adults in each jurisdiction (17 years in Queensland and 18 years in all other jurisdictions for the reporting period).

The national rate of imprisonment for all prisoners was 162.6 per 100 000 Australian adults in 2007-08, compared to 162.0 in 2006-07 (2009 Report, figure 8.2, p. 8.6). The national (crude) imprisonment rate per 100 000 Indigenous adults in 2007-08 was 2156.6 compared with a corresponding rate of 123.2 for non-Indigenous prisoners (figure 8.1).

Imprisonment rate comparisons need to be interpreted with care, especially for states and territories with relatively small Indigenous populations. This is because small changes in prisoner numbers can cause variations in rates that do not accurately represent either real trends over time or consistent differences from other jurisdictions.

Figure 8.1 **Indigenous and non-Indigenous crude imprisonment rates, 2007-08<sup>a, b, c</sup>**



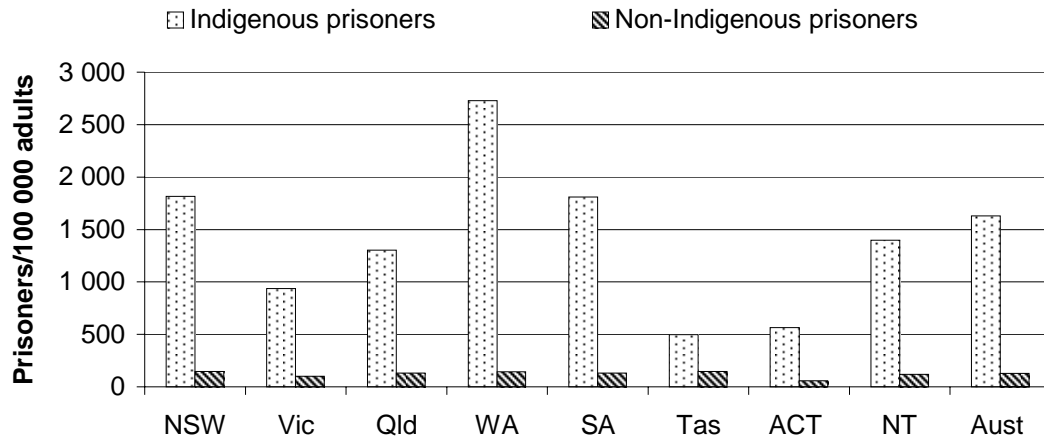
<sup>a</sup> Non-age standardised rates based on the daily average prisoner population numbers supplied by State and Territory governments, calculated against adult Indigenous and non-Indigenous population estimates (population data supplied by the ABS National Centre for Crime and Justice Statistics). <sup>b</sup> The ACT rates include ACT prisoners held in the ACT and in NSW prisons. NSW rates exclude ACT prisoners held in NSW prisons. <sup>c</sup> Excludes prisoners whose Indigenous status was reported as unknown.

Source: ABS (unpublished) derived from *Australian Demographic Statistics*, December quarter, 2007 (preliminary), Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (unpublished) derived from *Experimental Projections Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population*, Cat. no. 3231.0; State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 8A.3; 2009 Report, figure 8.3, p. 8.7

The Indigenous population has a younger age profile compared to the non-Indigenous population, and that factor will contribute to higher rates when the overall (crude) imprisonment rate is compared between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations. Age standardisation is a statistical method that accounts for differences in the age structures of populations, allowing a more valid comparison to be made between populations.

The national age standardised imprisonment rate per 100 000 Indigenous adults in 2007-08 was 1630.4 compared with a corresponding rate of 128.2 for non-Indigenous prisoners (figure 8.2). This represents a ratio of 12.7, compared to a ratio of 17.5 for the crude imprisonment rate.

Figure 8.2 **Indigenous and non-Indigenous age standardised imprisonment rates, 2007-08<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Rates are based on the indirect standardisation method, applying age-group imprisonment rates derived from Prison Census data.

Source: ABS (unpublished) derived from *Australian Demographic Statistics*, December quarter, 2007 (preliminary), Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (unpublished) derived from *Experimental Projections Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population*, Cat. no. 3231.0.; ABS (unpublished) derived from *Prisoners in Australia*, Cat. no 4517.0; State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 8A.3; 2009 Report, figure 8.4, p. 8.8.

While imprisonment rates for Indigenous people, whether calculated on a crude or age standardised basis, are far higher than those for non-Indigenous people, the majority of prisoners are non-Indigenous. Nationally, 74.4 per cent of all prisoners were non-Indigenous in 2007-08 (table 8A.1).

## Community corrections

All jurisdictions provide community corrections services. Community corrections are responsible for a range of non-custodial sanctions (listed for each jurisdiction in 2009 Report, table 8A.24) and deliver post-custodial interventions under which prisoners released into the community continue to be subject to corrective services supervision.

These services vary in the extent and nature of supervision, the conditions of the order (such as a community work component or personal development program attendance) and the level of restriction placed on the offender's freedom of movement in the community (for example, home detention). No single objective or set of characteristics is common to all jurisdictions' community corrections services, other than that they generally provide a non-custodial sentencing

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alternative or a post-custodial mechanism for reintegrating prisoners into the community under continued supervision.

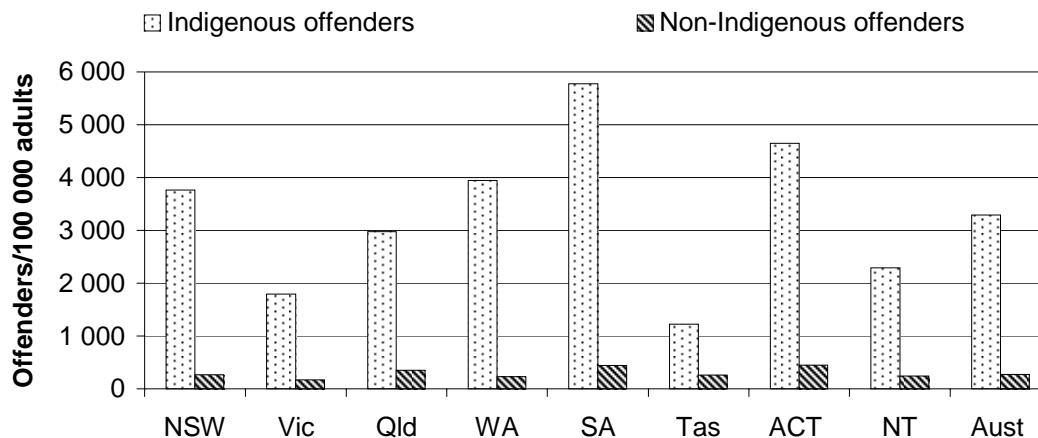
All jurisdictions have reparation and supervision orders. Restricted movement orders were available in all jurisdictions except Queensland, Tasmania and the ACT in 2007-08. In most states and territories, fine default orders are administered by community corrections and bail supervision by corrective services operates in a number of jurisdictions (2009 Report, table 8A.24).

A daily average of 54 914 offenders were serving community corrections orders across Australia in 2007-08 — an increase of 4.3 per cent from the previous year's average (table 8A.2). This daily average comprised 44 815 males (81.6 per cent), 9920 females (18.1 per cent) and 178 offenders whose gender was not reported. The daily average comprised 9918 Indigenous offenders (18.1 per cent of the total community correction population), 43 289 non-Indigenous offenders (78.8 per cent) and 1706 people whose Indigenous status was unknown (table 8A.2).

The community corrections rate represents the number of offenders serving community corrections orders per 100 000 people in the corresponding adult population. The adult population refers to people at or over the minimum age at which offenders are generally sentenced as adults in each jurisdiction (17 years in Queensland and 18 years in all other jurisdictions for the reporting period). The national rate for Indigenous offenders in 2007-08 was 3288.2 per 100 000 Indigenous adults compared with 271.1 for non-Indigenous offenders (figure 8.3).

Comparisons need to be interpreted with care, especially for those jurisdictions with relatively small Indigenous populations, because small changes in offender numbers can cause variations in rates that do not accurately represent either real trends over time or consistent differences from other jurisdictions. Further, community corrections rates presented in figure 8.3 are not age standardised (that is, they are not adjusted to account for the different age structures of the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations).

Figure 8.3 **Indigenous and non-Indigenous community corrections rates, 2007-08<sup>a, b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Non-age standardised rates based on the daily average offender population numbers supplied by State and Territory governments, calculated against adult Indigenous and non-Indigenous population estimates (population data supplied by the ABS National Centre for Crime and Justice Statistics). <sup>b</sup> Excludes offenders whose Indigenous status was reported as unknown.

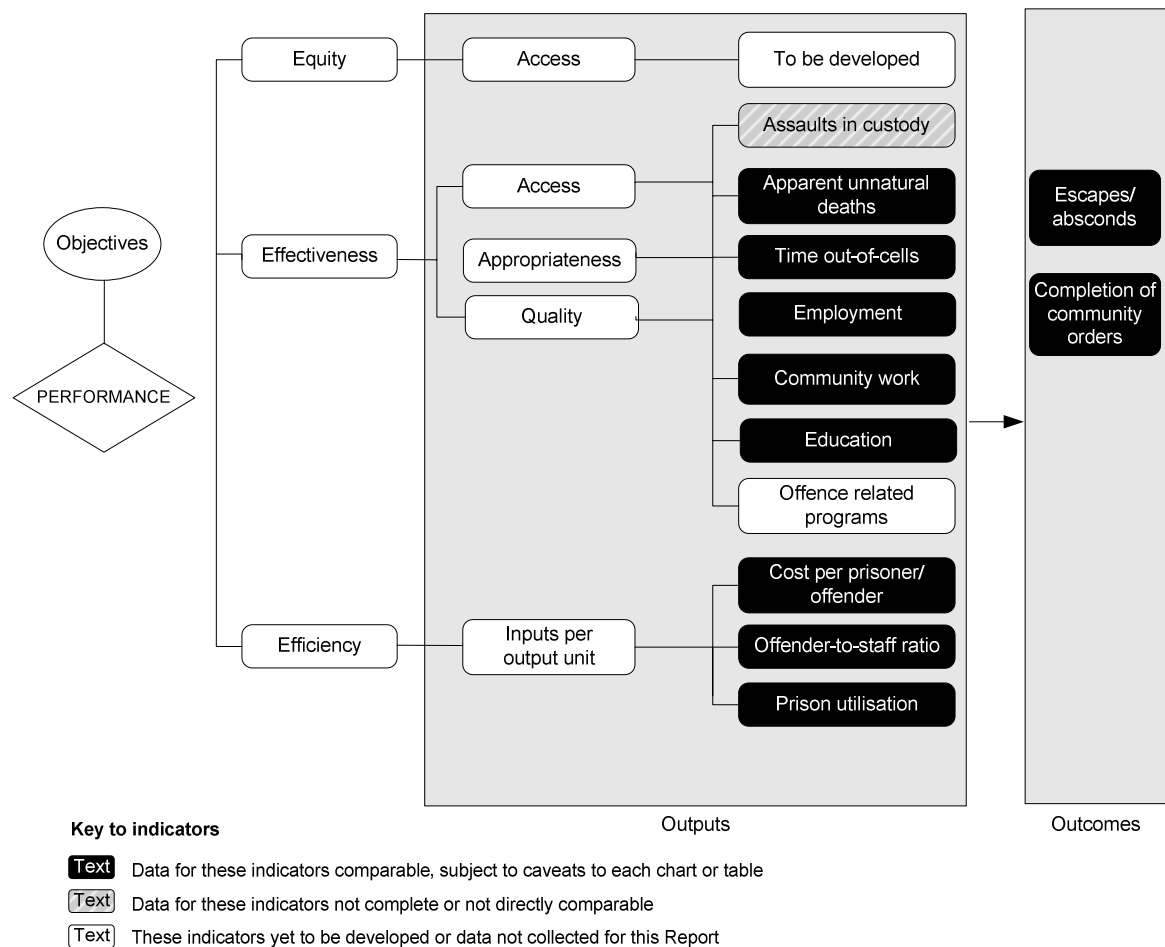
Source: ABS (unpublished) *Australian Demographic Statistics*, December quarter, 2007 (preliminary), Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (unpublished) derived from *Experimental Projections Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population*, Cat. no. 3231.0; State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 8A.3; 2009 Report, figure 8.6, p. 8.10.

## Framework of performance indicators

Data for Indigenous people are reported for one of the performance indicators for corrective services in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 8.4. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.



Figure 8.4 Performance indicators for corrective services



Source: 2009 Report, figure 8.7, p. 8.13.

As of 2007-08, imprisonment rates for Indigenous and non-Indigenous prisoners are reported as both crude and age standardised rates. However, data are not available for calculating age standardised periodic detention or community correction offender rates.

### Apparent unnatural deaths (prisoners)

‘Apparent unnatural deaths’ is an indicator of governments’ objective of providing a safe, secure and humane custodial environment including providing a custodial environment in which there is a low risk of death from unnatural causes (box 8.1).

### Box 8.1 Apparent unnatural deaths (prisoners)

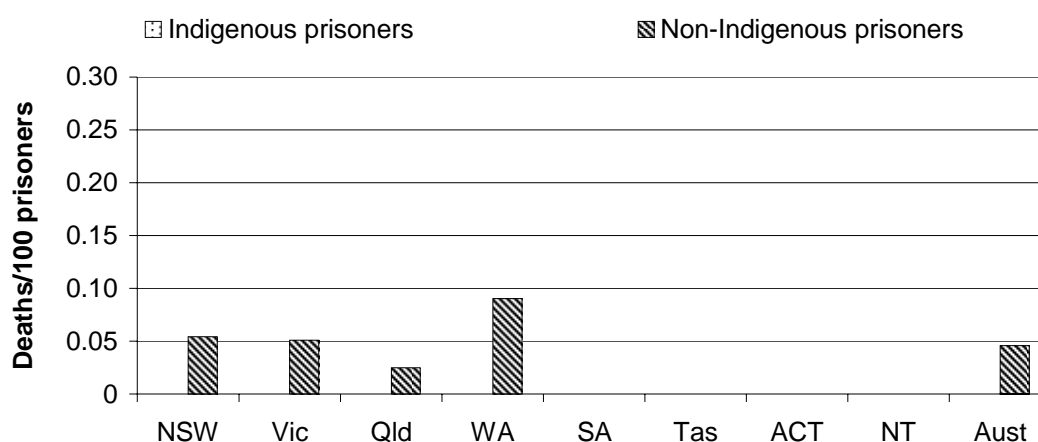
'Apparent unnatural deaths' is defined as the number of deaths, divided by the annual average prisoner or detainee population, multiplied by 100 (to give the rate per 100 prisoners or 100 detainees), where the likely cause of death is suicide, drug overdose, accidental injury or homicide, and is reported separately for Indigenous and non-Indigenous prisoners or detainees.

A zero or low rate indicates better performance, however rates for this indicator need to be interpreted with caution. A single incident in a jurisdiction with a relatively small prisoner or detainee population can significantly increase the rate in that jurisdiction, but would have only a minor impact in jurisdictions with larger populations. A relatively high rate in a jurisdiction with a small prisoner or detainee population may represent only a very small number of actual incidents.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Figure 8.5 presents information on rates of death from apparent unnatural causes in 2007-08, for Indigenous and non-Indigenous prisoners. Nationally, the rate of deaths from apparent unnatural causes was 0.03 in 2007-08. The rate for non-Indigenous prisoners was 0.05 and there were no deaths of Indigenous prisoners from apparent unnatural causes in the counting period, giving a zero rate for 2007-08.

Figure 8.5 Rate of prisoner deaths from apparent unnatural causes, 2006-07<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> All jurisdictions report on this indicator. Where no column appears, this indicates zero deaths during the counting period.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 8A.4; 2009 Report, figure 8.8, p. 8.16.

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The national rate of deaths from apparent unnatural causes for all prisoners has declined over the last five years, from 0.08 in 2003-04 to 0.03 in 2007-08 (2009 Report, figure 8.9, p. 8.17). Rates decreased for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous prisoners (table 8A.5). This is the second year over the five-year period where there were no deaths of Indigenous prisoners from apparent unnatural causes during the counting period.

### **Future directions in performance reporting**

Consistent with the 2008 Strategic Plan for Corrective Services, the disaggregation of various indicators by Indigenous and non-Indigenous status is being further developed and trialed for possible incorporation in future reports as the basis for equity-access indicator rates.

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## Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within this chapter are contained in the attachment to the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 8A.3 is table 3 in the corrective services attachment). The tables included in the attachment are listed below.

|                    |  |
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| <b>Table 8A.1</b>  | Average daily prisoner population  |
| <b>Table 8A.2</b>  | Average daily community corrections offender population  |
| <b>Table 8A.3</b>  | Imprisonment and community corrections rates, by sex and Indigenous status (per 100 000 adults)    |
| <b>Table 8A.4</b>  | Deaths from apparent unnatural causes, by Indigenous status, 2007-08 (per 100 prisoners/detainees) |
| <b>Table 8A.5</b>  | Deaths from apparent unnatural causes, by year and Indigenous status (per 100 prisoners)           |
| <b>Table 8A.6</b>  | Descriptors, prisons - NSW   |
| <b>Table 8A.7</b>  | Effectiveness, prisons - NSW   |
| <b>Table 8A.8</b>  | Descriptors, periodic detention - NSW  |
| <b>Table 8A.9</b>  | Effectiveness, periodic detention - NSW  |
| <b>Table 8A.10</b> | Descriptors, community corrections - NSW   |
| <b>Table 8A.11</b> | Descriptors, prisons - Vic   |
| <b>Table 8A.12</b> | Effectiveness, prisons - Vic   |
| <b>Table 8A.13</b> | Descriptors, community corrections - Vic   |
| <b>Table 8A.14</b> | Descriptors, prisons - Qld   |
| <b>Table 8A.15</b> | Effectiveness, prisons - Qld   |
| <b>Table 8A.16</b> | Descriptors, community corrections - Qld   |
| <b>Table 8A.17</b> | Descriptors, prisons - WA  |
| <b>Table 8A.18</b> | Effectiveness, prisons - WA  |
| <b>Table 8A.19</b> | Descriptors, community corrections - WA  |
| <b>Table 8A.20</b> | Descriptors, prisons - SA  |
| <b>Table 8A.21</b> | Effectiveness, prisons - SA  |
| <b>Table 8A.22</b> | Descriptors, community corrections - SA  |
| <b>Table 8A.23</b> | Descriptors, prisons - Tas   |
| <b>Table 8A.24</b> | Effectiveness, prisons - Tas   |
| <b>Table 8A.25</b> | Descriptors, community corrections - Tas   |
| <b>Table 8A.26</b> | Descriptors, prisons - ACT   |
| <b>Table 8A.27</b> | Effectiveness, prisons - ACT   |
| <b>Table 8A.28</b> | Descriptors, periodic detention - ACT  |

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- Table 8A.29** Effectiveness, periodic detention - ACT  
**Table 8A.30** Descriptors, community corrections - ACT  
**Table 8A.31** Descriptors, prisons – NT  
**Table 8A.32** Effectiveness, prisons – NT  
**Table 8A.33** Descriptors, community corrections – NT

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## 9 Emergency management

Emergency management aims to reduce the level of risk to the community of emergencies occurring, reduce the adverse effects of emergency events, and improve the level and perception of safety in the community. This chapter reports on selected emergency events, including fire, ambulance (pre-hospital care, treatment and transport) and emergency road rescue events. While section 9.1 contains some information on the scope of emergency services organisation (ESO) activities, the chapter does not report on the total range of State, Territory and local government activities.

### **Indigenous data in the emergency management chapter**

The Emergency management chapter in the 2009 Report contains no data items on Indigenous people.

Some jurisdictions have particular arrangements for the provision of fire services to Indigenous communities. (For more information on fire services provided to Indigenous communities, see SCRCSSP 2002, p. 572.)

### **References**

SCRCSSP (Steering Committee for the Review of Commonwealth/State Service Provision) 2002, *Report on Government Services 2002*, Productivity Commission, Canberra.

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# C Health preface

## Part C: Health preface

Health services are concerned with promoting, restoring and maintaining a healthy society. They involve illness prevention, health promotion, the detection and treatment of illness and injury, and the rehabilitation and palliative care of individuals who experience illness and injury. Broadly defined, the health system also includes a range of activities that raise awareness of health issues, thereby reducing the risk and onset of illness and injury.

Health services in Australia are delivered by a variety of government and non-government providers in a range of service settings (box HP.1). The *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report) primarily concentrates on the performance of public hospitals (chapter 10), primary and community health services (including general practice) (chapter 11) and the interactions among different service mechanisms for dealing with two health management issues: mental health and breast cancer (chapter 12). These services are selected for reporting as they:

- make an important contribution to the health of the community
- are a priority of governments, for example, they fall within the National Health Priority Areas
- represent significant components of government recurrent expenditure on health care
- have common objectives across jurisdictions.

High level residential aged care services and patient transport services (ambulance services including pre-hospital care, treatment and transport services) are not covered in the health chapters of the 2009 Report, but are reported separately in chapter 9 ('Emergency management') and chapter 13 ('Aged care').

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### Box HP.1 **Some common health terms**

**Community health services:** health services for individuals and groups delivered in a community setting, rather than via hospitals or private facilities.

**General practitioners:** medical practitioners who, for the purposes of Medicare, are vocationally registered under s. 3F of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (Cwlth), hold fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners or equivalent, or hold a recognised training placement.

**Medicare:** covers Australian Government funding of private medical and optometrical services (the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)); selected pharmaceuticals (under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)); and public hospital funding (under the Australian Health Care Agreements (AHCAs)), aimed at providing public hospital services free of charge to public patients.

**Primary health care:** services that:

- provide the first point of contact with the health system
- have a particular focus on prevention of illness and/or early intervention
- are intended to maintain people's independence and maximise their quality of life through care and support at home or in local community settings.

**Public health:** an organised social response to protect and promote health, and to prevent illness, injury and disability. The starting point for identifying public health issues, problems and priorities, and for designing and implementing medical interventions, is the population (or subgroups). Public health is characterised by a focus on the health of the population (and particular at-risk groups) and complements clinical provision of health care services.

**Public hospital:** a hospital that provides free treatment and accommodation to eligible admitted people who elect to be treated as public patients. It also provides free services to eligible non-admitted patients and may provide (and charge for) treatment and accommodation services to private patients. Charges to non-admitted patients and admitted patients on discharge may be levied in accordance with the AHCAs (for example, charges for aids and appliances).

Other major areas of government involvement in health provision not covered in the health chapters, or elsewhere in the 2009 Report, include:

- public health programs, other than those for breast cancer and mental health
- funding for specialist medical practitioners.

Other government services — such as education, public housing, sanitation and water supply — also influence health outcomes. These are not formally part of Australia's health system and are not the subject of the health chapters. Education



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(chapters 4 and 5) and public housing (chapter 16) are included in other chapters of the Report.

Indigenous people and people in rural and remote areas often have different health care needs and may experience poorer health outcomes than those of the general community. It is a priority of the Review to improve reporting on the performance of government provided health care services for Indigenous people and for residents in regional Australia.

### **Indigenous data in the health preface**

The health preface in the 2009 Report contains the following information on Indigenous people:

- an overview of Indigenous health, including information on government policy and programs, expenditure on health services in 2004-05, and data quality
- Indigenous health workforce, 2006
- mortality rates, 2002–2006
- infant mortality rates, 2004–2006
- causes of death, 2002–2006
- life expectancy, 1996–2001
- median age at death, 2006
- birthweight of babies, 2006.

#### *Attachment tables*

Attachment tables for data within the ‘Health preface’ of this compendium are contained in attachment HPA of the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an ‘A’ suffix (for example, table HPA.3 is table 3 in the ‘Health preface’ attachment). As the data are directly sourced from the 2009 Report, the compendium also notes where the original table, figure or text in the 2009 Report can be found. For example, where the compendium refers to ‘2009 Report, p. HP.15’ this is page 15 of the ‘Health preface’ of the 2009 Report, and ‘2009 Report, table HPA.2’ is attachment table 2 of the ‘Health preface’ attachment of the 2009 Report.

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## Overview of Indigenous health

The Steering Committee has placed a high priority on reporting on government services to Indigenous people. Data on health outcomes and the provision of health services for Indigenous people are included where possible in this Report. This overview is designed to assist interpretation of these data and provide a broader understanding of Indigenous health issues.

Data are reported against several of these indicators for Indigenous Australians as well as for all Australians. The completeness of Indigenous identification in hospital admitted patient data varies across states and territories. The AIHW (2005) report *Improving the Quality of Indigenous Identification in Hospital Separations Data* found that Indigenous patient data was of acceptable quality for analytical purposes only for Queensland, WA, SA, and public hospitals in the NT. Following new assessments of the quality of Indigenous identification in 2007, the National E-Health Information Principal Committee (NEHIPC) has approved NSW Indigenous patient data as acceptable in quality for analytical purposes, from the 2004-05 reference year. NEHIPC has also approved Victorian data as acceptable from 2004-05, but data were not reported for the years prior to 2006-07. Efforts to improve Indigenous identification across states and territories are ongoing.

The reported data are not necessarily representative of other jurisdictions. Because of improvements in data quality over time, caution also should be used in time series analysis of the data.

Australian Indigenous people are more likely to experience disability and significantly lower quality of life due to poorer health, and to have shorter life expectancies than the rest of the Australian population (SCRGSP 2007). These patterns are reflected in Australian data on: mortality, life expectancy and birthweights (later in this preface); hospital separation rates; hospitalisation rates for diabetes, assault and infectious pneumonia; fetal, neonatal and perinatal death rates (chapter 10); and suicide (chapter 12).

A number of recent publications include more comprehensive data on the health status of Indigenous people and Indigenous health-related factors. These include *The Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples* [Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and AIHW 2008], *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework 2006 Report: Detailed Analysis* (AIHW 2007), *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators 2007* (SCRGSP 2007) and *Australia's Health 2008* (AIHW 2008a).

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### *Contributing factors*

The physical and social environments in which Indigenous people live affect their opportunities to have productive lives that are relatively free of serious illness. Many Indigenous people live today in conditions of clear social and economic disadvantage, which, along with other geographic, environmental and cultural factors, contributes to poor health in many groups of Indigenous people.

There are relatively low education levels among Indigenous people. Indigenous school retention rates remain considerably lower than those for non-Indigenous school students, although the disparity between the two groups is slowly lessening. (ABS and AIHW 2008). In 2007, the apparent retention rate for Indigenous full-time students from years 7 and 8 to year 10 was 91 per cent and to year 12 was 43 per cent. This compares with apparent retention rates for non-Indigenous students of almost 100 per cent to year 10 and 76 per cent to year 12. Indigenous retention to year 10 and beyond has steadily increased over last 10 years from 83 per cent in 1998 to 91 per cent in 2007. This trend is particularly evident at the year 11 level, where the apparent retention from years 7 and 8 rose from 52 per cent to 70 per cent in 2007 (see chapter 4, table 4A.68).

Indigenous people have relatively low employment and income levels that may create financial barriers to accessing health services. Average weekly income for Indigenous people was \$548.97 in 2006, while the weekly income for non-Indigenous people was \$769.07 (see tables AA.3 and AA.7 and 2009 Report, Statistical appendix tables AA.2 and AA.16). Between 2001 and 2006, the unemployment rate for Indigenous people aged 15–64 years decreased from 20 per cent to 16 per cent. However, the unemployment rate for Indigenous Australians was still three times the rate for non-Indigenous Australians (16 per cent compared with 5 per cent), similar to the rate ratios from the 2001 Census (20 per cent compared with 7 per cent) (ABS 2007d).

There are high imprisonment rates among Indigenous people. Indigenous prisoners represented 25 per cent of the total prisoner population (see chapter 8, table 8A.1). After adjusting for age differences, the Indigenous imprisonment rate was 1630 per 100 000 adult Indigenous population, 13 times the non-Indigenous rate at 30 June 2008 (see chapter 8, table 8A.3). High imprisonment rates may contribute to poorer health status of Indigenous people.

Indigenous people have relatively high rates for health risk factors such as obesity, smoking, substance abuse and violence. In 2004-05, 50 per cent of Indigenous people aged 18 years and over were daily cigarette smokers. In 2004-05, while Indigenous adults were twice as likely to have abstained from alcohol consumption in the last 12 months, as compared with the non-Indigenous population, over half of

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Indigenous adults (55 per cent) reported drinking alcohol at short term risky to high risk levels at least once in the last 12 months.<sup>1</sup> Around 16 per cent (similar to the proportion of non-Indigenous people) reported long term risky to high risk alcohol consumption in the week prior to interview (where long term risky to high risk alcohol consumption equates to average daily consumption of more than 50 millilitres per day for males and more than 25 millilitres per day for females for the previous seven days prior to interview). During 2004-05, Indigenous people were more than four times as likely to be in hospital for alcohol-related mental and behavioural disorders as other people (SCRGSP 2007).<sup>2</sup>

Geographic distance to health services, particularly in remote and very remote areas, contributes to health disadvantage of Indigenous people. In 2006, a total of 417 (35 per cent) discrete Indigenous communities<sup>3</sup> were located 100 kilometres or more from the nearest Aboriginal Primary Health Care Centre and of those, 92 (22 per cent) were larger communities with a population of 50 or more people. A total of 372 discrete Indigenous communities (31 per cent) were located 100 kilometres or more from the nearest community health centre and of these, 90 (24 per cent) were larger communities. A total of 755 (64 per cent) discrete Indigenous communities were located 100 kilometres or more from the nearest hospital. On a population basis, 25 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in communities were 100 kilometres or more from the nearest hospital (ABS 2007b).

Many Indigenous people live in inadequate and overcrowded housing, particularly in remote and very remote areas. There were around 20 700 overcrowded Indigenous households (14 per cent) and 102 400 Indigenous people (27 per cent) living in overcrowded conditions in 2006. There has been some improvement in rates of overcrowding, with the proportion of Indigenous households that were overcrowded decreasing from 16 per cent in 2001 to 14 per cent in 2006 (ABS and AIHW 2008).

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<sup>1</sup> Short term risky to high risk alcohol consumption is mainly associated with ‘binge’ drinking. The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Australian Alcohol Guidelines (2001) on which the definitions of risky and high risk drinking are based, are currently under revision.

<sup>2</sup> Short term risk is the risk of harm in short term associated with given levels of alcohol consumption on any one occasion. Long term risk is associated with regular daily patterns of alcohol consumption and defined by the average daily intake of alcohol over the seven days of the reference week.

<sup>3</sup> A geographic location, bounded by physical or cadastral (legal) boundaries, and inhabited or intended to be inhabited predominantly (i.e. greater than 50 per cent of usual residents) by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples, with housing or infrastructure that is managed on a community basis.

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## Government policies and programs

The majority of government expenditure on Indigenous health is made through mainstream health programs (AIHW 2008b). In addition, the Australian, State and Territory governments fund Indigenous-specific health programs and undertake coordination and research activities. Indigenous people are high users of public hospital and community health services, and comparatively low users of medical, pharmaceutical, dental and other health services which are mostly privately provided.

Most Australian Government expenditure on Indigenous-specific health programs is directed to primary health. State and Territory governments fund a range of community and public health programs that specifically target Indigenous people within their jurisdictions (see chapter 11).

At the national level, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Council provides policy advice to the Australian Government Minister for Health and Ageing on Indigenous health issues. The Council has overseen the development of the National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, which all health ministers endorsed at the July 2003 Australian Health Ministers Conference. This framework outlines agreed principles and the following nine key result areas for Indigenous-specific primary health:

- community controlled primary health care
- a health system delivery framework to improve the responsiveness of both mainstream and Indigenous-specific health services to Indigenous health needs
- a competent health workforce with appropriate skills and training in both mainstream and Indigenous-specific health services
- emotional and social wellbeing, focusing on mental health, suicide, family violence, substance misuse and male health
- environmental health, including safe housing, water, sewerage and waste disposal
- wider strategies that have an impact on health in portfolios outside the health sector, such as education, employment and transport
- data, research and evidence to improve information on health service effectiveness in meeting the needs of Indigenous Australians
- resources and finances commensurate with Indigenous health needs, the cost of delivering services and community capacity to deliver health outcomes
- accountability of health services to communities and governments.

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The National Strategic Framework is complemented by a National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing 2004–2009 (SEWB Framework), which was agreed by the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council in March 2004. The SEWB Framework sits within the context of the National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and the Third National Mental Health Plan. (For a discussion of the Third National Mental Health Plan see chapter 12).

Agreements on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (framework agreements) have been established in each State and Territory between the Australian, State and Territory governments and the community sector. The agreements promote a partnership approach and commit signatories to work together to:

- increase the level of resources allocated to reflect the level of need
- plan jointly
- improve access to both mainstream and Indigenous-specific health and health related services
- improve Indigenous health data collection and evaluation.

Each State and Territory and the Australian Government is developing an implementation plan under the National Strategic Framework. Taking a whole of government approach, these plans detail information on existing and planned action by each government to improve health outcomes for Indigenous people. They outline programs and policy approaches which are the primary responsibility of each government both within the health department and in other portfolios. Each jurisdiction reports to health ministers on health portfolio progress under the plan every year and on the whole of government contribution every two years.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework has been developed under the auspices of the Australian Health Minister's Advisory Council to support the implementation of the National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (NSFATSIH). The Health Performance Framework is designed to measure the impact of the NSFATSIH and inform policy analysis, planning and program implementation. The first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework Report was released in late 2006 and preparation for the 2008 Health Performance Framework Report is currently underway.

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## Expenditure

It is not always possible to make accurate estimates of health expenditure for Indigenous people and their corresponding service use. For example, Indigenous status is not always clearly stated or recorded. Data on Indigenous status are often unavailable for privately funded services (although they are available for many publicly funded health services).

The scope and definition of health expenditure also have some limitations. For the Indigenous health expenditure data presented below, health covers those services that are directed mainly towards improving health and/or reducing the effects of illness or injury. That is a relatively narrow definition which excludes a number of supportive 'welfare' services and the impact of living conditions on health, for example, housing, sanitation and nutrition. There are also other (non-health) agency contributions to health expenditure, such as those incurred within education departments and prisons, that are not included.

Indigenous health expenditure can also be difficult to identify, as the majority of health expenditure on Indigenous people is allocated through mainstream health programs — admitted and non-admitted patient services, community health services, medical and medications health services, and public health services. A small proportion of health expenditure is allocated through programs directly targeting Indigenous people, the most significant being the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Care Services. In total, approximately one-fifth of the estimated health expenditure for Indigenous people in 2004-05 came from programs that were specifically designed for them. There may also be some inconsistencies across data providers resulting from limitations of financial reporting systems and different reporting mechanisms (AIHW 2008b).

The most recent estimates of health services expenditure for Indigenous people are for 2004-05 (AIHW 2008b). Between 1995-96 and 2004-05 there has been little change in the per person health expenditure ratio for Indigenous people compared to non-Indigenous people. Total recurrent government and non-government expenditure on health services for Indigenous people was estimated at \$2304 million in 2004-05 or 2.8 per cent of national expenditure on health services, the same proportion as for 2001-02. In 2004-05, \$1.17 per person was spent on Indigenous health for every \$1.00 spent on the health of non-Indigenous Australians. Average total health expenditure per Indigenous person was \$4718 compared with \$4019 per person estimated for non-Indigenous Australians (table HP.1). The three largest categories of health expenditure were hospitals, medical services and medications. Together they accounted for 66.7 per cent of all

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Australian health expenditure in 2004–05 and 58.8 per cent of the spending that was allocated to Indigenous people (table HP.1).

Expenditure per person on public hospitals for Indigenous people was around twice that for non-Indigenous people for both admitted and non-admitted patient services. Conversely, expenditure on medical services, dental and other health practitioners and medications were less than half those for non-Indigenous people. Expenditure on aids and appliances were 29 per cent of the non-Indigenous average. However, spending on community health services was over six and a half times that for other Australians and expenditure for both patient transport and public health were well above the national average (table HP.1). Indigenous people tend to rely disproportionately on public hospitals for reasons of access, cost and culture as well as health. In many of the areas where Indigenous people live, hospital admission is the only practical way of delivering anything but the simplest services, and hospital emergency rooms are the most accessible source of affordable medical treatment, including GP-type care. Indigenous people were admitted to public hospitals at nearly two and a half times the rate for non-Indigenous Australians (AIHW 2008b).



Table HP.1 **Total expenditure on health services for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, by type of health good or service, current prices, Australia, 2004-05**

| <i>Health good or service type</i>    | <i>Total expenditure (\$ million)</i> |                   |                      | <i>Expenditure per person (\$)</i> |                |             |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
|                                       | Indigenous                            | Non-Indigenous    | Indigenous share (%) | Indigenous                         | Non-Indigenous | Ratio       |
| Hospitals                             | 1 080.7                               | 27 337.6          | 3.8                  | 2 213                              | 1 386          | 1.60        |
| Public hospital <sup>a</sup>          | 1 048.6                               | 21 042.7          | 4.7                  | 2 147                              | 1 067          | 2.01        |
| Admitted patient services             | 799.4                                 | 16 226.8          | 4.7                  | 1 637                              | 823            | 1.99        |
| Non-admitted patient services         | 249.2                                 | 4 815.8           | 4.9                  | 510                                | 244            | 2.09        |
| Private hospital                      | 32.1                                  | 6 295.0           | 0.5                  | 66                                 | 319            | 0.21        |
| High-level residential care           | 41.7                                  | 6 283.4           | 0.7                  | 85                                 | 319            | 0.27        |
| Patient transport                     | 103.5                                 | 1 369.9           | 7.0                  | 212                                | 69             | 3.05        |
| Medical services                      | 164.6                                 | 14 483.5          | 1.1                  | 337                                | 734            | 0.46        |
| Community health services             | 497.8                                 | 3 052.7           | 14.0                 | 1 019                              | 155            | 6.59        |
| Dental and other health practitioners | 78.0                                  | 7 811.8           | 1.0                  | 160                                | 396            | 0.40        |
| Medications                           | 109.4                                 | 11 056.4          | 1.0                  | 224                                | 561            | 0.40        |
| Aids and appliances                   | 18.6                                  | 2 591.4           | 0.7                  | 38                                 | 131            | 0.29        |
| Public health                         | 88.9                                  | 1 350.3           | 6.2                  | 182                                | 68             | 2.66        |
| Research                              | 46.0                                  | 1 669.0           | 2.7                  | 94                                 | 85             | 1.11        |
| Health administration (nec)           | 74.6                                  | 2 254.5           | 3.2                  | 153                                | 114            | 1.34        |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>2 304.0</b>                        | <b>79 260.4</b>   | <b>2.8</b>           | <b>4 718</b>                       | <b>4 019</b>   | <b>1.17</b> |
| <b>Population (2004-05 estimate)</b>  | <b>488 335</b>                        | <b>19 721 423</b> | <b>2.5</b>           |                                    |                |             |

<sup>a</sup> Public hospital services exclude any dental services, community health services, patient transport services, public health and health research undertaken by the hospital.

Source: AIHW (2008) *Expenditure on Health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples 2004-05*, Cat. no. HWE 40, Health and welfare expenditure series no. 32, AIHW, Canberra; Report 2009, table E.1 p. E.19.

Ninety-three per cent of spending was through programs managed by governments, and 67 per cent was managed by State and local governments. Indigenous people made proportionally lower use of purely private services. That was an entirely different pattern from that for non-Indigenous Australians, for whom the three sources of supply were almost equally important (table HP.2).

**Table HP.2 Total expenditure on health for Indigenous people, by program, 2004-05**

| <i>Management</i>                                   | <i>Indigenous</i>                     |                 | <i>Non-Indigenous</i>                 |                 |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
|   | <i>Total expenditure (\$ million)</i> | <i>Per cent</i> | <i>Total expenditure (\$ million)</i> | <i>Per cent</i> |
| Through State and local government programs         | 1 537.1                               | 66.7            | 26 844.1                              | 33.9            |
| Through Australian Government programs <sup>a</sup> | 604.7                                 | 26.2            | 28 163.4                              | 35.5            |
| <i>Total through Government programs</i>            | <i>2 141.8</i>                        | <i>93.0</i>     | <i>55 007.4</i>                       | <i>69.4</i>     |
| Through non-government arrangements                 | 162.2                                 | 7.0             | 24 253.0                              | 30.6            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>2 304.0</b>                        | <b>100.0</b>    | <b>79 260.4</b>                       | <b>100.0</b>    |

<sup>a</sup> Patient co-payments under Medicare and PBS (\$19.2 million Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, \$2766.4 million non-Indigenous)

Source: AIHW (2008) *Expenditure on Health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples 2004-05*, Cat. no. HWE 40, Health and welfare expenditure series no. 32, AIHW, Canberra; 2009 Report, table E.2 p. E.20.

Spending through Australian Government programs was slightly lower per person for Indigenous people than for other Australians, while spending through State and local government programs for Indigenous people was 2.3 times that for non-Indigenous people. This reflects Indigenous people's greater reliance on public hospitals and community health services than on the services of private medical and pharmaceutical providers with which the Australian Government is more involved (table HP.3).

**Table HP.3 Expenditure per person on health services, by program, 2004-05**

| <i>Management</i>                                   | <i>Indigenous</i> | <i>Non-Indigenous</i> | <i>Ratio</i> |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Through State and local government programs         | 3 148             | 1 361                 | 2.31         |
| Through Australian Government programs <sup>a</sup> | 1 238             | 1 428                 | 0.87         |
| <i>Total through Government programs</i>            | <i>4 386</i>      | <i>2 789</i>          | <i>1.57</i>  |
| Through non-government arrangements                 | 332               | 1 230                 | 0.27         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>4 718</b>      | <b>4 019</b>          | <b>1.17</b>  |

<sup>a</sup> Patient co-payments under Medicare and PBS (\$39 per Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person, \$140 per non-Indigenous person) are included here, but note they are shown elsewhere in this report as expenditure incurred by the non-government sector.

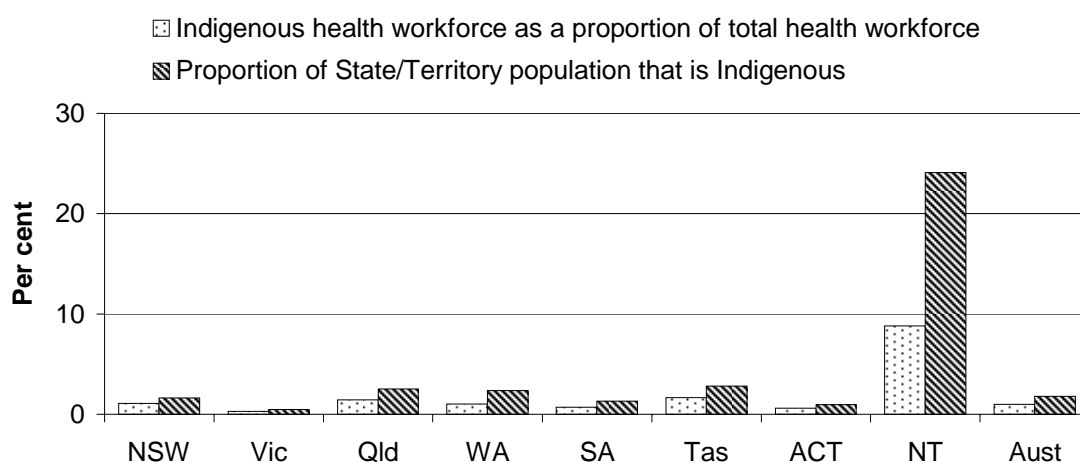
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## Indigenous health workforce

Indigenous people aged 15 years and over were under-represented in almost all health-related occupations, in 2006 (ABS and AIHW 2008). This can potentially contribute to Indigenous peoples' reduced access to health services. One patient satisfaction survey found that the presence of an Indigenous doctor at a community health centre was a main reason for Indigenous people attending the clinic. In addition, the number of Indigenous patients attending the clinic increased markedly following the arrival of the Indigenous doctor and other changes in the service designed to make it more welcoming. Patients reported that an Indigenous doctor was 'more understanding of their needs' (DoHA 2006).

In 2006, Indigenous people accounted for 1.0 per cent of the health workforce, but were 1.8 per cent of the total population (aged 15 years and over). Indigenous health workers are under-represented in each State and Territory (figure HP.1).

Figure HP.1 **Indigenous health workforce as a proportion of total health workforce, by jurisdiction, 2006<sup>a, b, c</sup>**

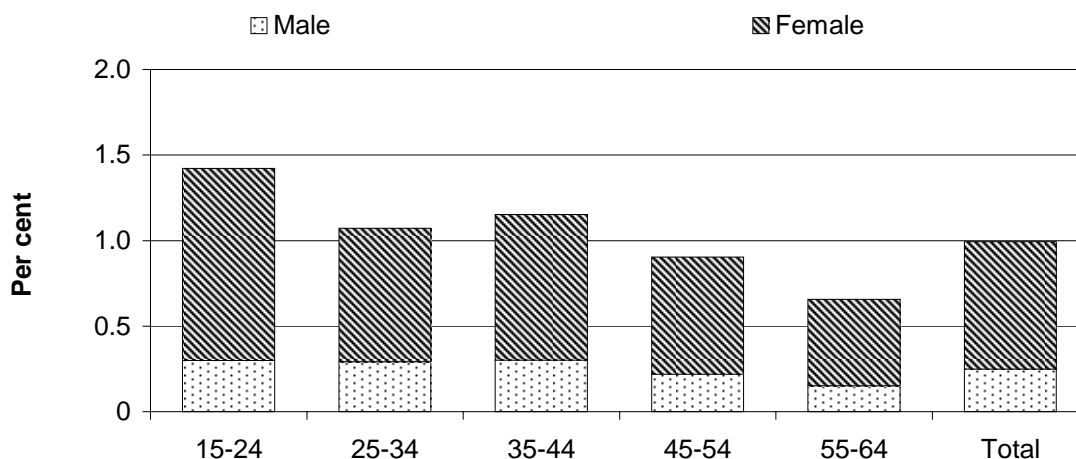


<sup>a</sup> Aged 15 years and over. <sup>b</sup> Cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data. <sup>c</sup> Australian total data includes other territories.

Source: ABS (unpublished), ABS (2007) *2006 Census of Population and Housing*, Canberra; table HPA.1; 2009 Report, figure E.7, p. E.21.

For younger age-groups, Indigenous people make up a higher proportion of the health workforce — 1.4 per cent of the workforce aged 15–24 years and 1.1 per cent of the workforce aged 25–34 years. Indigenous females represented a higher proportion of the health workforce than Indigenous males across all age-groups (figure HP.2).

**Figure HP.2 Indigenous health workforce as a proportion of total health workforce, by age-group and sex, 2006**



Source: ABS (unpublished), 2006 Census of Population and Housing; table HPA.2; 2009 Report, figure E.8, p. E.22.

### *Indigenous health workforce by occupation*

In 2006, there were 100 Indigenous people working as medical practitioners and 1223 Indigenous people working as midwifery and nursing professionals (table HP.4).

After nursing, Indigenous people in the health workforce were most commonly employed as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers (965 people). Aboriginal and Torres Islander health workers may be employed as specialists in areas such as alcohol, mental health, diabetes, eye and ear health, sexual health, or they may work as generalist members of primary care team, or as hospital liaison officers (table HPA.3).

Table HP.4 **Indigenous persons employed in selected health-related occupations (per cent), 2006<sup>a, b</sup>**

|   | <i>Indigenous people</i> | <i>All persons</i> | <i>Percent of Indigenous people in selected health-related occupations</i> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Health and Welfare Services Managers          | 141                      | 10 807             | 1.3  |
| Psychologists                                 | 39                       | 13 437             | 0.3  |
| Health diagnostic and promotion professionals | 648                      | 48 079             | 1.3  |
| Health therapy professionals                  | 321                      | 64 597             | 0.5  |
| Medical practitioners                         | 100                      | 55 075             | 0.2  |
| Midwifery and nursing professionals           | 1 223                    | 200 400            | 0.6  |
| Health and welfare support workers            | 2 413                    | 99 957             | 2.4  |
| <b>Total aged 15 years and over</b>           | <b>4 891</b>             | <b>492 342</b>     | <b>1.0</b>   |

<sup>a</sup> Aged 15 years and over. <sup>b</sup> Further information to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in table HPA.3.

Source: ABS (unpublished), *2006 Census of Population and Housing*; table HPA.3; 2009 Report, table E.4, p. E.23.

## Self-assessed health

The results from the 2006 General Social Survey indicate that the majority of Australians (84 per cent) aged 18 years or over reported their health as either, good, very good or excellent. The proportion of persons reporting fair or poor health generally increased with age, from 7 per cent of those aged 18 to 24 years to 39 per cent of those aged 75 years or over (ABS 2007c). Taking into account differences in age structure between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations, Indigenous people overall were almost twice as likely to report their health as fair or poor (29 per cent), than non-Indigenous Australians (15 per cent) in 2004-05 (ABS 2006b).

## Data quality

Good quality data are needed to assess the effectiveness of programs and to evaluate policies designed to improve health services and outcomes for Indigenous people. Despite recent improvements, the quality of estimates of Indigenous health information is limited by problems with the underlying data. Some of the problems associated with Indigenous health data are outlined in (ABS 2007a), and (ABS and AIHW 2008) including:

- Indigenous people are not always accurately or consistently identified in administrative health data collections (such as hospital records and birth and

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death registrations), given variation in definitions, different data collection methods and inaccurate or incomplete recording of Indigenous status.

- Inconsistent data definitions and differences in the accuracy of identifying Indigenous status have led to problems making comparisons between jurisdictions, and comparisons over time.
- Experimental estimates of the Indigenous population are re-based by the ABS every five years following availability of new Census data. Once new Indigenous population estimates and projections have been produced by ABS, revisions may be required to various rates and rate ratios used in previous editions of the Report where those rates data are to be carried forward in new reports.

As part of the development of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework, key priorities for data development will be identified to support an ongoing work program of data improvements.

The ABS has introduced a program of three yearly Indigenous household surveys with sample sizes designed to support the production of reliable State and Territory level data, so every three years, some health status and health risk factors are measured. Every six years, and in parallel with the National Health Survey, more detailed Indigenous health status information is collected, together with health service use, health actions, health related aspects of lifestyle and other health risks. This also enables Indigenous to non-Indigenous comparisons for relevant variables. Other health related surveys, which may include an Indigenous identifier, do not necessarily provide reliable data on Indigenous people, because of small sample size, limited geographic coverage or survey design.

## **Selected indicators of health outcomes**

It is difficult to isolate the effect of health care services on the general health of the population. Socioeconomic factors (such as residential location, income levels and employment rates) and the provision of non-health care government services (such as clean water, sewerage, nutrition, education and public housing) each contribute to overall health outcomes. The outcomes and effectiveness of health services are also influenced by population factors external to governments' control, including geographic dispersion, age and ethnicity profiles, and socioeconomic status. Appendix A summarises some of the demographic and socioeconomic factors that can influence health outcomes and government expenditure.

Data on health outcomes presented in this preface include self-assessed health status, mortality rates (for infants and all people), causes of death, life expectancy at

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birth, median age at death and birthweight. Where possible, data are presented for Indigenous people as well as the Australian population as a whole.

### *Mortality rates*

Most components of the health system can influence mortality rates, although there may be a delay of decades between the action and the effect. A public health campaign to reduce smoking by young people, for example, may reduce premature deaths due to smoking-related conditions some years in the future. Factors external to the health system also have a strong influence on mortality rates.

Data on Indigenous mortality are collected through State and Territory death registrations. The completeness of the identification of Indigenous Australians in these collections varies significantly across states and territories. Because of this variation, care is required in making comparisons on the data.

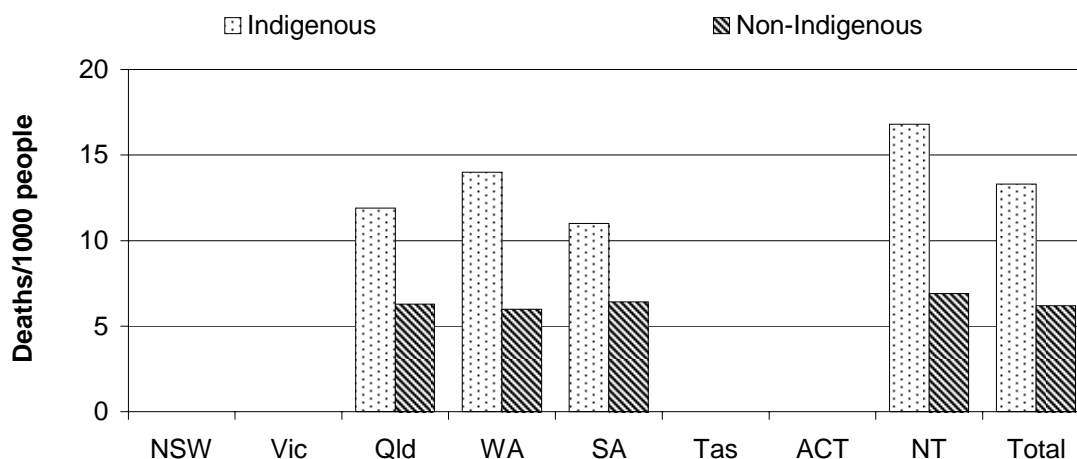
Due to the relatively small number of Indigenous deaths and the consequent volatility in annual mortality rates, the data are presented for the five year period 2002–2006. To improve the comparability of age-related mortality rates, indirect age standardisation methods have been used for both the Indigenous and total population rates.

The NT, WA, SA and Queensland in that order are generally considered to have the best coverage of death registrations for Indigenous people.<sup>4</sup> For these four jurisdictions combined, the overall rates of mortality for Indigenous people were just over twice as high as mortality rates for non-Indigenous people in 2002–2006 (figure HP.3 and table HPA.4). The exact magnitude of this difference cannot be established at this time due to variable identification of Indigenous Australians in death records. Reported mortality rates under-estimate the true mortality of Indigenous Australians (ABS and AIHW 2008).

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<sup>4</sup> The term ‘coverage’ refers to the number of Indigenous deaths registered as a percentage of the number of expected deaths based on the 2001 Census based experimental Indigenous population estimates and projections.

Figure HP.3 **Mortality rates, age standardised, by Indigenous status, five year average, 2002–2006<sup>a, b, c, d</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Deaths per 1000 standard population. Standardised death rates use total persons in the 2001 Australian population as the standard population. <sup>b</sup> Total, Indigenous and non-Indigenous mortality rates are for Queensland, WA, SA and NT combined. <sup>c</sup> Calculations of rates for the Indigenous population are based on ABS Experimental Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians 1991 to 2009 (ABS cat. no. 3238.0, low series, 2001 base). There are no comparable population data for the non-Indigenous population. Calculations of rates for comparison with the Indigenous population are derived by subtracting Indigenous population projections from total Estimated Resident Population and should be used with care, as these data include deaths and population units for which Indigenous status were not stated. ERP used in calculations are final ERP based on 2006 Census. <sup>d</sup> Includes non-Indigenous and not stated Indigenous status.

Source: ABS (unpublished) *Deaths Australia*; table HPA.4; 2009 Report, figure E.11, p. E.30.

### Infant mortality rates

The infant mortality rate is defined as the number of deaths of children under 1 year of age in a calendar year per 1000 live births in the same year. Infant mortality rates are presented in this Report as an average over three years to reduce the volatility inherent in the annual rates due to small numbers and annual fluctuations. The infant mortality rate in Australia declined from 5.2 deaths per 1000 live births over the period 2000–2002 to an average of 4.8 deaths per 1000 live births over the period 2004–2006 (2009 Report, figure E.12, p. E.31).

For the period 2004–2006, the average infant mortality rate for Indigenous children is publishable for NSW, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT. Although the small numbers involved affect the ability to detect significant changes in Indigenous infant mortality, it is clear that Indigenous infant mortality rates are markedly higher than the average for all Australians (tables HPA.5 and HPA.6).



## Causes of death for Indigenous people

In the jurisdictions for which age standardised death rates are available by Indigenous status (Queensland, WA, SA and the NT), death rates were far higher for Indigenous people than for non-Indigenous people during the period 2002–2006. In particular, Indigenous people died from diabetes at a rate that was up to 11.2 times that for non-Indigenous people; from cirrhosis and other diseases of liver at a rate that was up to 8.6 times that for non-Indigenous people; and from diseases of the urinary system at a rate that was 5.8 times that for non-Indigenous people. The standardised death rate per 100 000 for all causes was 2.9 times higher for Indigenous people than for non-Indigenous people (tables HP.5 and HPA.7).

**Table HP.5 Leading causes of death, indirect age-standardised death rate ratio, 2002–2006 (per 100 000 standard population)<sup>a, b, c</sup>**

|  | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i>  | <i>SA</i>  | <i>NT</i>  | <i>Total</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| <i>Underlying causes of death</i>                      |            |            |            |            |              |
| Trachea and lung cancers                               | 1.9        | 1.7        | 1.5        | 2.2        | 1.9          |
| Diabetes   | 10.8       | 11.8       | 8.5        | 9.9        | 11.2         |
| Ischaemic heart diseases <sup>d</sup>                  | 2.8        | 2.9        | 3.2        | 3.7        | 3.0          |
| Strokes  | 1.8        | 2.6        | 1.8        | 3.1        | 2.1          |
| Influenza and pneumonia                                | 2.6        | 6.8        | 3.8        | 6.3        | 3.9          |
| Chronic lower respiratory diseases <sup>e</sup>        | 3.1        | 4.1        | 2.9        | 4.1        | 4.1          |
| Cirrhosis and other diseases of liver                  | 5.7        | 9.7        | 7.1        | 10.7       | 8.6          |
| Diseases of the urinary system                         | 3.5        | 6.2        | 4.0        | 12.8       | 5.8          |
| Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period | 2.1        | 3.2        | 1.7        | 3.3        | 2.7          |
| Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions             | 2.7        | 6.3        | 5.0        | 2.6        | 4.5          |
| Land transport accidents                               | 1.8        | 3.5        | 2.7        | 2.6        | 2.9          |
| Intentional self-harm [suicide]                        | 2.3        | 2.0        | 3.5        | 3.1        | 2.7          |
| <b>All causes</b>                                      | <b>2.4</b> | <b>3.0</b> | <b>2.5</b> | <b>3.6</b> | <b>2.9</b>   |

<sup>a</sup> Calculations of rates for the Indigenous population are based on ABS *Experimental Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians* (ABS cat. no. 3238.0, low series, 2001 base). There are no comparable population data for the non-Indigenous population. Calculations of rates for comparison with the Indigenous population are derived by subtracting Indigenous population projections from Total Estimated Resident Population and should be used with care, as these data include deaths and population units for which Indigenous status were not stated. Population estimates have not been re based using 2006 Census data as re-based data are not yet available for the Indigenous population. <sup>b</sup> Coded according to the International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems Revision 10 (ICD-10). <sup>c</sup> Indigenous rate divided by non-Indigenous rate. <sup>d</sup> Ischaemic heart diseases include angina, heart attacks, blocked arteries of the heart. <sup>e</sup> Chronic lower respiratory disease include diseases such as asthma, bronchitis and emphysema.

Source: ABS (unpublished) *Causes of Death 2006*; table HPA.7; 2009 Report, table E.6, p. E.33.

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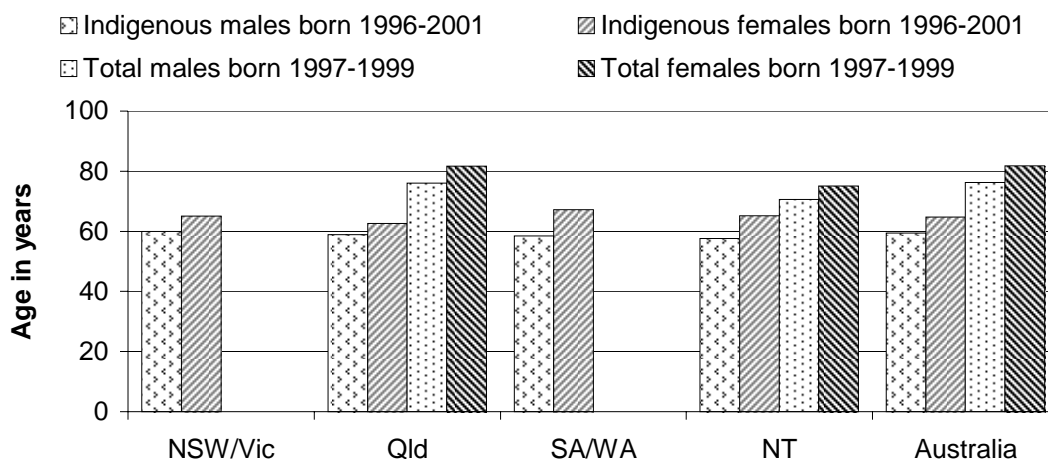
### *Life expectancy*

The life expectancy of Australians improved dramatically during the twentieth century and so far during twenty first century. The average life expectancy at birth in the period 1901–1910 was 55.2 years for males and 58.8 years for females (ABS 2008a). It has risen steadily in each decade since, reaching 78.7 years for males and 83.5 years for females in 2004–2006 (2009 Report, figure E.13, p. E.34).

The ABS advise that, due to incomplete identification of Indigenous deaths in the underlying source data, changes over time in mortality rates for Indigenous people cannot be determined. ABS Indigenous population estimates and projections assume, for each jurisdiction, constant age specific mortality rates across the period 1991–2009. These data are not comparable to — and replace — life expectancy estimates for Indigenous people previously published by the ABS. They should not be subjected to ‘over-precise analysis ... as measures of Indigenous health outcomes’ (ABS 2004).

The life expectancies of Indigenous Australians are considerably lower than those of non-Indigenous Australians. ABS experimental population estimates indicate a life expectancy at birth of 59.4 years for Indigenous males and 64.8 years for Indigenous females born from 1996 to 2001 (figure HP.4 and table HPA.8). In a similar, but not directly comparable time period (1997–1999) the rates for all Australians were 76.2 years for all males and 81.8 years for females. Variations in life expectancy between Indigenous males and females and for Indigenous Australians in different states and territories should be interpreted with care as they are sensitive to the demographic assumptions and differences in data quality across jurisdictions. The ABS has produced a discussion paper regarding this issue (ABS 2008b).

Figure HP.4 **Life expectancy at birth, Indigenous 1996–2001, total population 1997–1999<sup>a, b, c</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Indigenous data are for the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, and include an adjustment for undercoverage of Indigenous deaths. <sup>b</sup> Life expectancy data for Indigenous males and Indigenous females are for the period 1996–2001. Data for total males and females cover the period 1997–1999, the approximate mid-point of the Indigenous data. <sup>c</sup> For Tasmania and the ACT, use life tables for NSW and Victoria.

Source: ABS (2007) *Deaths 2006, Australia*, Cat. no. 3302.0, ABS, Canberra; table HPA.8; 2009 Report, figure E.14, p. E.35.

### *Median age at death*

The median age at death represents the age at which exactly half the deaths registered (or occurring) in a given time period were deaths of people above that age and half were deaths below that age. Comparisons of the median age at death for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people are affected by different age structures in the populations and by differences in the extent of identification of Indigenous deaths across jurisdictions and across age groups. Identification of Indigenous status for infant deaths is high, but it falls significantly in older age groups. The median age of death for Indigenous people is therefore likely to be an underestimate.

For all Australian males and females in 2006, the median age at death was 77.3 years and 83.3 years respectively (figure HP.5 and table HPA.9). In the jurisdictions for which the data were available for Indigenous people, in 2006 the median age at death for male Indigenous Australians varied between 45.4 and 59.3 years. The median age at death for female Indigenous Australians varied between 55.3 and 64.8 years (figure HP.5 and table HPA.9).

Figure HP.5 Median age at death, by sex and Indigenous status, 2006<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Median age at death by Indigenous status is available in NSW, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT only. The accuracy of Indigenous mortality data are variable as a result of varying rates of coverage across jurisdictions and age groups, and of changes in the estimated Indigenous population caused by changing rates of identification in the Census and births data.

Source: ABS (2007) *Deaths 2006, Australia*, Cat. no. 3302.0, ABS, Canberra; table HPA.9; 2009 Report, figure E.15, p. E.36.

### *Birthweight of babies*

The birthweight of a baby is an important indicator of its health status and future wellbeing. In 2006, 91.8 per cent of liveborn babies in Australia weighed between 2500 and 4499 grams (Laws and Hilder 2008). The average birthweight for all live births was 3370 grams. In 2006, the average birthweight of liveborn babies of Indigenous mothers was 3169 grams (table HPA.10 and 2009 Report, table EA.21). This was 209 grams lighter than the average of 3378 grams for liveborn babies of non-Indigenous mothers (Laws and Hilder 2008).<sup>5</sup>

Babies are defined as low birthweight if they weigh less than 2500 grams, very low birthweight if they weigh less than 1500 grams and extremely low birthweight if they weigh less than 1000 grams (Laws and Hilder 2008). In 2006, 6.4 per cent of all liveborn babies in Australia weighed less than 2500 grams (figure HP.6). This included 1.1 per cent of babies who weighed less than 1500 grams (2009 Report, table EA.21).

Among live babies born to Indigenous mothers in 2006, the proportions with low and very low birthweights were around twice the proportions born to all Australian

<sup>5</sup> Figures for births to Indigenous mothers exclude Tasmania.

mothers, with 12.4 per cent weighing less than 2500 grams and 2.3 per cent weighing less than 1500 grams (figure HP.6 and table HPA.10).

**Figure HP.6 Low birthweight babies (under 2500 grams), by Indigenous status, 2006<sup>a, b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Proportion of live births with birthweights under 2500 grams. <sup>b</sup> In the ACT, 16.3 per cent of women who gave birth were non-ACT residents. Care must be taken when interpreting percentages. For example, the proportion of liveborn low birthweight babies born in the ACT to ACT resident Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander women in 2006 where the birthweight was less than 2500 grams was 10.8 per cent.

Source: Laws, P. and Hilder, L. (2008) *Australia's Mothers and Babies 2006*, AIHW Cat. no. PER 46, National Perinatal Statistics Unit (Perinatal Statistics Series no. 22), AIHW, Sydney; table HPA.10 and 2009 Report, table EA.21; 2009 Report, figure E.16, p. E.37.

## Future directions

New features and developments in this Report are listed in chapter 2. In addition, each of the health chapters has a section that covers the future directions for reporting.

Improving reporting on Indigenous health is a priority across all of the health chapters. Performance indicators for health services used by Indigenous Australians were first published in the 2000 Report. A strategy to improve reporting on Indigenous health was developed in 2003, and improvements have since been made where possible. This work is being informed by the new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework.

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## Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within the 'Health preface' of this compendium are contained in attachment HPA of the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'EA' suffix (for example, table EA.3 is table 3 in the 'Health preface' attachment). As the data are directly sourced from the 2009 Report, the compendium also notes where the original table, figure or text in the 2009 Report can be found. For example, where the compendium refers to '2009 Report, p. E.15' this is page 15 of the 'Health preface' of the 2009 Report, and '2009 Report, table EA.2' is attachment table 2 of the 'Health preface' attachment of the 2009 Report.

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| <b>Table HPA.1</b>  | Indigenous health workforce, by State/Territory, 2006  |
| <b>Table HPA.2</b>  | Indigenous people in health workforce as a proportion of total health workforce, by age group and sex, 2006      |
| <b>Table HPA.3</b>  | Indigenous persons employed in selected health-related occupations, 2006   |
| <b>Table HPA.4</b>  | Mortality rates, age standardised for all causes (per 1000 people)   |
| <b>Table HPA.5</b>  | Infant mortality rate, three year average (per 1000 live births)   |
| <b>Table HPA.6</b>  | Indigenous infant mortality rates, three year average  |
| <b>Table HPA.7</b>  | Leading causes of death, indirect age standardised death rate ratio, 2002–2006 (per 100 000 standard population) |
| <b>Table HPA.8</b>  | Indigenous life expectancy at birth (years)  |
| <b>Table HPA.9</b>  | Median age at death (years)  |
| <b>Table HPA.10</b> | Birthweights of babies of Indigenous mothers, live births, by State and Territory 2006                           |

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# 10 Public hospitals

Public hospitals are important providers of government funded health services in Australia. A key objective of government is to provide public hospital services to ensure the population has access to cost-effective health services, based on clinical need and within clinically appropriate times, regardless of geographic location. Public hospitals provide a range of services, including:

- acute care services to admitted patients
- sub-acute and non-acute services to admitted patients (for example, rehabilitation, palliative care, or long stay maintenance care)
- emergency, outpatient and other services to non-admitted patients<sup>1</sup>
- mental health services, including services provided to admitted patients by designated psychiatric/psychogeriatric units
- public health services
- teaching and research activities.

This chapter focuses on services provided to admitted patients and emergency services provided to non-admitted patients in public hospitals (see *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report), chapter 10). These services comprise the bulk of public hospital activity and, in the case of services to admitted patients, have the most reliable data available. Data in the chapter include sub-acute and non-acute care services.

In some instances, stand-alone psychiatric hospitals are included in this chapter, (see 2009 Report, chapter 10), although their role is diminishing in accordance with the National Mental Health Strategy. Under the strategy, the provision of psychiatric treatment is shifting away from specialised psychiatric hospitals to mainstream public hospitals and the community sector. The performance of psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric units of public hospitals is examined more closely in the mental health section of the 'Health management' chapter (see 2009 Report, chapter 12).

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<sup>1</sup> Other services to non-admitted patients include community health services such as baby clinics and immunisation units, district nursing services and other outreach services (AIHW 2001).

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Some common health terms relating to hospitals are defined in box 10.1.

**Box 10.1 Some common terms relating to hospitals**

***Patients***

**admitted patient:** a patient who has undergone a formal admission process in a public hospital to begin an episode of care. Admitted patients may receive acute, sub-acute or non-acute care services.

**non-admitted patient:** a patient who has not undergone a formal admission process, but who may receive care through an emergency department, outpatient or other non-admitted service.

***Types of care***

Classification of care depends on the principal clinical intent of the care received.

**acute care:** clinical services provided to admitted or non-admitted patients, including managing labour, curing illness or treating injury, performing surgery, relieving symptoms and/or reducing the severity of illness or injury, and performing diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. Most episodes involve a relatively short hospital stay.

**sub-acute and non-acute care:** clinical services provided to patients suffering from chronic illnesses or recovering from such illnesses. Services include rehabilitation, planned geriatric care, palliative care, geriatric care evaluation and management, and services for nursing home type patients. Clinical services delivered by designated psychogeriatric units, designated rehabilitation units and mothercraft services are considered non-acute.

***Hospital outputs***

**separation:** an episode of care for an admitted patient, which can be a total hospital stay (from admission to discharge, transfer or death), or a portion of a hospital stay beginning or ending in a change of type of care (for example, from acute to rehabilitation). Admitted patients who receive same day procedures (for example, renal dialysis) are included in separation statistics.

**casemix-adjusted separations:** the number of separations adjusted to account for differences across hospitals in the complexity of their episodes of care. Casemix adjustment is an important step to achieving comparable measures of efficiency across hospitals and jurisdictions.

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### Box 10.1 (Continued)

**non-admitted occasion of service:** occasion of examination, consultation, treatment or other service provided to a non-admitted patient in a functional unit of a health service establishment. Services may include emergency department visits, outpatient services (such as pathology, radiology and imaging, and allied health services, including speech therapy and family planning) and other services to non-admitted patients. Hospital non-admitted occasions of service are not yet recorded consistently across states and territories, and relative differences in the complexity of services provided are not yet documented.

#### ***Other common health terms***

**AR-DRG (Australian refined diagnosis related group):** a patient classification system that hospitals use to match their patient services (hospital procedures and diagnoses) with their resource needs. AR-DRG version 5.1 is based on the ICD-10-AM classification.

**ICD-10-AM (the Australian modification of the International Standard Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems):** the current classification of diagnoses and procedures.

*Source:* AIHW (2006, 2008); NCCH (2008).

## Indigenous data in the public hospitals chapter

The public hospitals chapter in the 2009 Report contains the following data items on Indigenous people:

- separations, by Indigenous status of patients and hospital sector, 2006-07
- separations per 1000 people, public hospitals, 2002-03 to 2006-07
- separations with a procedure recorded by selected principal diagnoses, public hospitals, July 2005–June 2007
- separations with a procedure recorded, by Indigenous status of patient, July 2005–June 2007
- separations with a procedure recorded, by Indigenous status of patient and remoteness, July 2005–June 2007
- perinatal, neonatal and fetal death rates, 2001–2005.

### *Attachment tables*

Attachment tables for data within the public hospitals chapter of this compendium are contained in attachment 10A of the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an ‘A’ suffix (for example, table 10A.3 is

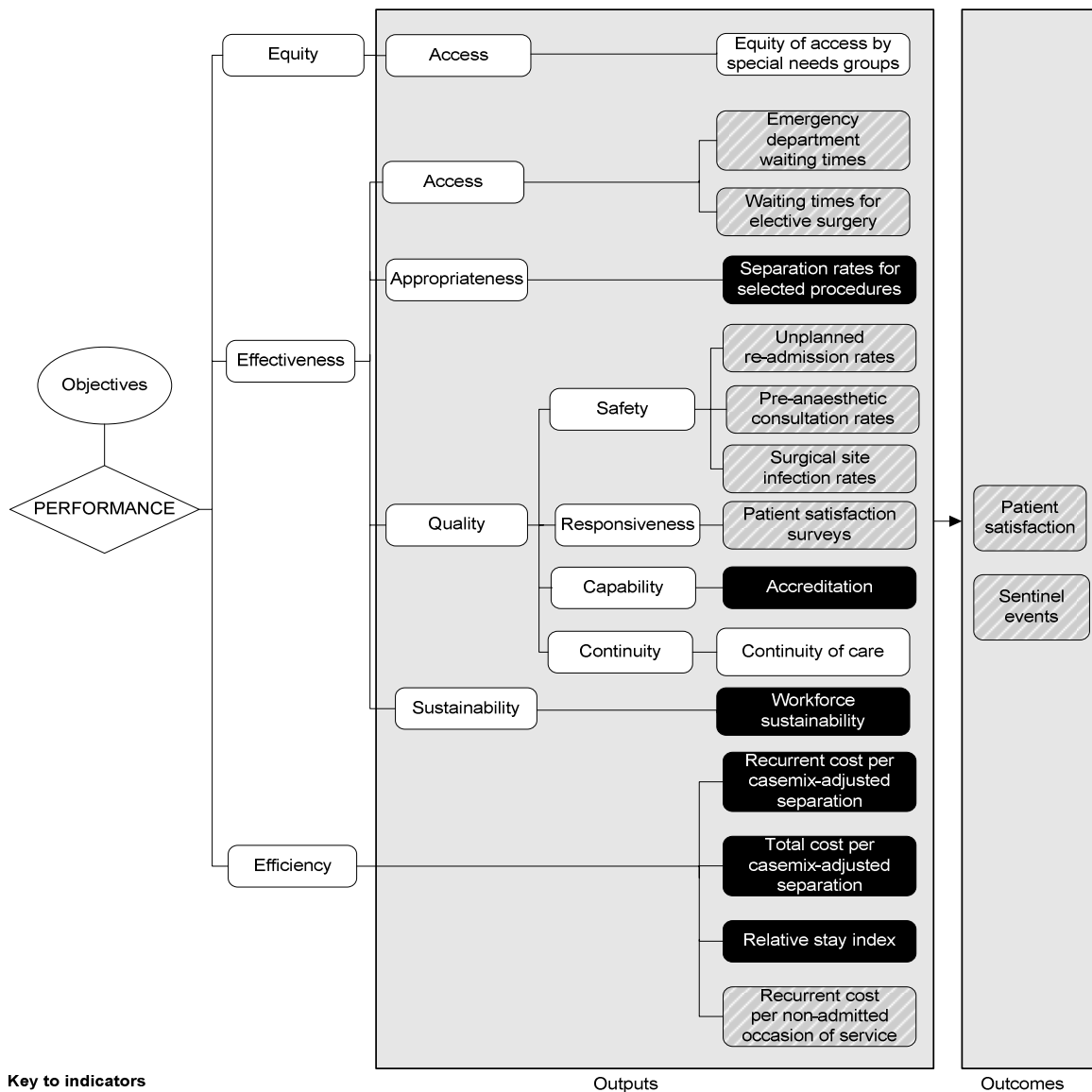
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table 3 in the public hospitals attachment). As the data are directly sourced from the 2009 Report, the compendium also notes where the original table, figure or text in the 2009 Report can be found. For example, where the compendium refers to ‘2009 Report, p. 10.15’ this is page 15 of chapter 10 of the 2009 Report, and ‘2009 Report, table 10A.2’ is attachment table 2 of attachment 10A of the 2009 Report.

### **Framework of performance indicators for public hospitals**

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for public hospitals in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 10.1. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

Figure 10.1 Performance indicators for public hospitals



**Key to indicators**

- Text** Data for these indicators comparable, subject to caveats to each chart or table
- Text** Data for these indicators not complete or not directly comparable
- Text** These indicators yet to be developed or data not collected for this Report

Source: 2009 Report, figure 10.13, p. 10.23.

### Separation rates for Indigenous patients

The completeness of Indigenous identification in hospital admitted patient data varies across states and territories. The AIHW (2005) report *Improving the Quality of Indigenous Identification in Hospital Separations Data* found that Indigenous patient data was of acceptable quality for analytical purposes only for Queensland,

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WA, SA, and public hospitals in the NT. Following new assessments of the quality of Indigenous identification in 2007, the National E Health Information Principal Committee (NEHIPC) has approved NSW and Victorian Indigenous patient data as acceptable in quality for analytical purposes, from the 2004-05 reference year. Efforts to improve Indigenous identification across states and territories are ongoing.

The available data are not necessarily representative of other jurisdictions. Because of improvements in data quality over time, caution also should be used in time series analysis of the data.

In 2006-07, separations for Indigenous people accounted for around 3.5 per cent of total separations and 5.3 per cent of separations in public hospitals in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT (table 10.1), but the Indigenous population made up only around 2.5 per cent of the population in these jurisdictions (table AA.3 and 2009 Report, table AA.2). Most separations involving Indigenous patients (94.4 per cent) in these jurisdictions occurred in public hospitals. The low proportion of private hospital separations for Indigenous people may be due partly to a lower proportion of Indigenous patients being correctly identified in private hospitals in addition to their lower use of private hospitals.

**Table 10.1 Separations, by Indigenous status of patient and hospital sector, 2006-07<sup>a, b</sup>**

|   | NSW     | Vic     | Qld   | WA    | SA    | Tas | ACT | NT   | Aust | Total <sup>c</sup> |
|---|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|------|------|--------------------|
| Public hospital separations ('000)  |         |         |       |       |       |     |     |      |      |                    |
| Indigenous  | 50.6    | 11.4    | 60.2  | 42.3  | 17.3  | np  | np  | 57.9 | np   | 239.6              |
| Non-Indigenous  | 1 394.5 | 1 296.1 | 710.6 | 408.6 | 362.1 | np  | np  | 27.9 | np   | 4 199.9            |
| Not reported  | 17.0    | 6.7     | 13.8  | –     | 11.2  | np  | np  | –    | np   | 48.8               |
| Total   | 1 462.1 | 1 314.2 | 784.6 | 450.9 | 390.6 | np  | np  | 85.8 | np   | 4 488.4            |
| Private hospital separations ('000)   |         |         |       |       |       |     |     |      |      |                    |
| Indigenous  | 1.1     | 0.5     | 3.9   | 8.3   | 0.5   | np  | np  | np   | np   | 14.2               |
| Non-Indigenous  | 797.1   | 755.4   | 654.5 | 280.9 | 225.5 | np  | np  | np   | np   | 2 713.5            |
| Not reported  | 10.1    | 5.5     | 83.6  | –     | 3.3   | np  | np  | np   | np   | 102.6              |
| Total   | 808.4   | 761.4   | 742.0 | 289.2 | 229.3 | np  | np  | np   | np   | 2 830.3            |
| Indigenous separations as proportion of total separations (%)                       |         |         |       |       |       |     |     |      |      |                    |
| Public hospitals  | 3.5     | 0.9     | 7.7   | 9.4   | 4.4   | np  | np  | 67.4 | np   | 5.3                |
| Private hospitals   | 0.1     | 0.1     | 0.5   | 2.9   | 0.2   | np  | np  | np   | np   | 0.5                |
| All hospitals   | 2.3     | 0.6     | 4.2   | 6.8   | 2.9   | np  | np  | np   | np   | 3.5                |
| Separations in public hospitals as a proportion of separations in all hospitals (%) |         |         |       |       |       |     |     |      |      |                    |
| Indigenous  | 97.8    | 96.0    | 94.0  | 83.6  | 97.4  | np  | np  | np   | np   | 94.4               |
| Non-Indigenous  | 63.6    | 63.2    | 52.1  | 59.3  | 61.6  | np  | np  | np   | np   | 60.8               |

<sup>a</sup> Excludes separations for which the care type was reported as 'newborn with no qualified days' and records for hospital boarders and posthumous organ procurement. <sup>b</sup> Identification of Indigenous patients is not considered complete and completeness varies across jurisdictions. The AIHW advised that only data for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT are considered to be acceptable for the purpose of analysis. Nevertheless, data for these jurisdictions should be interpreted with caution as there are jurisdictional differences in data quality. In addition, these jurisdictions are not necessarily representative of the excluded jurisdictions. <sup>c</sup> The total includes data only for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA, and the NT. – Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

Source: AIHW 2008a, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2006-07*, Health services series no. 31. Cat no. HSE 55, AIHW, Canberra; table 10A.1; 2009 Report, table 10.1, p. 10.13.

In 2006-07, on an age standardised basis, 787.5 public hospitals separations (including same day separations) for Indigenous patients were reported per 1000 Indigenous people in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT (table 10.2). This rate was markedly higher than the corresponding rate for these jurisdictions' combined total population of 218.7 per 1000 (table 10.2). Incomplete identification of Indigenous people limits the validity of comparisons over time, as well as across jurisdictions.

**Table 10.2 Estimates of public hospital separations per 1000 people, by Indigenous status of patient<sup>a, b</sup>**

|                  | NSW <sup>c</sup> | Vic   | Qld <sup>c</sup> | WA <sup>c, d</sup> | SA <sup>c</sup> | Tas | ACT | NT <sup>c</sup> | Aust | Total <sup>e</sup> |
|------------------|------------------|-------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----------------|------|--------------------|
| 2002-03          |                  |       |                  |                    |                 |     |     |                 |      |                    |
| Indigenous       | np               | np    | 685.2            | 809.4              | 788.1           | np  | np  | 1223.3          | np   | np                 |
| Total population | np               | np    | 189.4            | 195.4              | 231.0           | np  | np  | 422.5           | np   | np                 |
| 2003-04          |                  |       |                  |                    |                 |     |     |                 |      |                    |
| Indigenous       | np               | np    | 710.9            | 789.3              | 853.9           | np  | np  | 1286.2          | np   | np                 |
| Total population | np               | np    | 189.3            | 191.0              | 235.9           | np  | np  | 428.9           | np   | np                 |
| 2004-05          |                  |       |                  |                    |                 |     |     |                 |      |                    |
| Indigenous       | np               | np    | 733.6            | 821.5              | 822.2           | np  | np  | 1441.0          | np   | 907.0              |
| Total population | np               | np    | 188.1            | 195.2              | 225.3           | np  | np  | 456.2           | np   | 205.2              |
| 2005-06          |                  |       |                  |                    |                 |     |     |                 |      |                    |
| Indigenous       | 495.6            | np    | 745.4            | 845.2              | 875.0           | np  | np  | 1548.0          | np   | 792.1              |
| Total population | 204.7            | np    | 188.5            | 198.8              | 229.7           | np  | np  | 491.4           | np   | 205.7              |
| 2006-07          |                  |       |                  |                    |                 |     |     |                 |      |                    |
| Indigenous       | 528.0            | 624.3 | 756.7            | 876.5              | 929.3           | np  | np  | 1584.8          | np   | 787.5              |
| Total population | 205.9            | 246.6 | 218.7            | 218.1              | 232.6           | np  | np  | 480.6           | np   | 218.7              |

<sup>a</sup> The rates are directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001. <sup>b</sup> Identification of Indigenous patients is not considered complete and completeness varies across jurisdictions and time. <sup>c</sup> AIHW advice on data of acceptable quality limits reporting across jurisdictions for various years. Nevertheless, data for these jurisdictions should be interpreted with caution as there are jurisdictional differences in data quality and changes in hospitalisation rates for Indigenous people over time that may include a component due to improved identification. In addition, these jurisdictions are not necessarily representative of the excluded jurisdictions. <sup>d</sup> Data for WA for 2006-07 includes separations for public patients at Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses. Separations for these patients are not included in previous years. <sup>e</sup> Total rates include data for Queensland, WA, SA, and the NT for all years, and for 2005-06 incorporate NSW and for 2006-07 incorporate NSW and Victoria. Total rates before 2005-06 are not comparable with the 2005-06 total and total rates before 2006-07 are not comparable with the 2006-07 total. **np** Not published.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; table 10A.2; 2009 Report, table 10.2, p. 10.14.

### *Separations with a procedure recorded for Indigenous patients*

While Indigenous Australians are more likely to be hospitalised than non-Indigenous Australians, they are less likely to be treated by medical or surgical procedure while in hospital. The underlying reasons for this are not well understood and are likely to reflect a range of factors, including, for example, clinical judgements about the appropriateness of treatment by procedure, patient preferences and concerns, and distance from appropriate facilities (AHMAC 2006). Other factors are also likely to affect the data, including those relating to variations in casemix, comorbidities and stage at presentation.

Data for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and NT public hospitals for separations with a procedure recorded by principal diagnosis are presented in figure 10.2. Separations with a procedure recorded both by jurisdiction and by

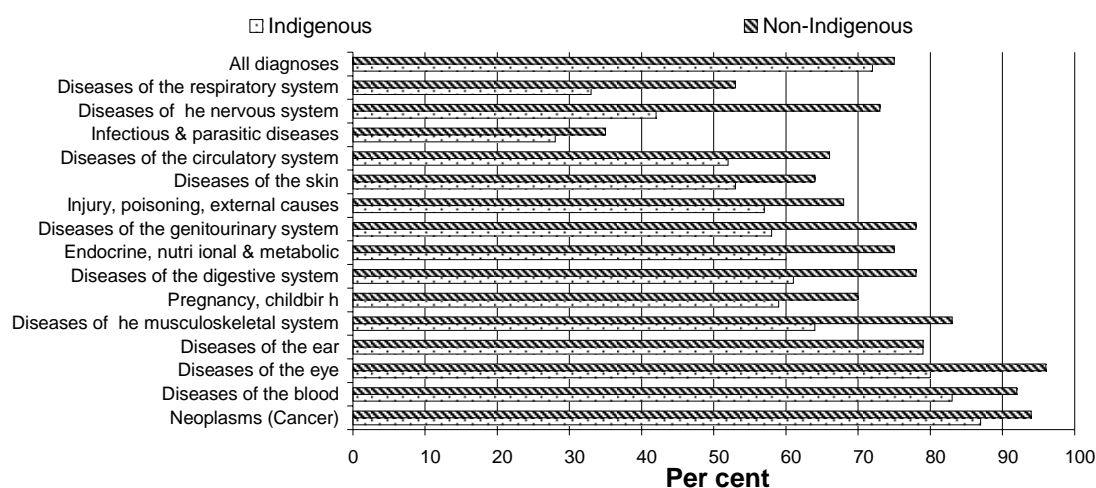


remoteness are presented in figures 10.3 and 10.4, and include data for all patients treated in public hospitals and public patients treated in private hospitals. Private hospital data are not published for the NT, but the extent to which public patients are treated in private hospitals in that jurisdiction is limited.

In the period July 2005–June 2007, excluding care involving dialysis, consistently lower proportions of separations with a procedure were recorded for Indigenous patients compared with non-Indigenous patients in almost all categories of principal diagnosis (figure 10.2). The differences can be observed across all jurisdictions for which data are available (figure 10.3). While remoteness is associated with progressively reduced rates of separation with a procedure recorded for all patients, differences were more pronounced for Indigenous patients (figure 10.4).

Care involving dialysis accounts for the greatest number of Indigenous separations, with end-stage renal disease requiring frequent dialysis treatments, often several times per week. The alternative to dialysis is a kidney transplant. Indigenous people have very high levels of end-stage renal disease as a consequence of high rates of diabetes, hypertension and related illnesses. In addition, few Indigenous people receive kidney transplants (AHMAC 2006). Without the exclusion of dialysis the result would overestimate the numbers of Indigenous people being treated by procedure for other conditions.

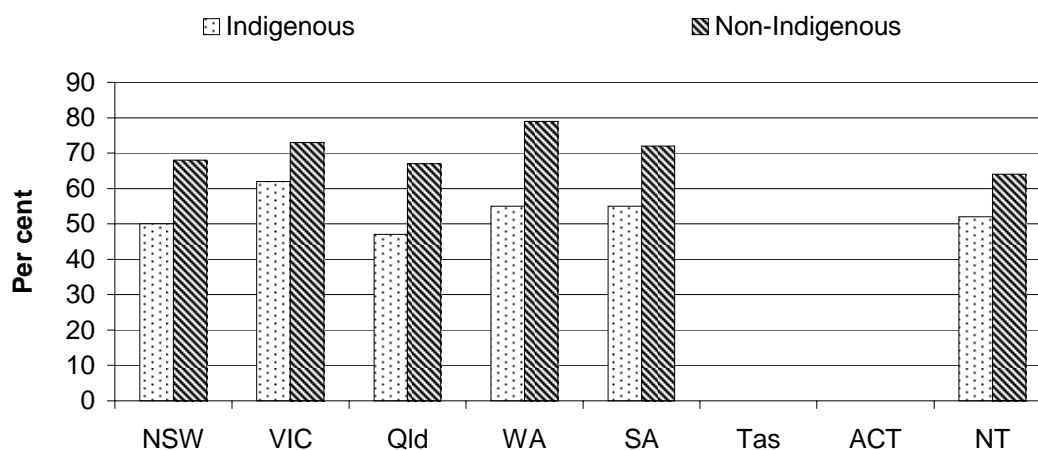
Figure 10.2 **Separations with a procedure recorded by principal diagnosis, by Indigenous status of patient, July 2005–June 2007<sup>a, b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Includes patients treated in public hospitals and public patients treated in private hospitals in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and NT. <sup>b</sup> 'All diagnoses' excludes care involving dialysis.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database, table 10A.3; 2009 Report, figure 10.9, p. 10.15.

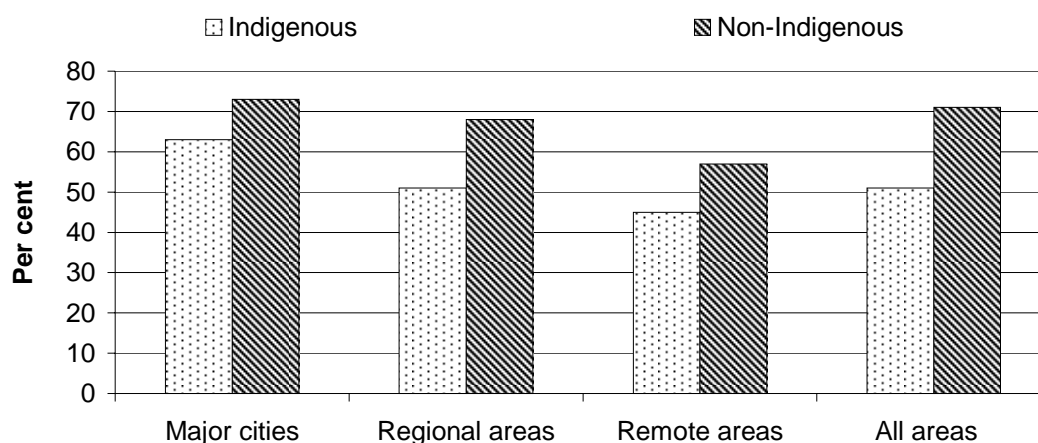
Figure 10.3 Separations with a procedure recorded, by Indigenous status of patient, July 2005–June 2007<sup>a, b, c</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Includes all patients treated in public hospitals and public patients treated in private hospitals. Private hospital data for NT were not available therefore results for NT include public hospital data only. <sup>b</sup> The AIHW advised that only data for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT are considered to be acceptable for the purpose of analysis. Nevertheless, data for these jurisdictions should be interpreted with caution as there are jurisdictional differences in data quality. In addition, these jurisdictions are not necessarily representative of the excluded jurisdictions. <sup>c</sup> 'All diagnoses' excludes care involving dialysis.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; table 10A.4; 2009 Report, figure 10.10, p. 10.16.

Figure 10.4 Separations with a procedure recorded, by Indigenous status of patient and remoteness, July 2005–June 2007<sup>a, b</sup>



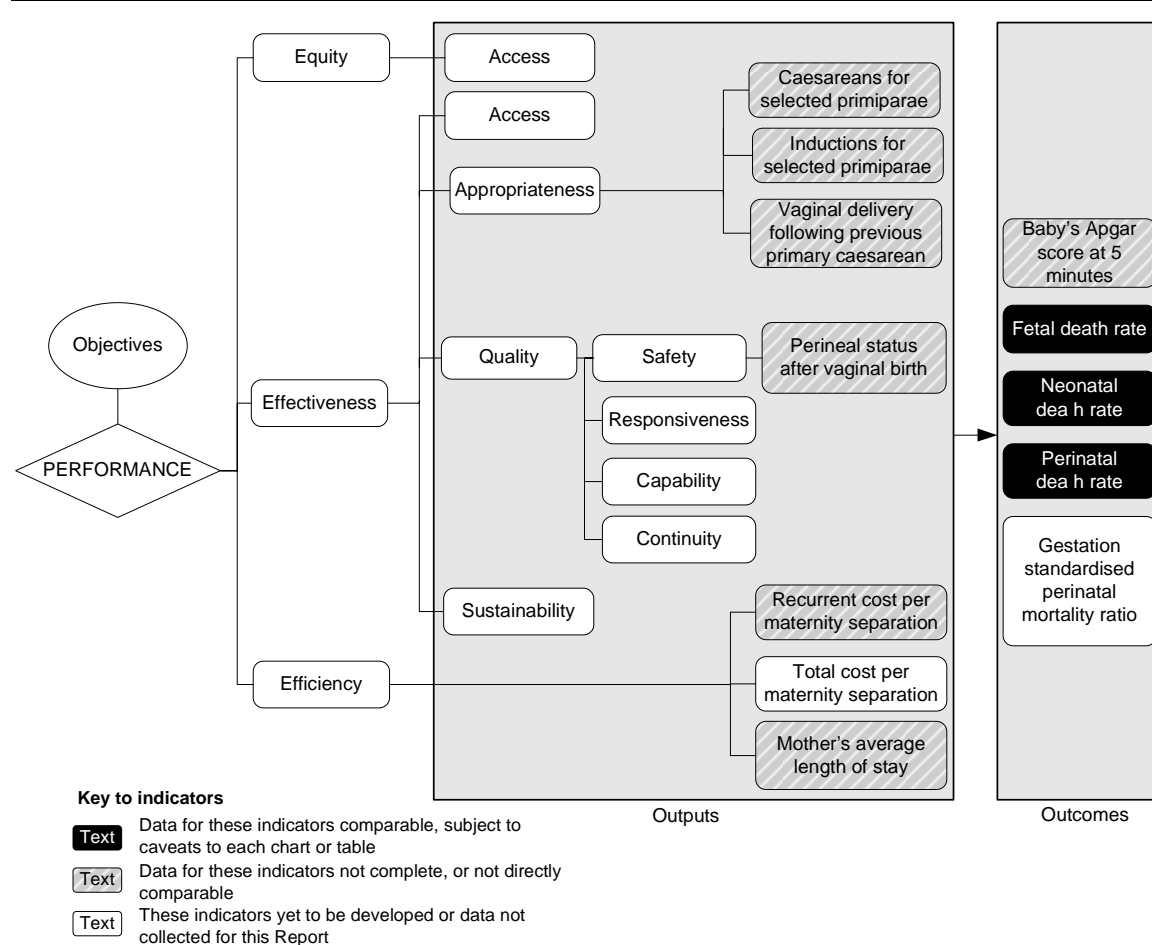
<sup>a</sup> Includes all patients treated in public hospitals and public patients treated in private hospitals in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and NT. Private hospital data for NT were not available therefore results for NT include public hospital data only. <sup>b</sup> 'All diagnoses' excludes care involving dialysis.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; table 10A.5; 2009 Report, figure 10.11, p. 10.16.

## Framework of performance indicators for maternity services

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for maternity services in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 10.5. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

Figure 10.5 Performance indicators for maternity services



Source: 2009 Report, figure 10.25, p. 10.73.

## Fetal death rate

The 'fetal death rate' is an indicator of governments' objective to deliver maternity services that are safe and of high quality (box 10.2). Fetal deaths rates by the Indigenous status of the mother are shown in figure 10.6.

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**Box 10.2 Fetal death rate**

Fetal death (stillbirth) is the birth of a child who did not at any time after delivery breathe or show any other evidence of life, such as a heartbeat. Fetal deaths by definition include only infants weighing at least 400 grams or of a gestational age of at least 20 weeks.

'Fetal death rate' is reported as an indicator because maternity services for admitted patients have some potential to reduce the likelihood of fetal deaths. However, this potential is limited and other factors (such as the health of mothers and the progress of pregnancy before hospital admission) are also important.

The 'fetal death rate' is calculated as the number of fetal deaths divided by the total number of births (live births and fetal deaths combined), by State or Territory of usual residence of the mother. The rate of fetal deaths is expressed per 1000 total births. This indicator is also reported by the Indigenous status of the mother.

Low fetal death rates may indicate high quality maternity services. In jurisdictions where the number of fetal deaths is low, small annual fluctuations in the number affect the annual rate of fetal deaths.

Differences in the 'fetal death rate' between jurisdictions are likely to be due to factors outside the control of maternity services for admitted patients. To the extent that the health system influences fetal death rates, the health services that may have an influence include outpatient services, general practice services and maternity services.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

**Neonatal death rate**

The 'neonatal death rate' is an indicator of governments' objective to deliver maternity services that are safe and of high quality (box 10.3). Neonatal death rates by the Indigenous status of the mother are shown in figure 10.6.

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**Box 10.3 Neonatal death rate**

Neonatal death is the death of a live born infant within 28 days of birth (see section 10.8 for a definition of a live birth). As for fetal deaths, a range of factors contribute to neonatal deaths. However, the influence of maternity services for admitted patients is greater for neonatal deaths than for fetal deaths, through the management of labour and the care of sick and premature babies.

The 'neonatal death rate' is calculated as the number of neonatal deaths divided by the number of live births registered. The rate of neonatal deaths is expressed per 1000 live births, by state or territory of usual residence of the mother. This indicator is also reported by the Indigenous status of the mother.

Low 'neonatal death rates' may indicate high quality maternity services. The rate tends to be higher among premature babies, so a lower neonatal death rate may also indicate a lower percentage of pre-term births.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

**Perinatal death rate**

The 'perinatal death rate' is an indicator of governments' objective to deliver maternity services that are safe and of high quality (box 10.4). Perinatal death rates by the Indigenous status of the mother are shown in figure 10.6.

**Box 10.4 Perinatal death rate**

A perinatal death is a fetal or neonatal death (boxes 10.2 and 10.3).

The 'perinatal death rate' is calculated as the number of perinatal deaths divided by the total number of births (live births registered and fetal deaths combined) in each jurisdiction. It is expressed per 1000 total births. This indicator is also reported by the Indigenous status of the mother.

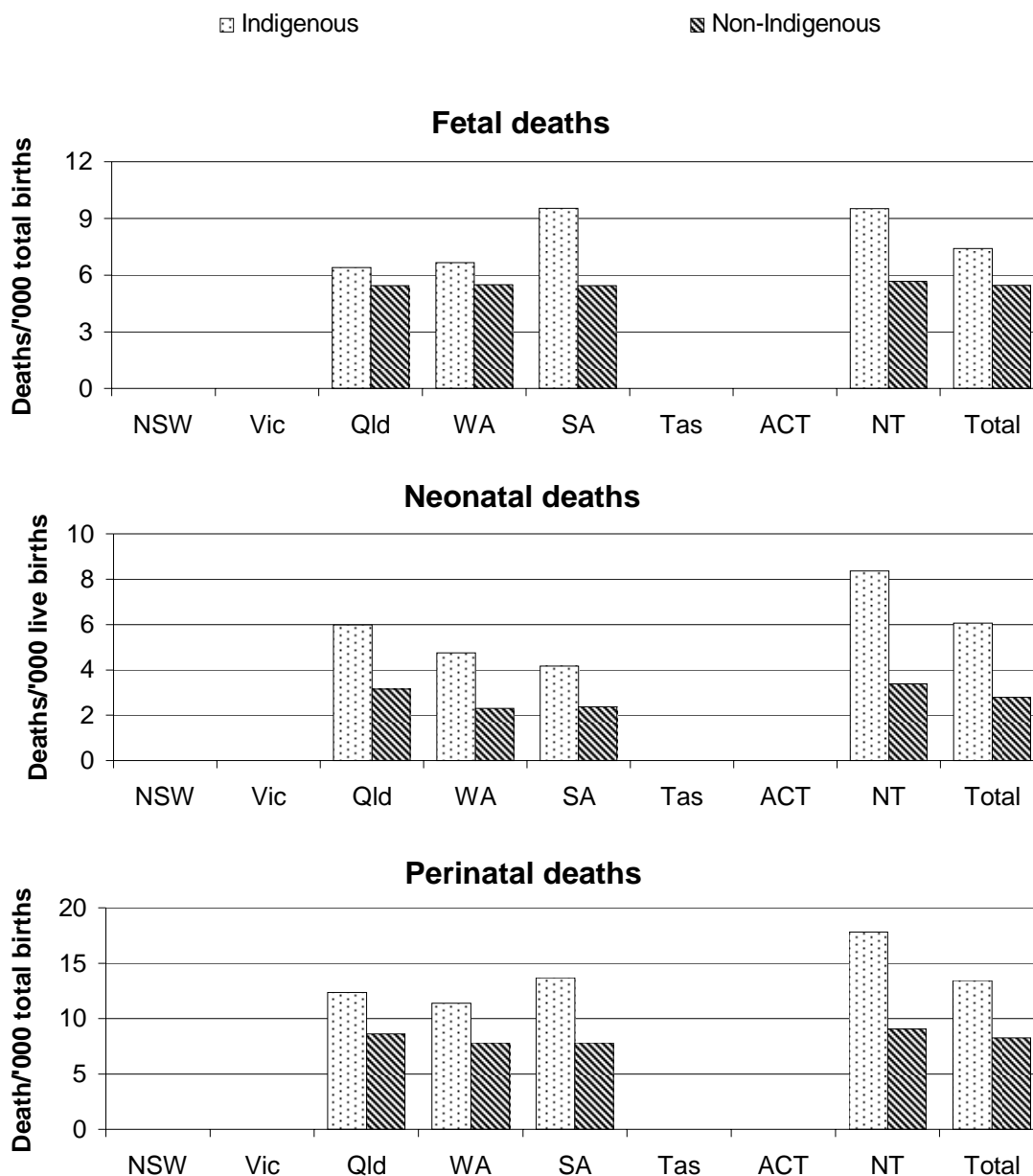
The caveats that apply to fetal and neonatal death rates also apply to perinatal death rates.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

New data for fetal, neonatal and perinatal deaths for Indigenous people were not available for this report so data for 2001–2005 are reported again this year. Fetal, neonatal and perinatal deaths data by the Indigenous status of the mother are available for Queensland, WA, SA and the NT only. Data for other jurisdictions are not included due to small numbers or poor coverage rates (ABS 2004). In those jurisdictions for which data are available, the fetal, neonatal and perinatal death

rates for Indigenous people are generally higher than those for non-Indigenous people (figure 10.6).

Figure 10.6 **Fetal, neonatal and perinatal deaths, by Indigenous status of mother 2001–2005<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> The total relates to those jurisdictions for which data are published. Data are not available for other jurisdictions.

Source: ABS (unpublished) *Causes of Death*, Cat. no. 3303.0; table 10A.6; 2009 Report, figure 10.34, p 10.90.

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## **Future directions in performance reporting**

Priorities for future reporting on public hospitals and maternity services include improving the comprehensiveness of reporting by filling in gaps in the performance indicator frameworks. Important gaps in reporting for public hospitals include indicators of equity of access to services for special needs groups (particularly Indigenous people), and indicators of continuity of care. Gaps in the maternity services framework include equity of access, effectiveness of access, three aspects of quality — responsiveness, capability and continuity — and the effectiveness subdimension of sustainability.

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## Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within this chapter are contained in the attachment to the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 10A.3 is table 3 in the public hospitals attachment). The tables included in the attachment are listed below.

- Table 10A.1** Separations by hospital sector and Indigenous status of patient, 2006-07
- Table 10A.2** Separations per 1000 people, by Indigenous status of patient (number)
- Table 10A.3** Hospitalisations with a procedure recorded, selected principal diagnoses, by Indigenous status of patient, July 2005 – June 2007 (per cent)
- Table 10A.4** Hospitalisations with a procedure recorded, by Indigenous status of patient, July 2005 – June 2007 (per cent)
- Table 10A.5** Hospitalisations with a procedure recorded, by Indigenous status of patient and remoteness, July 2005 – June 2007 (per cent)
- Table 10A.6** Perinatal, neonatal and fetal deaths, by Indigenous status of mother 2001–2005

## References

- ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2004, *Deaths, Australia 2003*, Cat. no. 3302.0, Canberra.
- AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2005, *Improving the Quality of Indigenous Identification in Hospital Separations Data*, AIHW Cat. no. HSE 101, Canberra.
- 2006, *Australian Hospital Statistics*, AIHW, Canberra.
- 2008 METeOR AIUHW Metadata Online Registry <http://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/181162> (accessed 12 November 2008).
- AHMAC (Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council) 2006, *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework Report 2006*, AHMAC, Canberra.
- NCCH (National Centre for Classification in Health) 2008, *The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision*, Australian Modification, 6<sup>th</sup> edition (ICD-10-AM), Sydney.



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# 11 Primary and community health

The primary and community health sector is the part of the healthcare system most frequently used by Australians. It is important in preventative health care and in the detection and management of illness and injury, through direct service provision and referral to acute (hospital) or other healthcare services as appropriate.

Primary and community healthcare services are delivered by a range of health and allied health professionals in various private, not-for-profit and government service settings. Those funded largely by government include general practice, community health services, the PBS and public dental services. Government also provides some funding for the use of private dental and allied health services by particular populations, for example people with long-term health conditions and/or mental health problems (through Medicare), and through the private health insurance rebate.

This chapter focuses on general practice, primary healthcare services for Indigenous people, public dental services, drug and alcohol treatment, maternal and child health, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and a range of other community health services.

## **Indigenous data in the primary and community health chapter**

The primary and community health chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report) contains the following information on Indigenous people: was it intended that the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> dot points have the attachment tables in brackets but none of the others do

- Indigenous primary healthcare services for which service activity reporting (SAR) data are reported (number), 2002-03 to 2006-07
- Services and episodes of healthcare by services for which service activity reporting (SAR) data are reported, by remoteness category (number) (table 11A.7)
- Proportion of services for which service activity reporting (SAR) data are reported that undertook selected health related activities, 2006-07 (per cent) (table 11A.8)

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- full time equivalent (FTE) health staff employed by services for which service activity reporting (SAR) data are reported, as at 30 June 2007 (number)
  - voluntary annual health assessments for older people by Indigenous status, 2007-08
  - older Indigenous people who received an annual health assessment, 2003-04 to 2007-08
  - Indigenous people who received a voluntary health check or assessment, by age
  - separations of Indigenous people for vaccine preventable conditions, 2006-07
  - separations of Indigenous people for selected potentially preventable acute conditions, 2006-07
  - separations for selected potentially preventable chronic conditions, 2006-07
  - ratio of separations for Indigenous males to all males, 2006-07
  - ratio of separations for Indigenous females to all females, 2006-07.

### *Attachment tables*

Attachment tables for data within the primary and community health chapter of this compendium are contained in attachment 11A of the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 11A.3 is table 3 in the primary and community health attachment). As the data are directly sourced from the 2009 Report, the compendium also notes where the original table, figure or text in the 2009 Report can be found. For example, where the compendium refers to '2009 Report, p. 11.15' this is page 15 of chapter 11 of the 2009 Report, and '2009 Report, table 11A.2' is attachment table 2 of attachment 11A of the 2009 Report.

## **Indigenous primary and community healthcare services**

Indigenous Australians use a range of primary health care services, including private general practitioners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Primary Health Care Services. There are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Primary Health Care Services in all jurisdictions. These services are planned and governed by local Indigenous communities and aim to deliver holistic and culturally appropriate health and health-related services. Funding is provided by Australian, State and Territory governments.

Additional health programs for Indigenous Australians are funded by a number of jurisdictions. In 2007-08, these programs included services such as health

information, promotion, education and counselling; alcohol, tobacco and other drug services; sexual health services; allied health services; disease/illness prevention; and improvements to nutrition standards (tables 11A.15–11A.23).

Data on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary healthcare services that receive funding from the Australian Government are collected through service activity reporting (SAR) questionnaires. Many of these services receive additional funding from State and Territory governments and other sources. The SAR data reported here represent the health related activities, episodes and workforce funded from all sources.

For 2006-07, SAR data are reported for 146 Indigenous primary healthcare services (table 11A.1). Of these services, 54 (37.0 per cent) were located in remote or very remote areas (table 11A.2). They provided a wide range of primary healthcare services, including the diagnosis and treatment of illness and disease, the management of chronic illness, immunisations and transportation to medical appointments (table 11A.3). An episode of healthcare is defined in the SAR data collection as contact between an individual client and staff of a service to provide healthcare. Over 1.6 million episodes of healthcare were provided by participating services in 2006-07 (table 1). Of these, around 582 000 (35.2 per cent) were in remote or very remote areas (table 11A.2).

**Table 11.1 Estimated episodes of healthcare for Indigenous people by services for which SAR data are reported ('000)<sup>a</sup>**

|                      | <i>NSW<br/>and<br/>ACT<sup>b</sup></i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|----------------------|--|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2002-03              | 423                                    | 130        | 234        | 337       | 140       | 20         | 216       | 1499        |
| 2003-04              | 430                                    | 169        | 267        | 302       | 142       | 22         | 280       | 1612        |
| 2004-05              | 415                                    | 151        | 254        | 274       | 145       | 23         | 323       | 1585        |
| 2005-06              | 505                                    | 179        | 240        | 281       | 101       | 29         | 347       | 1681        |
| 2006-07 <sup>c</sup> | 440                                    | 177        | 253        | 284       | 114       | 31         | 354       | 1652        |

<sup>a</sup> An episode of healthcare involves contact between an individual client and service staff to provide healthcare. Group work is not included. Transport is included only if it involves provision of healthcare and/or information by staff. Outreach provision, for example episodes at outstation visits, park clinics and satellite clinics, is included. Episodes of health care delivered over the phone are included. <sup>b</sup> Data for NSW and the ACT have been combined for confidentiality purposes. <sup>c</sup> 2006-07 data are preliminary results.

Source: DoHA (unpublished), derived from the Service Activity Reporting data collection; 2009 Report, table 11.5, p. 11.12.

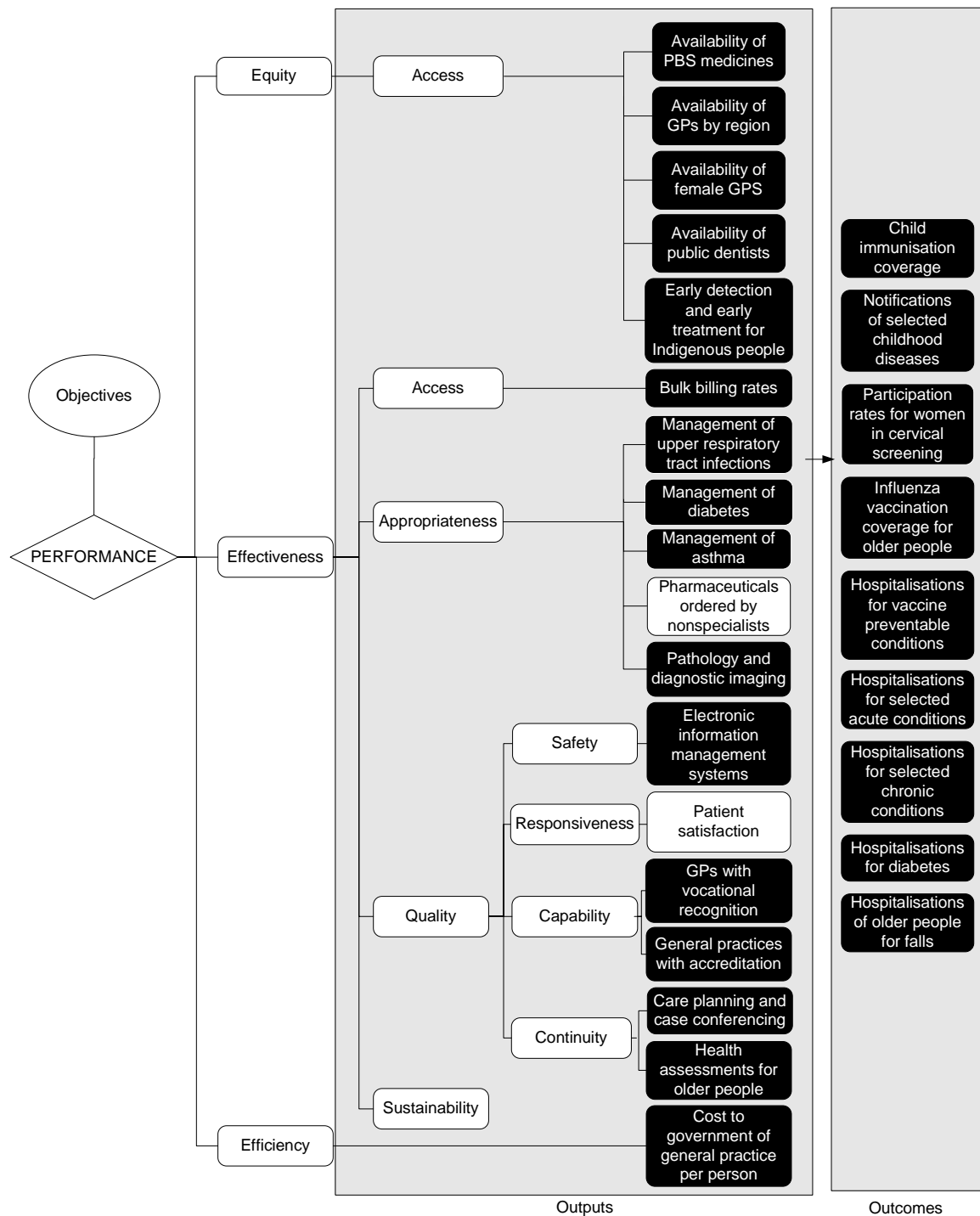
## Framework of performance indicators

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for primary and community health in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret

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these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 11.1. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

Figure 11.1 Performance indicators for primary and community health



**Key to indicators**

- Text** Data for these indicators comparable, subject to caveats to each chart or table
- Text** Data for these indicators not complete or not directly comparable
- Text** These indicators yet to be developed or data not collected for this Report

Source: 2009 Report, figure 11.2, p. 11.14.

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## Outputs

Outputs are the actual services delivered (while outcomes are the impact of these services on the status of an individual or group) (see 2009 Report, chapter 1, section 1.5).

## Equity

For the purposes of this Report, equity is defined in terms of adequate access to government services for all Australians. Access to primary and community health services may be affected through factors such as disability, socioeconomic circumstance, age, geographic distance, cultural issues and English language proficiency (see chapter 1). Such issues have contributed to the generally poor health status of Indigenous people relative to other Australians (see the 'Health Preface' and SCRGSP 2007).

### Access

#### *Early detection and early treatment for Indigenous people*

'Early detection and early treatment for Indigenous people' is an indicator of governments' objective to provide equitable access to primary and community healthcare services for Indigenous people (box 11.1).

The high prevalence of preventable and/or treatable health conditions in the Indigenous population is strongly associated with relatively poor health outcomes for Indigenous people (AIHW 2007; SCRGSP 2007). Early detection and early treatment refers to the identification of individuals who are at high risk for, or in the early stages of, such conditions. Early detection and early treatment services provide opportunities for timely prevention and intervention measures, and their availability and uptake is understood to be a significant determinant of people's health.

Voluntary health assessments and checks are Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS) items that allow GPs to undertake comprehensive examinations of patient health, including physical, psychological and social functioning. They are available for older Australians as well as for Indigenous people of all ages, as the prevalence of preventable and/or treatable conditions is high in both population groups.

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### Box 11.1 **Early detection and early treatment for Indigenous people**

'Early detection and early treatment for Indigenous people' is measured in four ways:

- Older people who received a voluntary health assessment by Indigenous status
- Older Indigenous people who received a voluntary health assessment, time series
- Indigenous people who received a voluntary health assessment or check by age group
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary healthcare services that provided early detection services.

'Older people who received a voluntary health assessment by Indigenous status' is defined as the proportion of older people who received a voluntary health assessment by Indigenous status. A reduction in the gap between the proportion of all older people and older Indigenous people that received a health assessment indicates improved access to early detection and early treatment services for Indigenous people.

'Older Indigenous people who received a voluntary health assessment, time series' is defined as the proportion of older Indigenous people who received a voluntary health assessment in successive years of a five year period. An increase is desirable as it indicates improved access to these services.

'Indigenous people who received a voluntary health assessment or check by age group' is defined as the proportion of Indigenous people who received a voluntary health assessment/check, in each of the three age groups for which they are available. A reduction in the gap between the proportion of Indigenous people in different age groups that received a health assessment/check may indicate more equitable access to early detection and treatment services within the Indigenous population.

'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary healthcare services that provided early detection services' is defined as the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary healthcare services that included early detection activities in the services provided. An increase is desirable as it indicates improved access to early detection and treatment services for Indigenous Australians.

This indicator provides no information about early detection and early treatment services that are not provided under Medicare. Such services are provided by salaried GPs in community health settings, hospitals and Indigenous-specific primary health care services, particularly in rural and remote areas. Accordingly, this indicator understates the proportion of people who received early detection and early treatment services.

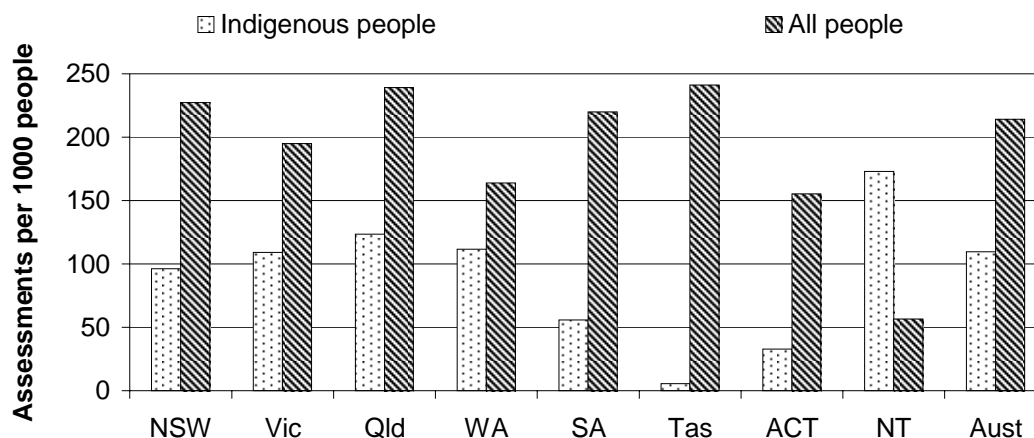
Data for this indicator are comparable.

For this indicator, older people are defined as non-Indigenous people aged 75 years or over and Indigenous people aged 55 years or over, excluding hospital inpatients and people living in aged care facilities. The larger age range for Indigenous people recognises that they typically face increased health risks at younger ages than most

other groups in the population. It also broadly reflects the difference in average life expectancy between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations (see the 'Health preface').

Figure 11.2 shows that in 2007-08 the proportion of Indigenous older people who received an annual health assessment was considerably lower than the proportion of all older people who received an annual health assessment. This suggests that access to early detection and early treatment services may not be equitable.

**Figure 11.2 Older people who received an annual health assessment by Indigenous status, 2007-08<sup>a, b</sup>**



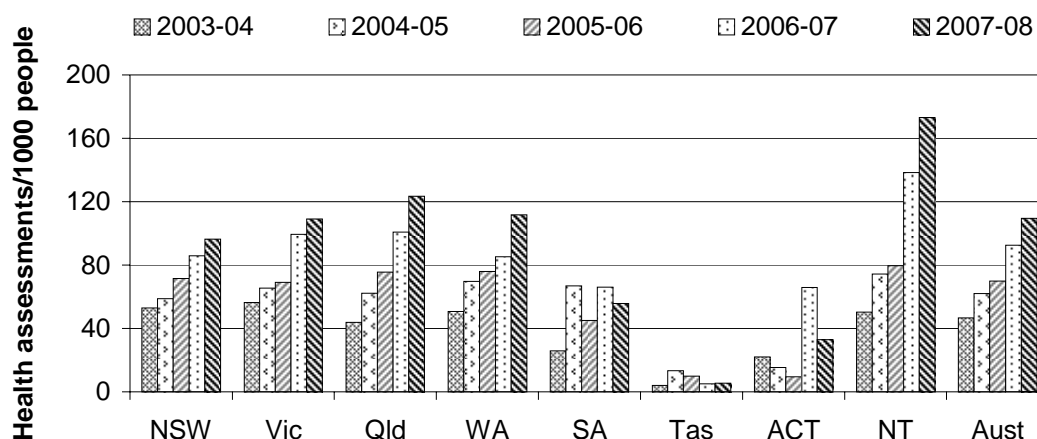
<sup>a</sup> Older people are defined as Indigenous people aged 55 years or over and non-Indigenous people aged 75 years or over. <sup>b</sup> Indigenous status is determined by self-identification. Indigenous people aged 75 years or over may have received a health assessment under the 'all older people' MBS items. This is considered unlikely to affect overall proportions significantly, due to the relatively low average life expectancy of Indigenous people.

Source: Medicare Australia (unpublished), derived from *Medicare Benefits Schedule Item Statistics Reports*, available: [http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/statistics/dyn\\_mbs/forms/mbs\\_tab4.shtml](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/statistics/dyn_mbs/forms/mbs_tab4.shtml) (accessed 9 October 2008); ABS 2004, *Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians*, Cat. no. 3238.0; ABS 2008, *Australian demographic statistics March quarter 2008*, Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (unpublished), derived from *2006 Census of Population and Housing*; table 11A.5; 2009 Report, figure 11.8, p. 11.23.

Figure 11.3 shows that the proportion of older Indigenous people who received an annual health assessment steadily increased in most jurisdictions between 2003-04 and 2007-08. This indicates that access to early detection and early treatment services for this population has improved in these jurisdictions.



Figure 11.3 Older Indigenous people who received an annual health assessment<sup>a</sup>



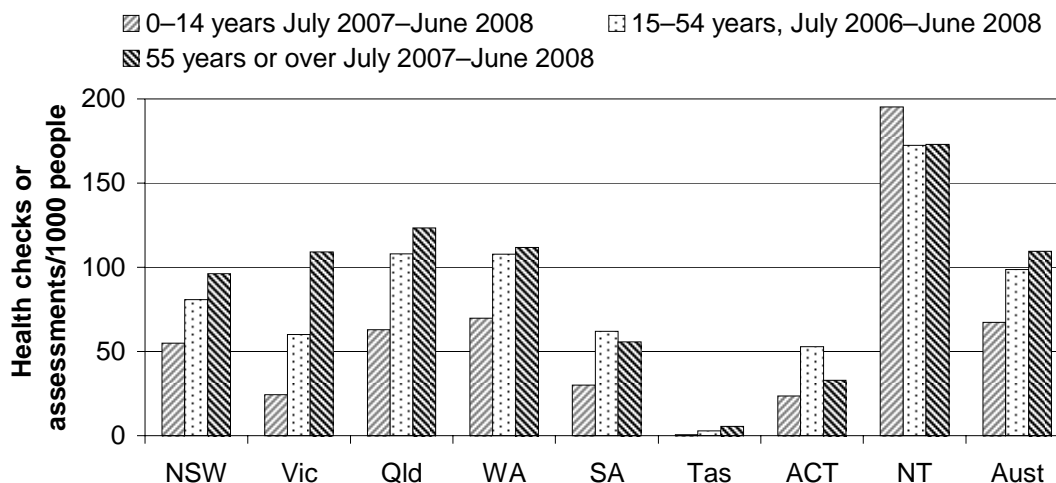
<sup>a</sup> Indigenous status is determined by self-identification. Indigenous people aged 75 years or over may have received a health assessment under the 'all older people' MBS items. This is considered unlikely to significantly affect overall proportions due to the relatively low average life expectancy of Indigenous people.

Source: Medicare Australia (unpublished), derived from *Medicare Benefits Schedule Item Statistics Reports*, available: [http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/statistics/dyn\\_mbs/forms/mbs\\_tab4.shtml](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/statistics/dyn_mbs/forms/mbs_tab4.shtml) (accessed 9 October 2008); ABS 2004, *Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians*, Cat. no. 3238.0; ABS 2008, *Australian demographic statistics March quarter 2008*, Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (unpublished), derived from *2006 Census of Population and Housing*, table 11A.6; 2009 Report, figure 11.9, p. 11.24.

Health check MBS items were introduced for Indigenous people aged 15–54 years in May 2004, and Indigenous children aged 0–14 years in May 2006. Health checks are available annually for children aged 0–14 years, and biennially for 15–54 year olds.

Figure 11.4 shows that the proportion of the eligible Indigenous population that received a health assessment or check was highest for older people and lowest for children aged 0–14 years in most jurisdictions. This may in part reflect differences in how long the items have been available, as factors such as awareness and administrative requirements affect the uptake of new MBS items (AIHW 2007).

**Figure 11.4 Indigenous people who received a health check or assessment by age<sup>a, b</sup>**



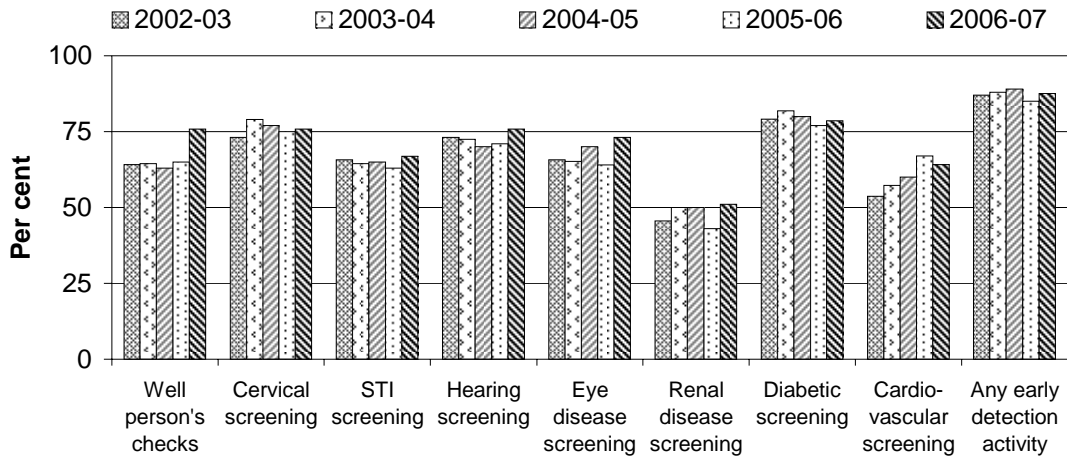
<sup>a</sup> Indigenous status is determined by self-identification. Indigenous people aged 75 years or over may have received a health assessment under the 'all older people' MBS items. This is considered unlikely to significantly affect overall proportions due to the relatively low average life expectancy of Indigenous people.

<sup>b</sup> Health checks for 0-14 year olds, and health assessments for those aged 55 years or over, are available annually. Data for these age groups are for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. Health checks for 15-54 year olds are available biennially, and these data are for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008.

Source: Medicare Australia (unpublished), derived from *Medicare Benefits Schedule Item Statistics Reports*, available: [http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/statistics/dyn\\_mbs/forms/mbs\\_tab4.shtml](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/statistics/dyn_mbs/forms/mbs_tab4.shtml) (accessed 9 October 2008); ABS 2004, *Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians*, Cat. no. 3238.0; ABS 2008, *Australian demographic statistics March quarter 2008*, Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (unpublished), derived from *2006 Census of Population and Housing*; table 11A.7; 2009 Report, figure 11.10, p. 11.25.

Figure 11.5 shows the proportion of Indigenous primary healthcare services for which SAR data are reported that provided various early detection services over the five year period to 2006-07.

**Figure 11.5 Indigenous primary healthcare services for which SAR data are reported that provided early detection services**



Source: DoHA (unpublished), derived from the Service Activity Reporting data collection (SAR); table 11A.8; 2009 Report, figure 11.11, p. 11.26.

### *Child immunisation coverage*

Many providers deliver child immunisation services. Data on providers of valid vaccinations supplied to children under 7 years of age are shown in table 11.2.

Table 11.2 **Valid vaccinations supplied to children under 7 years of age, by provider type, 1996–2008 (per cent)<sup>a, b</sup>**

| <i>Provider</i>                      | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT<sup>c</sup></i> | <i>NT</i>    | <i>Aust</i>  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| GP                                   | 84.0         | 52.9         | 82.6         | 63.8         | 68.8         | 86.6         | 40.9                   | 3.4          | 70.9         |
| Council                              | 5.8          | 45.7         | 7.2          | 6.6          | 18.4         | 12.6         | na                     | na           | 17.1         |
| State or Territory health department | –            | na           | –            | 6.1          | 0.1          | 0.1          | 20.8                   | 0.3          | 0.9          |
| Flying doctor service                | –            | na           | 0.3          | –            | 0.1          | na           | na                     | na           | 0.1          |
| Public hospital                      | 2.1          | 0.5          | 3.0          | 5.4          | 2.8          | 0.2          | 0.8                    | 7.5          | 2.3          |
| Private hospital                     | 0.1          | –            | –            | –            | na           | –            | –                      | 0.9          | 0.1          |
| Indigenous health service            | 0.5          | 0.1          | 0.7          | 0.6          | 0.5          | –            | 0.2                    | 9.3          | 0.6          |
| Indigenous health worker             | –            | na           | 0.5          | na           | 0.1          | na           | na                     | 0.2          | 0.1          |
| Community health centre              | 7.4          | 0.8          | 5.7          | 17.6         | 9.3          | 0.6          | 37.3                   | 78.3         | 8.0          |
| Community nurse                      | na           | –            | na           | na           | na           | na           | –                      | na           | –            |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>           | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

<sup>a</sup> 1 January 1996 to 30 June 2008. Data relate to the State or Territory in which the immunisation provider was located. <sup>b</sup> A valid vaccination is a National Health and Medical Research Council's Australian Standard Vaccination Schedule vaccination administered to a child under the age of 7 years. <sup>c</sup> Due to changes in provider classification in the ACT between 1996 and 2008, some vaccinations undertaken by ACT Health's Maternal and Child Health nurses are reported under 'State or Territory health departments' and some are reported under 'Community health centre'. The total proportion of vaccinations provided by ACT Health during this period was 58.1 per cent. **na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: DoHA (unpublished), derived from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR); table 11A.7; 2009 Report, table 11.8, p. 11.50.

### *Potentially preventable hospitalisations*

The following outcome indicators relate to potentially preventable hospitalisations for a range of conditions. The first three indicators — hospitalisations for vaccine preventable conditions (box 11.3), selected acute conditions (box 11.4) and selected chronic conditions (box 11.5) — were developed by the National Health Performance Committee, based on empirical research (box 11.2). The other outcome indicator in this category relates to hospitalisations for diabetes (box 11.6).

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**Box 11.2 Potentially preventable hospitalisation indicators**

Potentially preventable hospitalisations refer to hospital admissions that may be avoided by appropriate management in the primary healthcare sector and/or the broader community. They include vaccine preventable, acute and chronic conditions, defined according to the Victorian Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions Study (DHS 2002). This study built on research into ambulatory care sensitive conditions (for example, Billings, Anderson and Newman 1996; Bindman et al. 1995; Weissman, Gatsonis and Epstein 1992) that had recently been the subject of systematic review and empirical analysis.

These studies show that the availability of non-hospital care explains a significant proportion of the variation between geographic areas in hospitalisation rates for the specified conditions. Other explanations for this variation include variation in the underlying prevalence of the conditions, clinical coding standards and the likelihood that a patient will be treated as an outpatient rather than an admitted patient. Potentially preventable hospitalisations will never be entirely eliminated, but the variation across geographic areas demonstrates considerable potential for strengthening the effectiveness of non-hospital care.

*Source:* NHPC (2004).

Data are reported against these indicators for Indigenous Australians as well as for all Australians. The completeness of Indigenous identification in hospital admitted patient data varies across states and territories. The AIHW (2005) report *Improving the Quality of Indigenous Identification in Hospital Separations Data* found that Indigenous admitted patient data were of acceptable quality for analytical purposes only for Queensland, WA, SA, and public hospitals in the NT. Following new assessments of the quality of Indigenous identification, the National Health Information Management Principal Committee (NHIMPC, now the National e-Health and Information Principal Committee [NEHIPC]) has approved Indigenous admitted patient data for NSW and Victoria as acceptable in quality for analytical purposes, from the 2004-05 reference year. Data are not published for Tasmania and the ACT because the quality of Indigenous identification is not considered to be acceptable for the purpose of analysis.

Reported data are not necessarily representative of other jurisdictions. Indigenous patients are underidentified, to an extent that varies across jurisdictions. Because of improvements in data quality over time, caution also should be used in time series analysis.

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### *Vaccine preventable hospitalisations*

'Vaccine preventable hospitalisations' is an indicator of governments' objective to reduce hospitalisations for vaccine preventable conditions (box 11.3). The effectiveness of primary and community healthcare has a significant influence on the rates of hospitalisation for vaccine preventable conditions. This influence occurs mainly through the provision of vaccinations and the encouragement of high rates of vaccination coverage for target populations. Effective treatment of such conditions by primary health providers may also reduce hospitalisations.

#### **Box 11.3 Vaccine preventable hospitalisations**

'Vaccine preventable hospitalisations' is defined as the number of hospital separations for influenza and pneumonia, and other vaccine preventable conditions, per 1000 people. A reduction in hospital separation rates may indicate improvements in the effectiveness of the vaccination program.

Data are reported for Indigenous people as well as for all people. Adjustments are made to account for differences in the age structures of these populations across states and territories. A reduction in the gap in hospital separation rates between Indigenous and all people may indicate greater equity of access to primary healthcare services.

Factors outside the control of the primary healthcare sector also influence the rates of hospitalisation for vaccine preventable conditions; for example, the number and virulence of influenza strains from year to year.

Data for this indicator are comparable.

The age standardised hospital separation rate of Indigenous people for all vaccine preventable conditions was 2.7 per 1000 Indigenous people in 2006-07 for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT combined. The quality of Indigenous identification is considered acceptable for the purposes of analysis only for these jurisdictions. Around 74 per cent of vaccine preventable separations for Indigenous people were accounted for by influenza and pneumonia in 2006-07 (table 11.3).

**Table 11.3 Separations of Indigenous people for vaccine preventable conditions, per 1000 Indigenous people, 2006-07<sup>a, b</sup>**

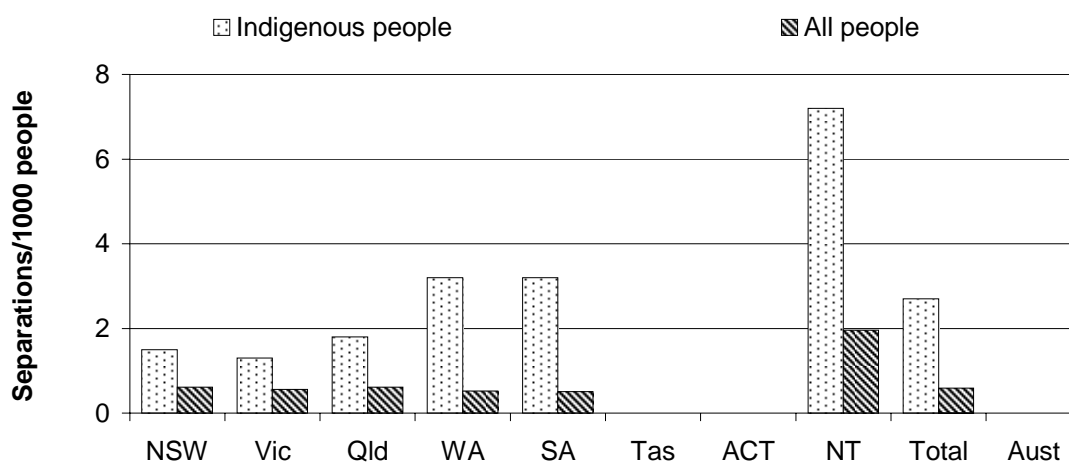
|                          | NSW        | Vic        | Qld        | WA         | SA         | Tas       | ACT       | NT <sup>c</sup> | Total <sup>d</sup> | Aust      |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Influenza and pneumonia  | 1.1        | 0.9        | 1.3        | 2.9        | 2.1        | np        | np        | 4.8             | 2.0                | np        |
| Other conditions         | 0.4        | 0.4        | 0.4        | 0.3        | 1.0        | np        | np        | 2.4             | 0.7                | np        |
| <b>Total<sup>e</sup></b> | <b>1.5</b> | <b>1.3</b> | <b>1.8</b> | <b>3.2</b> | <b>3.2</b> | <b>np</b> | <b>np</b> | <b>7.2</b>      | <b>2.7</b>         | <b>np</b> |

<sup>a</sup> Separation rates are directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001. <sup>b</sup> Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality. Published data are not necessarily representative of Tasmania and the ACT. <sup>c</sup> NT data are for public hospitals only. <sup>d</sup> Total comprises NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT. Data are not published for Tasmania and the ACT because the quality of Indigenous identification is not considered acceptable for purposes of analysis. <sup>e</sup> Totals may not equal the sum of individual conditions due to rounding. np not published.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; table 11A.10; 2009 Report, table 11.8, p. 11.60.

The age standardised hospital separation rate of Indigenous people for vaccine preventable conditions was higher than that for all people in 2006-07 in all jurisdictions for which data were published (figure 11.6).

**Figure 11.6 Separations for vaccine preventable conditions, 2006-07<sup>a, b, c, d, e</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Separation rates are directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001. <sup>b</sup> Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality. Published data are not necessarily representative of Tasmania and the ACT. <sup>c</sup> Indigenous separation rates are based on state of hospitalisation while all person rates are based on state of usual residence. <sup>d</sup> NT data for Indigenous people are for public hospitals only. <sup>e</sup> Total comprises NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT. Data are not published for Tasmania and the ACT because the quality of Indigenous identification is not considered acceptable for purposes of analysis.

Source: AIHW (2008), *Australian Hospital Statistics 2006-07*, Cat. no. HSE 55; AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; table 11A.10; 2009 Report, figure 11.34, p. 11.61.

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Age standardised hospital separation rate ratios for infectious pneumonia illustrate differences between the rates of hospital admissions for Indigenous people and those for all Australians, taking into account differences in the age structures of the populations. Rate ratios close to one indicate that Indigenous people have similar separation rates to all people, while higher rate ratios indicate relative disadvantage. For both males and females there was a marked difference in 2006-07 between the separation rates for Indigenous people and those for the total population for infectious pneumonia diagnoses. For NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT combined, the separation rate for Indigenous males was higher than that for all Australian males, and the separation rate for Indigenous females was higher than the rate for all females (tables 11A.11 and 11A.12).

### *Hospitalisations for selected acute conditions*

‘Hospitalisations for selected acute conditions’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to reduce hospitalisations due to acute conditions through the delivery of effective primary healthcare services (box 11.4).

#### **Box 11.4 Hospitalisations for selected acute conditions**

‘Hospitalisations for selected acute conditions’ is defined as the number of hospital separations for the following selected acute conditions per 1000 people: dehydration and gastroenteritis; pyelonephritis (kidney inflammation caused by bacterial infection); perforated/bleeding ulcer; cellulitis; pelvic inflammatory disease; ear, nose and throat infections; dental conditions; appendicitis; convulsions and epilepsy; and gangrene.

A reduction in hospitalisation separation rates may indicate improvements in the effectiveness of primary and community healthcare providers’ treatment of these conditions.

The indicator is reported for Indigenous people as well as for all people. Adjustments are made to account for differences in the age structures of these populations across states and territories. A reduction in the gap in hospital separation rates between Indigenous and all people may indicate greater equity of access to primary healthcare services.

Factors outside the control of the primary healthcare sector also influence the rates of hospitalisation, for example, the underlying prevalence of the conditions. Public health measures not covered in this chapter may also influence hospitalisation rates.

Data for this indicator are comparable.

The age standardised hospital separation rate of Indigenous people for all potentially preventable acute conditions was 31.1 per 1000 Indigenous people in 2006-07 for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT combined. Over half



of potentially preventable acute separations for Indigenous people were accounted for by convulsions and epilepsy, pyelonephritis, and cellulitis in 2006-07 (table 11.4).

**Table 11.4 Separations of Indigenous people for potentially preventable acute conditions, per 1000 Indigenous people, 2006-07<sup>a, b</sup>**

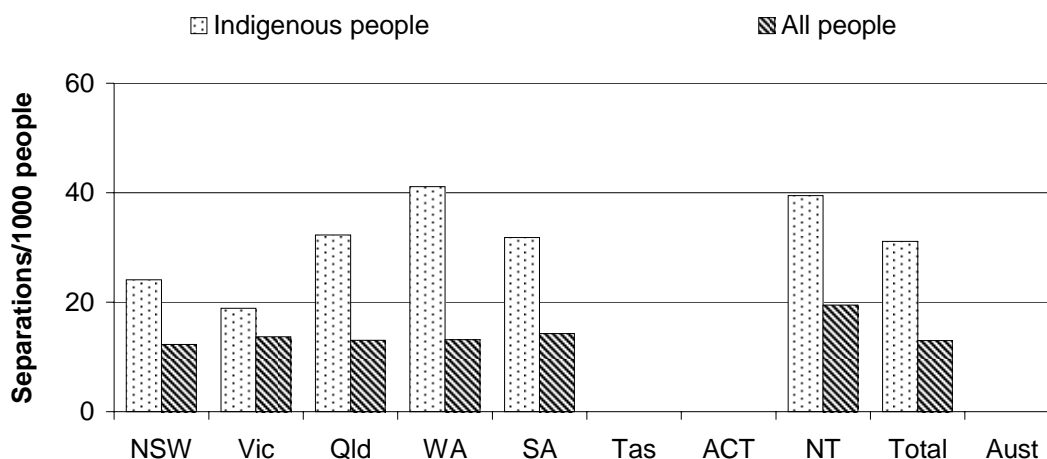
|                                 | <i>NSW</i>  | <i>Vic</i>  | <i>Qld</i>  | <i>WA</i>   | <i>SA</i>   | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT<sup>c</sup></i> | <i>Total<sup>d</sup></i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Appendicitis                    | 0.2         | 0.2         | 0.3         | 0.4         | 0.2         | np         | np         | 0.4                   | 0.3                      | np          |
| Cellulitis                      | 3.5         | 2.1         | 5.4         | 6.0         | 4.4         | np         | np         | 7.1                   | 4.8                      | np          |
| Convulsions and epilepsy        | 6.1         | 4.7         | 6.5         | 10.4        | 8.0         | np         | np         | 10.4                  | 7.4                      | np          |
| Dehydration and gastroenteritis | 3.1         | 2.6         | 4.4         | 3.6         | 3.9         | np         | np         | 3.3                   | 3.6                      | np          |
| Dental conditions               | 2.4         | 2.9         | 3.2         | 3.8         | 4.4         | np         | np         | 3.4                   | 3.1                      | np          |
| Ear, nose and throat infections | 2.9         | 1.7         | 2.9         | 4.0         | 3.8         | np         | np         | 3.5                   | 3.1                      | np          |
| Gangrene                        | 0.3         | 0.3         | 1.1         | 2.7         | 0.8         | np         | np         | 1.8                   | 1.1                      | np          |
| Pelvic inflammatory disease     | 0.4         | 0.2         | 0.5         | 0.9         | 0.8         | np         | np         | 1.3                   | 0.6                      | np          |
| Perforated/bleeding ulcer       | 0.6         | 0.1         | 0.4         | 0.5         | 0.5         | np         | np         | 0.4                   | 0.5                      | np          |
| Pyelonephritis <sup>e</sup>     | 4.6         | 4.0         | 7.7         | 8.9         | 5.2         | np         | np         | 7.9                   | 6.5                      | np          |
| <b>Total<sup>f</sup></b>        | <b>24.1</b> | <b>18.9</b> | <b>32.3</b> | <b>41.1</b> | <b>31.8</b> | <b>np</b>  | <b>np</b>  | <b>39.5</b>           | <b>31.1</b>              | <b>np</b>   |

<sup>a</sup> Separation rates are directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001. <sup>b</sup> Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality. Published data are not necessarily representative of Tasmania and the ACT. <sup>c</sup> NT data are for public hospitals only. <sup>d</sup> Total comprises NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT. Data are not published for Tasmania and the ACT because the quality of Indigenous identification is not considered acceptable for purposes of analysis. <sup>e</sup> Kidney inflammation caused by bacterial infection. <sup>f</sup> Totals may not equal the sum of individual conditions due to rounding. **np** not published.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; table 11A.11; 2009 Report, table 11.10, p. 11.63.

The age standardised hospital separation rate of Indigenous people for all potentially preventable acute conditions was higher than that for all people in 2006-07 in all jurisdictions for which data were published (figure 11.7).

Figure 11.7 **Separations for potentially preventable acute conditions, 2006-07<sup>a, b, c, d, e</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Separation rates are directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001. <sup>b</sup> Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality. Published data are not necessarily representative of Tasmania and the ACT. <sup>c</sup> Indigenous separation rates are based on state of hospitalisation while all person rates are based on state of usual residence. <sup>d</sup> NT data for Indigenous people are for public hospitals only. <sup>e</sup> Total comprises NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT. Data are not published for Tasmania and the ACT because the quality of Indigenous identification is not considered acceptable for purposes of analysis.

Source: AIHW (2008), *Australian Hospital Statistics 2006-07*, Cat. no. HSE 55; AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; table 11A.11; 2009 Report, figure 11.35, p. 11.64.

### *Hospitalisations for selected chronic conditions*

‘Hospitalisations for selected chronic conditions’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to reduce hospitalisations due to selected chronic conditions through delivery of effective primary and community healthcare services (box 11.5).

#### **Box 11.5 Hospitalisations for selected chronic conditions**

‘Hospitalisations for selected chronic conditions’ is defined as the number of hospital separations for the following selected chronic conditions per 1000 people: asthma; congestive cardiac failure; diabetes complications; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; angina; iron deficiency anaemia; hypertension; nutritional deficiencies; and rheumatic heart disease. A reduction in hospitalisation separation rates may indicate improvements in the effectiveness of primary and community healthcare providers’ treatment of these conditions.

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**Box 11.5 (Continued)**

This indicator is reported for Indigenous people as well as for all people. Adjustments are made to account for differences in the age structures of these populations across states and territories. A reduction in the gap in hospital separation rates between Indigenous and all people may indicate greater equity of access to primary healthcare services.

Factors outside the control of the primary healthcare sector also influence the rates of hospitalisation, for example, the underlying prevalence of the conditions. Public health measures that are not reported in this chapter may also influence the hospitalisation rates.

Data for this indicator are comparable.

The age standardised hospital separation rate of Indigenous people for all potentially preventable chronic conditions was 57.4 per 1000 Indigenous people in 2006-07 for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA, and the NT combined. The quality of Indigenous identification is considered acceptable for the purpose of analysis only for these jurisdictions. Excluding diabetes complications (discussed below), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, congestive cardiac failure and angina had the highest potentially preventable chronic hospitalisation rates for Indigenous people in 2006-07 (table 11.5).

**Table 11.5 Separations of Indigenous people for potentially preventable chronic conditions, per 1000 Indigenous people, 2006-07<sup>a, b</sup>**

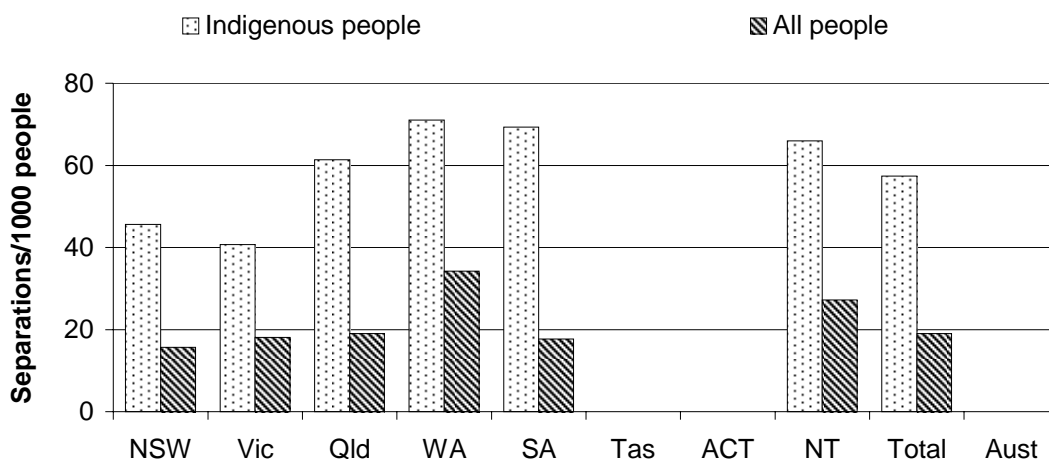
|  | <i>NSW</i>  | <i>Vic</i>  | <i>Qld</i>  | <i>WA</i>   | <i>SA</i>   | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT<sup>c</sup></i> | <i>Total<sup>d</sup></i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Angina                                 | 5.2         | 6.4         | 7.9         | 5.8         | 4.0         | np         | np         | 4.5                   | 5.9                      | np          |
| Asthma                                 | 4.1         | 2.4         | 3.3         | 4.9         | 4.4         | np         | np         | 4.0                   | 3.9                      | np          |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease  | 12.3        | 9.6         | 11.7        | 12.4        | 14.0        | np         | np         | 15.8                  | 12.4                     | np          |
| Congestive cardiac failure             | 5.0         | 2.6         | 7.7         | 8.7         | 7.1         | np         | np         | 7.1                   | 6.5                      | np          |
| Diabetes <sup>e</sup>                  | 21.6        | 20.5        | 35.1        | 44.0        | 41.0        | np         | np         | 36.4                  | 31.7                     | np          |
| Hypertension                           | 0.6         | 0.2         | 1.4         | 0.7         | 1.4         | np         | np         | 0.7                   | 0.9                      | np          |
| Iron deficiency anaemia                | 1.6         | 2.3         | 1.7         | 2.2         | 1.8         | np         | np         | 2.4                   | 1.9                      | np          |
| Nutritional deficiencies               | –           | 0.1         | –           | –           | –           | np         | np         | 0.1                   | –                        | –           |
| Rheumatic heart disease <sup>f</sup>   | 0.2         | 0.4         | 0.8         | 0.9         | 2.0         | np         | np         | 1.7                   | 0.8                      | np          |
| <b>Total<sup>g</sup></b>               | <b>45.6</b> | <b>40.7</b> | <b>61.4</b> | <b>71.0</b> | <b>69.3</b> | <b>np</b>  | <b>np</b>  | <b>66.0</b>           | <b>57.4</b>              | <b>np</b>   |
| Total excluding diabetes complications | 28.8        | 24.1        | 34.6        | 35.7        | 34.6        | np         | np         | 36.4                  | 32.3                     | np          |

<sup>a</sup> Separation rates are directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001. <sup>b</sup> Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality. Published data are not necessarily representative of Tasmania and the ACT. <sup>c</sup> NT data are for public hospitals only. <sup>d</sup> Total comprises NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT. Data are not published for Tasmania and the ACT because the quality of Indigenous identification is not considered acceptable for purposes of analysis. <sup>e</sup> Excludes separations with a principal diagnosis of renal dialysis and an additional diagnosis of diabetes. <sup>f</sup> Rheumatic heart disease includes acute rheumatic fever as well as the chronic disease. <sup>g</sup> Totals may not equal the sum of individual conditions due to rounding. – Nil or rounded to zero. np not published.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; table 11A.12; 2009 Report, table 11.12, p. 11.66.

The age standardised hospital separation rate of Indigenous people for all potentially preventable chronic conditions was higher than that for all people in 2006-07 in all jurisdictions for which data were published (figure 11.8).

Figure 11.8 **Separations for potentially preventable chronic conditions, 2006-07<sup>a, b, c, d, e</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Separation rates are directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001. <sup>b</sup> Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality. Published data are not necessarily representative of Tasmania and the ACT. <sup>c</sup> Indigenous separation rates are based on state of hospitalisation while all person rates are based on state of usual residence. <sup>d</sup> NT data for Indigenous people are for public hospitals only. <sup>e</sup> Total comprises NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT. Data are not published for Tasmania and the ACT because the quality of Indigenous identification is not considered acceptable for purposes of analysis.

Source: AIHW (2008), *Australian Hospital Statistics 2006-07*, Cat. no. HSE 55; AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; table 11A.12; 2009 Report, figure 11.36, p. 11.67.

### *Hospitalisations for diabetes*

‘Hospitalisations for diabetes’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to reduce hospitalisations due to diabetes through the provision of high quality, appropriate and effective management of diabetes in the primary and community health sector (box 11.6).

#### **Box 11.6 Hospitalisations for diabetes**

‘Hospitalisations for diabetes’ has two measures:

- Hospital separation rates for patients with diabetes mellitus as the principal diagnosis
- Hospital separation rates for patients with a lower limb amputation as well as a principal or additional diagnosis of diabetes.

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**Box 11.6 (Continued)**

Hospital separation rates are defined as hospital separations per 100 000 people. Rates are adjusted to account for differences in the age structures of State and Territory populations.

A reduction in these rates may indicate an improvement in GPs' and community health providers' management of patients' diabetes.

A comparison is made between Indigenous and all other people in the ratio of age standardised hospital separation rates of Indigenous people to all people. Rate ratios close to one indicate that Indigenous people have similar separation rates to all people, while higher rate ratios indicate relative disadvantage.

Factors outside the control of the primary healthcare sector also influence the rates of hospitalisation, for example, the underlying prevalence of the conditions. Public health measures that are not reported in this chapter may also influence the hospitalisation rates.

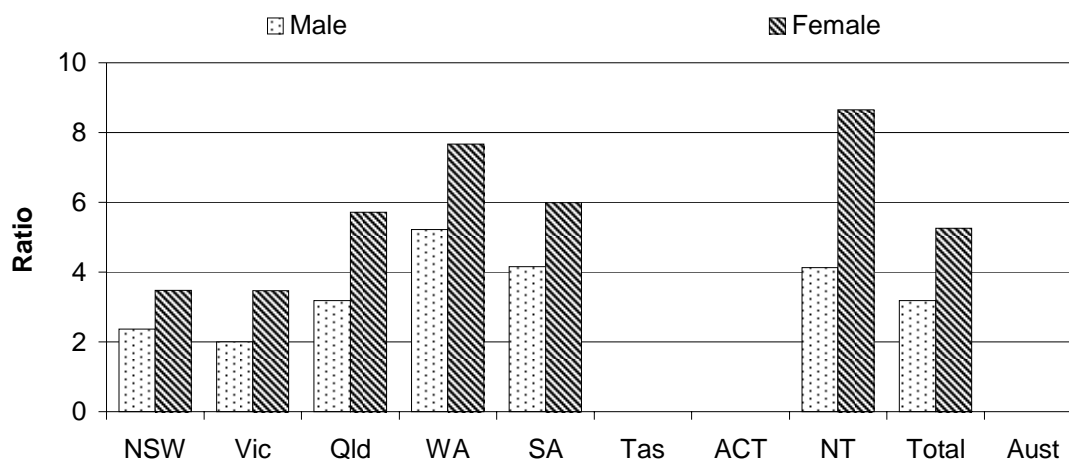
Data for this indicator are comparable.

Age standardised hospital separation ratios for all diabetes diagnoses<sup>1</sup> illustrate differences between the rate of hospital admissions for Indigenous people and that for all Australians, taking into account differences in the age structures of the two populations. For both males and females there was a marked difference in 2006-07 between the separation rates for Indigenous people and those for the total population for all diabetes diagnoses. The quality of Indigenous identification is considered acceptable for the purpose of analysis only for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT. For these jurisdictions combined, the separation rate for Indigenous males was 3.2 times higher than those for all Australian males. The separation rate for Indigenous females was 5.3 times the rate for all females (figure 11.9).

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<sup>1</sup> 'All diabetes' refers to separations with either a principal or additional diagnosis of diabetes, except where dialysis is the principal diagnosis.

Figure 11.9 Ratio of separation rates of Indigenous people to all people for all diabetes diagnoses, 2006-07<sup>a, b, c, d, e, f, g</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Ratios are directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001. <sup>b</sup> Indigenous separation rates are based on state of hospitalisation while all person rates are based on state of usual residence. <sup>c</sup> 'All diabetes' refers to separations with a principal and/or additional diagnosis of diabetes, except where dialysis is the principal diagnosis. <sup>d</sup> Patients aged 75 years and over are excluded. <sup>e</sup> Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality. Published data are not necessarily representative of Tasmania and the ACT. <sup>f</sup> NT data are for public hospitals only. <sup>g</sup> Total comprises NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT. Data are not published for Tasmania and the ACT because the quality of Indigenous identification is not considered acceptable for purposes of analysis.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; tables 11A.11 and 11A.14; 2009 Report, figure 11.40, p. 11.71.

## Future directions in performance reporting

### *Indigenous health*

Barriers to accessing primary health services contribute to the poorer health status of Indigenous people compared to other Australians (see the 'Health preface'). The Steering Committee has identified primary and community health services for Indigenous people as a priority area for future reporting. The Steering Committee will continue to examine options for the inclusion of further such indicators. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework developed under the auspices of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council will inform the selection of future indicators of primary and community health services to Indigenous people.

The completeness of Indigenous identification in hospital admitted patient statistics remains variable across states and territories. There has been some improvement, for example, data for NSW and Victoria are now considered to be of acceptable

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quality for the purpose of analyses, whereas on previous assessment this was not the case. The quality of data for Tasmania and the ACT is considered to be too poor for publication. Continued efforts to improve Indigenous identification are necessary in order to better measure the performance of primary and community health services in relation to the health of Indigenous Australians. The AIHW is currently undertaking a project to develop best practice guidelines for identification.



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## Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within this chapter are contained in the attachment to the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 11A.3 is table 3 in the primary and community health attachment). The tables included in the attachment are listed below.

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| <b>Table 11A.1</b>  | Indigenous primary healthcare services for which service activity reporting (SAR) data are reported (number)  |
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| <b>Table 11A.22</b> | Australian Capital Territory, community health services programs  |
| <b>Table 11A.23</b> | Northern Territory, community health services programs  |

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## 12 Health management issues

Health management is concerned with the management of diseases, illnesses and injuries using a range of services (promotion, prevention/early detection and intervention) in a variety of settings (for example, public hospitals, community health centres and general practice). This chapter reports on the management of breast cancer and mental health, which represent some activities of the Australian, State and Territory governments in health management.

Breast cancer detection and management services comprise a number of major components: primary care and community-based services, including general practitioner (GP) services and community-based women's health services; screening services; acute services based in hospitals, including both inpatient and outpatient services; private consultations for a range of disciplines; and post-acute services, including home-based and palliative care (DHS 1999). Relevant clinical disciplines include surgery, plastic and reconstructive surgery, pathology, radiation and medical oncology, nursing, diagnostic radiology, radiography, physiotherapy, allied health, and psychological and psychiatric services. Post-acute services include a range of further treatments, such as radiotherapy and chemotherapy (most of which take place on a same day or outpatient basis) and a range of follow-up and palliative care services (DHS 1999).

Specialised mental health management services include a range of government and non-government service providers offering promotion, prevention, treatment and management, and rehabilitation services. Community mental health facilities, psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, psychotherapists, mental health clinicians in private practice, counsellors, Aboriginal health workers, Aboriginal mental health workers, public hospitals with specialised psychiatric units and stand-alone psychiatric hospitals all provide specialised mental health care. In addition, a number of health services provide care to mental health patients in a non-specialised health setting — for example, GPs, Aboriginal community controlled health services, public hospital emergency departments and outpatient departments, and public hospital general wards (as opposed to specialist psychiatric wards). Some people with a mental illness are cared for in residential aged care services.

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## Indigenous data in the health management issues chapter

The health management issues chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report) contains the following data for Indigenous people:

- participation rates of women aged 50–69 years from selected communities in BreastScreen Australia screening programs, 2006 and 2007 (24 month period)
- specialised psychiatric care by Indigenous status, 2005–06
- mortality due to suicide, 2002–2006.

### *Attachment tables*

Attachment tables for data within the health management issues chapter of this compendium are contained in attachment 12A of the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an ‘A’ suffix (for example, table 12A.3 is table 3 in the health management issues attachment). As the data are directly sourced from the 2009 Report, the compendium also notes where the original table, figure or text in the 2009 Report can be found. For example, where the compendium refers to ‘2009 Report, p. 12.15’ this is page 15 of chapter 12 of the 2009 Report, and ‘2009 Report, table 12A.2’ is attachment table 2 of attachment 12A of the 2009 Report.

## Breast cancer

Breast cancer is a disease whereby uncontrolled or malignant cell division leads to the formation of a tumour or tumours in a woman’s breast.<sup>1</sup> Tumours may expand locally by invading surrounding tissue, or they may spread via the lymphatic or vascular systems to the rest of the body. If left untreated, most malignant tumours result in the death of the affected person (AIHW 2003).

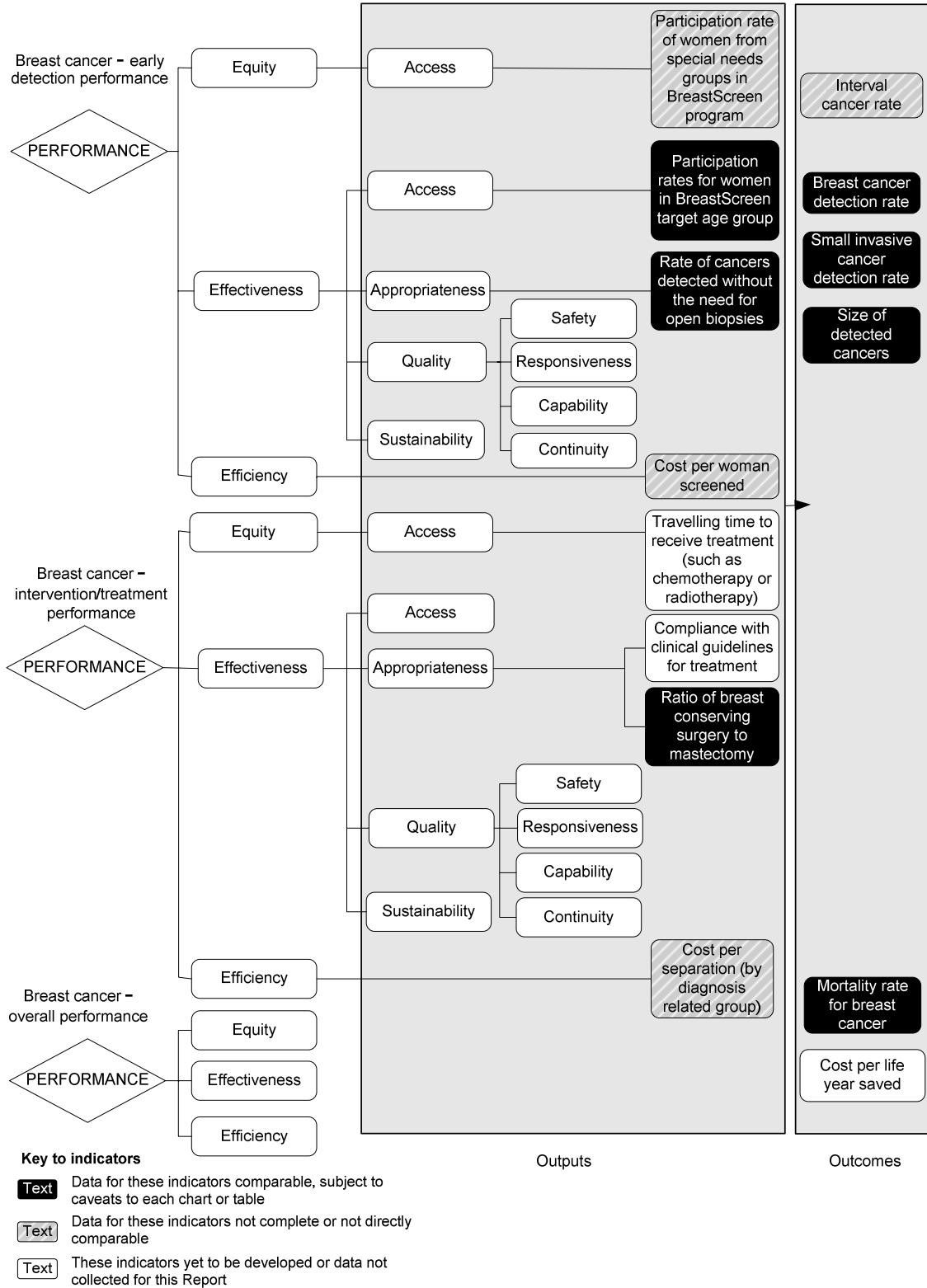
## Framework of performance indicators

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for breast cancer detection and management in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 12.1. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

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<sup>1</sup> Breast cancer in males is very rare. It is not examined in this Report.

**Figure 12.1 Performance indicators for breast cancer detection and management**



Source: 2009 Report, figure 12.7, p. 12.14.

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## Early detection — participation rate of women from selected community groups in BreastScreen programs

‘Participation rate of women from selected community groups in BreastScreen Australia programs’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to reduce morbidity and mortality attributable to breast cancer through early detection strategies, in a manner that is equitable (box 12.1).

### Box 12.1 Participation rate of women from selected community groups in BreastScreen Australia programs

The ‘participation rate of women from selected community groups in BreastScreen Australia programs’ is defined as the proportion of the eligible population in each selected community group attending the screening program within a 24 month period.

Participation rates for community groups that are at, or close to, those for the total population indicate equitable access to early detection services.

Data reported for this indicator are not directly comparable.

Early detection is associated with better outcomes for women with breast cancer, in terms of morbidity and mortality. Indigenous women, women from non-English speaking backgrounds (NESB) and women living in outer regional, remote and very remote areas may experience particular language, cultural and geographic barriers to accessing breast cancer screening.

In 2006–07, the national age standardised participation rate for Indigenous women aged 50–69 (40.3 per cent) was below the total participation rate in that age group (56.1 per cent), although this may be influenced by the quality of Indigenous identification in screening program records (table 12.1, table 12A.1). Care needs to be taken when comparing data across jurisdictions, given differences in the collection of data by Indigenous status.

Table 12.1 **Age standardised participation rates of women aged 50–69 years from selected communities in BreastScreen Australia programs, 2006 and 2007 (24 month period) (per cent)<sup>a, b</sup>**

|                            | NSW  | Vic  | Qld  | WA   | SA   | Tas  | ACT  | NT   | Aust |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Indigenous <sup>c</sup>    | 41.7 | 36.1 | 51.6 | 34.7 | 35.3 | 31.3 | 36.6 | 26.5 | 40.3 |
| NESB <sup>d</sup>          | 54.7 | 36.5 | 65.0 | 64.8 | 54.0 | 22.2 | 35.0 | 37.0 | 49.7 |
| All women aged 50–69 years | 56.0 | 55.9 | 56.6 | 57.5 | 55.8 | 54.2 | 57.0 | 40.2 | 56.1 |

<sup>a</sup> First and subsequent rounds. <sup>b</sup> Rates are standardised to the 2001 Australian population standard. <sup>c</sup> Those women who self-identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. <sup>d</sup> Non-English speaking background (NESB) is defined as speaking a language other than English at home.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); ABS (2008) *Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories, June 2002-2007*, Cat. no. 3201.0; ABS (unpublished), derived from *Experimental Estimates And Projections, Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009*, Cat. no. 3238.0; ABS (unpublished), derived from *2006 Census of Population and Housing*; table 12A.1, 2009 Report, tables 12A.9 and 12A.11; 2009 Report, table 12.4, p. 12.16.

## Mental health

Mental health relates to an individual's ability to negotiate the daily challenges and social interactions of life without experiencing undue emotional or behavioural incapacity (DHAC and AIHW 1999). The World Health Organization (WHO) describes mental health as:

... a state of well-being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community (WHO 2001).

There is a wide range of mental illnesses that can affect an individual's mental health, functioning and quality of life. Each mental illness is unique in terms of its incidence across the lifespan, causal factors and treatments.

### *Specialised mental health services provided in hospitals*

Limited data are available on specialised psychiatric care of Indigenous patients in hospital. Comparisons are difficult because data on Indigenous status are incomplete and Indigenous and non-Indigenous people may differ in their use of hospital services relative to other health services. The data reflect a range of factors, such as: the spectrum of public, primary care and post-hospital care available; Indigenous people's access to these as well as hospital services; social and physical infrastructure services for Indigenous people; and differences in the complexity, incidence and prevalence of illnesses. For the jurisdictions for which data are available, Indigenous people were 1.8 times more likely to receive specialised psychiatric care in hospitals than non-Indigenous people. However, the average

length of stay for Indigenous people (18.5) was shorter than for non-Indigenous people (21.7) (table 12.2).

**Table 12.2 Specialised psychiatric care, by Indigenous status, 2005-06<sup>a, b, c</sup>**

|                                     | <i>Unit</i>     | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Indigenous                          |                 |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |              |
| Separation rate <sup>d</sup>        | per 1000 people | 13.6       | 10.9       | 8.2        | 9.3       | 12.2      | np         | np         | 7.9       | 10.4         |
| Average length of stay <sup>e</sup> | no.             | 18.0       | 14.5       | 22.5       | 23.3      | 15.0      | 20.1       | 10.6       | 10.3      | 18.5         |
| Non-Indigenous                      |                 |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |              |
| Separation rate <sup>d</sup>        | per 1000 people | 5.5        | 5.0        | 6.6        | 5.6       | 6.4       | np         | np         | 4.2       | 5.7          |
| Average length of stay <sup>e</sup> | no.             | 23.0       | 19.4       | 21.3       | 19.9      | 27.2      | 19.8       | 15.3       | 9.8       | 21.7         |
| Rate ratio <sup>f</sup>             |                 | 2.5        | 2.2        | 1.2        | 1.7       | 1.9       | np         | np         | 1.9       | 1.8          |

<sup>a</sup> The completeness of data on Indigenous status varies, so these data need to be used with care.

<sup>b</sup> Specialised psychiatric care refers to separations in which at least one day of specialised psychiatric care was received. <sup>c</sup> Indigenous identification is likely to be incomplete and to vary among jurisdictions. <sup>d</sup> Data for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT (public hospitals only for the NT) are considered to be of acceptable quality for analytical purposes. <sup>e</sup> Includes data for overnight separations only. <sup>f</sup> The rate ratio is equal to the separation rate for Indigenous persons divided by the separation rate for non-Indigenous. **np** Not published.

Source: AIHW (2008) *Mental Health Services in Australia 2005-06*, Cat. no. HSE 56, Mental Health Series no. 10, [www.aihw.gov.au/publications/hse/mhsa05-06/mhsia\\_05-06\\_internet.xls](http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/hse/mhsa05-06/mhsia_05-06_internet.xls) (accessed 2 December 2008); table 12A.2; 2009 Report, table 12.7, p. 12.52.

## Framework of performance indicators

The framework of performance indicators for specialised mental health services draws on governments' broad objectives for national mental health policy, as encompassed in the National Mental Health Strategy (NMHS) and the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) National Action Plan on Mental Health (2009 Report, box 12.18 p. 12.56). The framework reports on the equity, effectiveness and efficiency of specialised mental health services. It covers a number of service delivery types (admitted patient and community-based services) and includes outcome indicators of systemwide performance.

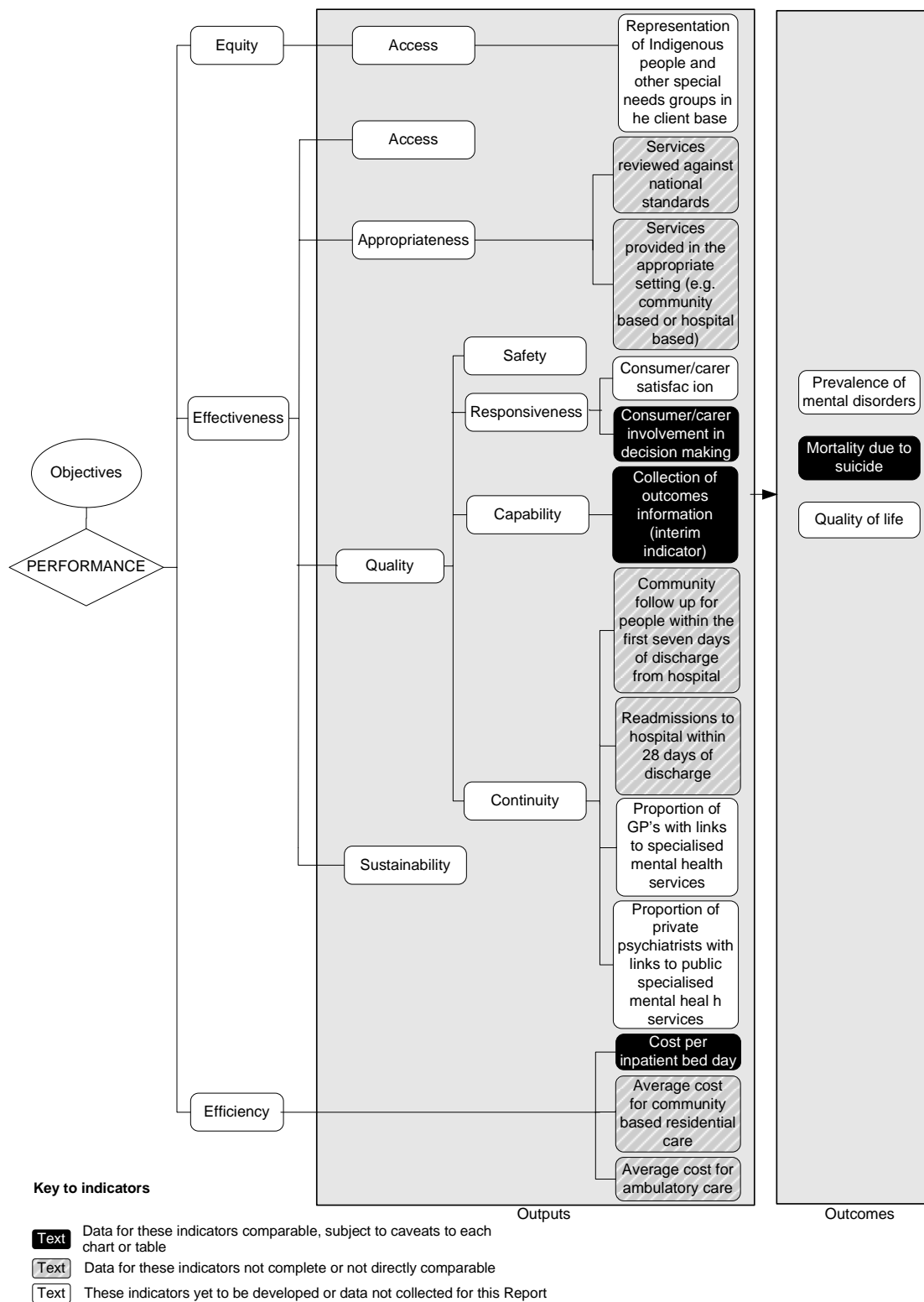
The National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's Mental Health and Social and Emotional Well Being 2004–2009 (the Social and Emotional Well Being Framework) was endorsed by the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council in December 2004. It aims to provide a framework for action by all governments and communities to improve the social and emotional wellbeing and mental health needs of Indigenous Australians over the next five years.



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Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for mental health management in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 12.2. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

Figure 12.2 Performance indicators for mental health management



Source: 2009 Report, figure 12.32, p. 12.59.

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## Representation of Indigenous people and others in the client base

‘Representation of Indigenous people and other special needs groups in the client base’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide mental health services in an equitable manner, including access to services by special needs groups such as Indigenous people (box 12.2).

**Box 12.2 Representation of Indigenous people and other special needs groups in the client base**

‘Representation of Indigenous people and other special needs groups in the client base’ is yet to be defined.

Data for this indicator were not available for the 2009 Report.

## Mortality due to suicide

‘Mortality due to suicide’ is an indicator of governments’ objective under the NMHS to prevent mental health problems, mental illness and suicide, and identify and intervene early with people at risk (box 12.3). People with a mental illness are at a higher risk of suicide than are the general population. (They are also at a higher risk of death from other causes, such as cardiovascular disease.)

**Box 12.3 Mortality due to suicide**

Mortality due to suicide’ is defined as the suicide rate per 100 000 people for all people, for males and females, for people of different ages (including those aged 15–24 years), people living in capital cities, people living in other urban areas, people living in rural areas and Indigenous people.

While the performance of mental health services contributes to reducing suicides, other government services also play a significant role. Public mental health programs are primarily concerned with providing treatment and support services for individual clients affected by severe mental illness, some of whom have either attempted, or indicated the intention, to commit suicide. Suicide prevention targeted at the wider population is also addressed through the initiatives of other government departments, non-government organisations and other special interest groups. Any impact on suicide rates, therefore, will be a result of a coordinated response across a range of collaborating agencies, including police, education, housing, justice and community services agencies.

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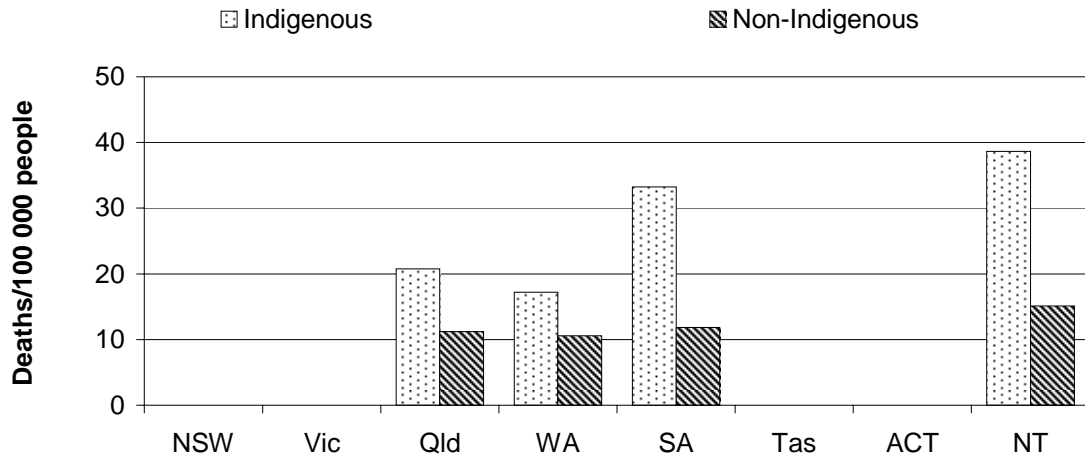
In addition, many factors outside the control of mental health services may influence a person's decision to commit suicide. These include environmental, sociocultural and economic risk factors — for example, adverse childhood experiences (such as sexual abuse) can increase the risk of suicide, particularly in adolescents and young adults. Alcohol and other drugs are also often associated with an increased risk of suicidal behaviour. Other factors that can influence suicide rates include economic growth rates, which affect unemployment rates and social disadvantage. Often, a combination of these factors can increase the risk of suicidal behaviour.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The Indigenous suicide rate is presented for the period 2002–2006 for four jurisdictions: Queensland, WA, SA and the NT (figure 12.3). After adjusting for age differences between populations, the suicide rates for Indigenous people for the period 2002–2006 in the jurisdictions for which data are presented are considerably higher than the corresponding rates for non-Indigenous people.

Care needs to be taken when interpreting these data because data for Indigenous people are incomplete and data for some jurisdictions are not published. Indigenous people are not always accurately identified in administrative collections (such as hospital records, and birth and death registrations) due to definition variations, different data collection methods and failure to record Indigenous status. The rate calculations have not been adjusted for differences in the completeness of identification of Indigenous deaths across jurisdictions. The 'Health preface' discusses the quality of Indigenous mortality and other data.

Figure 12.3 **Suicide rates, by Indigenous status, 2002–2006<sup>a, b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Indigenous population figures are based on ABS *Experimental Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians* (low series, 2001 base). There are no comparable population data for the non-Indigenous population. The non-Indigenous population figures are based on data derived by subtracting Indigenous population projections from total population estimates and should be used with care. Rates are calculated on an age standardised basis. <sup>b</sup> Data for NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT are not reported due to varying coverage across states and territories in the identification of Indigenous deaths in death registrations.

Source: ABS (unpublished), derived from *Causes of Deaths, Australia*; Cat. no. 3303.0; table 12A.3; 2009 Report, figure 12.43, p. 12.85.

## Future directions for reporting on mental health management

### *Mental health*

Similar to previous years, a key challenge for improving the reporting of mental health management is improving the reporting of effectiveness and efficiency indicators for Indigenous people.

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## Attachment tables

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### Breast cancer

**Table 12A.1** Participation rates of Indigenous women screened by BreastScreen Australia (24 month period) (first and subsequent rounds) (per cent)

### Mental health

**Table 12A.2** Specialised psychiatric care separations reported for Indigenous patients, Australia, 2005-06

**Table 12A.3** Suicide deaths, by Indigenous status

## References

AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2003, *BreastScreen Australia Monitoring Report 2000-2001*, Cat. no. CAN 20, Cancer Series no. 25, Canberra.

DHAC (Australian Government Department of Health and Community Services) and AIHW 1999, *National Health Priority Areas Report: Mental Health 1998*, AIHW Cat. no. PHE 13, Canberra.

DHS (Department of Human Services Victoria) 1999, *Breast Disease Service Redevelopment Strategy. A Report by the Breast Care Implementation Advisory Committee 1999-2003*, Victorian Government Publishing Service, Melbourne.

WHO (World Health Organization) 2001, *Strengthening mental health promotion*, (Fact sheet no. 220), Geneva.

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# D Community services preface

## Part D: Community services preface

Families are the principal providers of care for children, older people and people with a disability (ABS 2001). Community services aim to:

- help families to undertake these roles
- fulfil these roles when families are not in a position to provide care
- provide interventions where individual needs are not able to be met by the community without special intervention.

Community services provide support to sustain and nurture the functioning of individuals, families and groups, to maximise their potential for development and to enhance community wellbeing (LGCSA 2002). Although community services are generally targeted to the individual, they may be delivered in larger settings. Services are typically provided by government and the not-for-profit sector, but the for-profit sector also has an important role (for example, as owners of aged care facilities). Community services also contribute to the development of community infrastructure to service needs (AIHW 2005).

## Cross-cutting community services issues

### Community services pathways

Although this Report discusses three areas of community services in separate chapters, it is recognised that there are many linkages between different community services. Governments are increasingly emphasising the need for integrated, client-centred community services.

Many community services are linked by the provision of these services to individuals at different stages of life. Although some community services only apply to people in specific age groups (for example, child protection services or aged care services), other services are not as strictly age-specific (for example,

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disability services and SAAP). Some individuals may receive multiple services — for example, a child who is in receipt of juvenile justice services together with homelessness or child protection and disability services. Disability services may continue throughout an individual's lifetime and overlap with provision of aged care services.

The sequence of interventions or services may be referred to as 'pathways' of community service provision. However, there is limited information on the patterns of access by individuals to the range of community services, either concurrently or in succession over a lifetime. A greater understanding of the links between the use of various community services, the nature of these links, and whether interventions in one area of service provision result in reduced need for other services, will enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the sector overall.

An example of relevant research is a longitudinal study of Indigenous children (*Footprints In Time*) by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), into the links between early childhood experiences and later life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, covering areas such as health, culture, education, housing and family relationships (FaHCSIA 2008).

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- AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2005, *National Community Services Information Strategic Plan 2005–2009*, Cat. No. AUS 68, Canberra.
- FaHCSIA (Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs) 2008, *Research News*, Issue 31, Canberra.
- LGCSA (Local Government Community Services Association of Australia) 2002, *Working Together to Develop Our Communities Good practice and benchmarking in Local Government community development and community services* <http://www.lgcsaa.org.au/benchmarking.htm> (accessed 10 October 2008).



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## 13 Aged care services

The aged care system comprises all services specifically designed to meet the care and support needs of frail older people living in Australia. This chapter focuses on government funded residential and community care for older people and services designed for the carers of older people. Some government expenditure on aged care is not reported, but continual improvements are being made to the coverage and quality of the data. The services covered include:

- residential services, which provide high care, low care and residential respite care (*Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report), box 13.1)
- community care services and flexible services, which include Home and Community Care (HACC) program services, Community Aged Care Packages (CACPs), the Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) program, the EACH Dementia program, the Transition Care Program (TCP), and the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Veterans' Home Care (VHC)<sup>1</sup> and Community Nursing programs
- respite services, which include HACC respite and centre-based day care and the National Respite for Carers Program (NRCP)
- assessment services, which are largely provided by the Aged Care Assessment Program (ACAP).

### Service overview

Services for older people are provided on the basis of the frailty or functional disability of the recipients as distinct from specific age criteria. Nevertheless, in the absence of more specific information, this Report uses people aged 70 years or over as a proxy for the likelihood of a person in the general population requiring these services. Particular groups (notably Indigenous people) may require various services at a younger age. For Indigenous people, those aged 50 years or over are used as a proxy for the likelihood of requiring aged care services. The Australian Government also uses these age proxies for planning the allocation of residential care, CACP, EACH and EACH Dementia packages.

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise stated, HACC expenditure excludes the DVA expenditure on VHC.

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Government funded aged care services covered in this chapter relate to the three levels of government (Australian, State and Territory, and some local) involved in service funding and delivery. The formal, publicly funded services covered represent only a small proportion of total assistance provided to frail older people. Extended family and partners are the largest source of emotional, practical and financial support for older people: more than 90 per cent of older people living in the community in 2003 who required help with self-care, mobility or communications received assistance from the informal care network of family, friends and neighbours (ABS 2004a). Many people receive assistance from both formal aged care services and informal sources. Older people also purchase support services in the private market, and these services are not covered in this chapter.

### **Indigenous data in the aged care chapter**

The aged care chapter in the 2009 Report contains the following information on Indigenous people:

- aged care assessment team assessment rates, 2006-07
- age profile and target population differences between Indigenous and other Australians, June 2006
- Indigenous permanent residents classified as high or low care and Indigenous CACP, and EACH at 30 June 2008: age specific usage rates per 1000 persons by remoteness
- variation in the proportions of special needs target populations accessing aged care services from their proportion in the target population as a whole, June 2008 (per cent)
- residents per 1000 target population, 30 June 2008
- Community Aged Care Package recipients per 1000 target population, 30 June 2008
- recipients of HACC services by age and Indigenous status, 2007-08
- Commonwealth Carelink Centres, contacts per 1000 target population, by Indigenous status, 30 June 2008.

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The aged care attachment contains additional data relating to Indigenous people including:

- target population data, by location ('000)
- Indigenous aged care recipients per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years or over by locality, 30 June, 2008
- HACC client characteristics, 2007-08
- comparative characteristics of Indigenous HACC clients, 2007-08
- Australian Government expenditure on Aged Community Care Programs, 2007-08 (\$ million).

### *Attachment tables*

Attachment tables for data within the aged care services chapter of this compendium are contained in attachment 13A of the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 13A.3 is table 3 in the aged care services attachment). As the data are directly sourced from the 2009 Report, the compendium also notes where the original table, figure or text in the 2009 Report can be found. For example, where the compendium refers to '2009 Report, p. 13.15' this is page 15 of chapter 13 of the 2009 Report, and '2009 Report, table 13A.2' is attachment table 2 of attachment 13 of the 2009 Report.

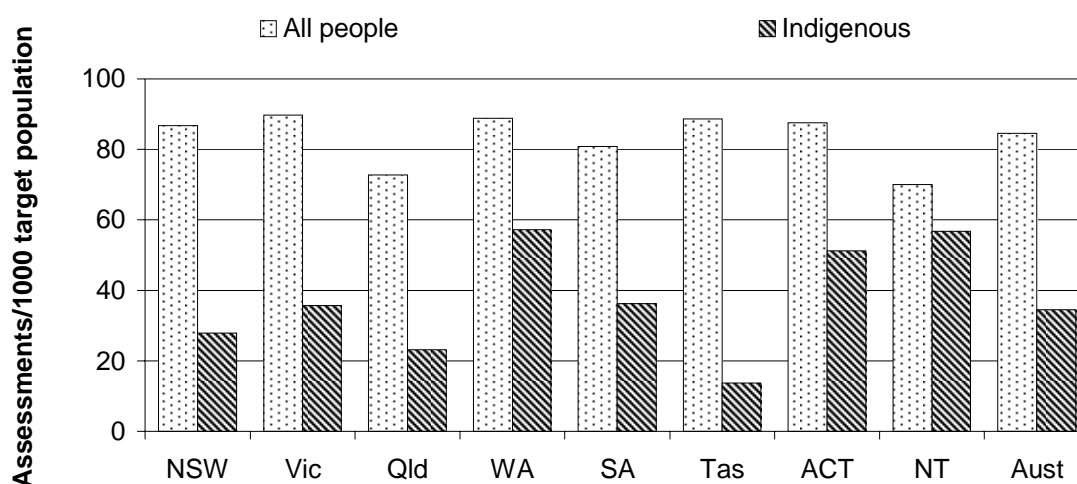
### **Assessment services**

The Australian Government established the ACAP in 1984, based on the assessment processes used by State and Territory health services to determine (1) eligibility for admission into residential care and (2) the level of care required (and thus the subsidy paid to such services). The core objective of the ACAP is to assess the needs of frail older people and assist them to gain access to the most appropriate type of care. Assessment and approval by Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACATs) are mandatory for admission to Australian Government subsidised residential care or receipt of a CACP, EACH package, EACH Dementia package or TCP. People may also be referred by ACATs to other services, such as those funded by the HACC program. An ACAT referral is not mandatory for receipt of other services, such as HACC and VHC services.

The number of assessments per 1000 target population varied across jurisdictions in 2006-07. The national rate was 84.5 assessments per 1000 people aged 70 years or

over and Indigenous people aged 50 years or over and 34.5 per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years or over (figure 13.1).

Figure 13.1 **Aged Care Assessment Team assessment rates, 2006-07**<sup>a, b, c, d, e</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Includes ACAT assessments for all services. <sup>b</sup> 'All people' includes all assessments of people aged 70 years or over and Indigenous people aged 50 years or over per 1000 people aged 70 years or over and Indigenous people aged 50 years or over. <sup>c</sup> 'Indigenous' includes all assessments of Indigenous people aged 50 years or over per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years or over. <sup>d</sup> The number of Indigenous assessments is based on self-identification of Indigenous status. <sup>e</sup> See table 13A.8 for further explanation of these data.

Source: Aged Care Assessment Program National Data Repository (unpublished); table 13A.8; 2009 Report, figure 13.1, p. 13.6.

## Indigenous-specific services

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people access mainstream services under the Aged Care Act, including those managed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, and services funded outside the Act, including those funded under the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program. Some services managed by non-Indigenous approved providers also have a significant number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients.

All aged care services that are funded under the Act are required to provide culturally appropriate care. Whether they are located in a community or residential setting, services may be subject to specific conditions of allocation in relation to the proportion of care to be provided to particular groups of people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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At 30 June 2008, there were 640 flexible places for Indigenous clients allocated outside the *Aged Care Act 1997* under the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program. This flexible care helps to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can access culturally appropriate care services as close as possible to their communities, mainly in rural and remote locations. As part of the 1994 National Strategy, services were established to provide aged care using a flexible model. Communities are encouraged to participate in every aspect of service provision, from the very early planning stages right through to the operation of the services. These services are now funded under the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program (DoHA unpublished).

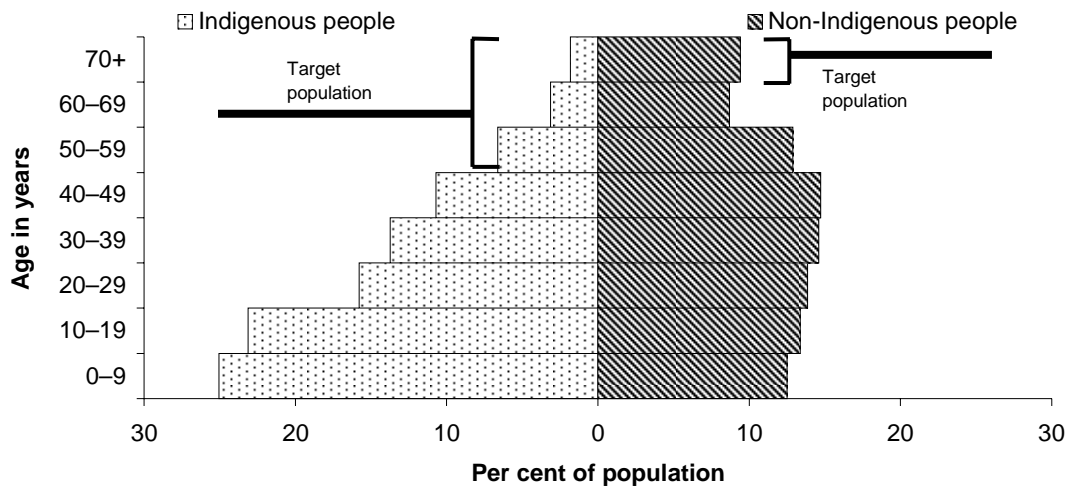
## **Funding**

The Australian Government funds Indigenous specific services. In 2007-08, \$20.9 million was spent on this program (table 13A.9).

## **Characteristics of older Indigenous people**

The Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) estimates that about 62 800 Indigenous people were aged 50 years or over in Australia at 30 June 2008 (table 13A.1). Although the Indigenous population is also ageing, there are marked differences in the age profile of Indigenous Australians compared with non-Indigenous Australians (figure 13.2). Estimates for both males and females show life expectancy at birth in the Indigenous population is around 17 years less than in the total Australian population (ABS 2004b). These figures indicate that Indigenous people are likely to need aged care services earlier in life, compared with the general population.

**Figure 13.2 Age profile and target population differences between Indigenous and other Australians, June 2006**

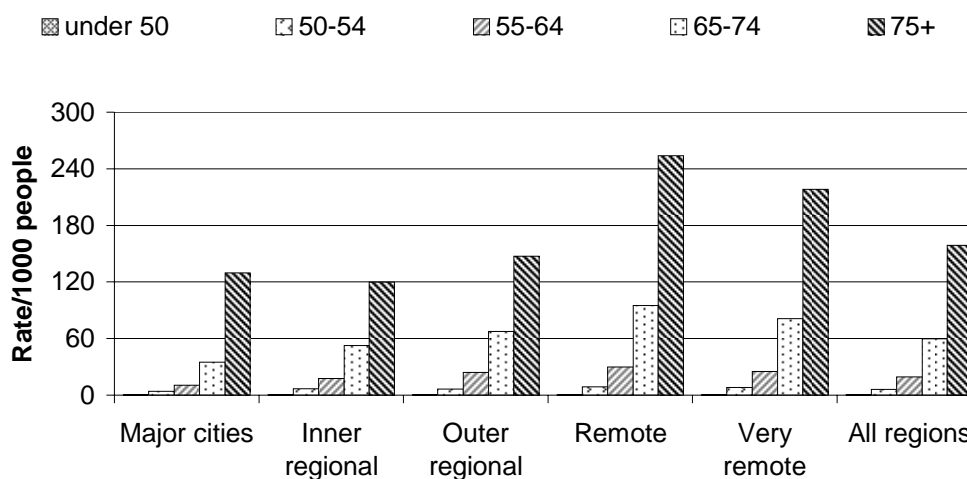


Source: ABS *Experimental Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians*, June 2006, Cat no. 3238.0.55.001, Canberra; 2009 Report, figure 13.6, p. 13.23.

### *Combined residential and community care services rates*

The national age specific usage rates per 1000 Indigenous people for high and low residential care, CACP and EACH in combination at 30 June 2008 is 0.2 for people under 50 rising to 158.7 for people over 75. The data show that Indigenous people tend to access these services at a younger age than the population as a whole. These rates vary by remoteness category (figure 13.3).

**Figure 13.3 Indigenous permanent residents classified as high or low care and Indigenous CACP and EACH at 30 June 2008: age specific usage rates per 1000 people by remoteness<sup>a, b, c, d, e</sup>**



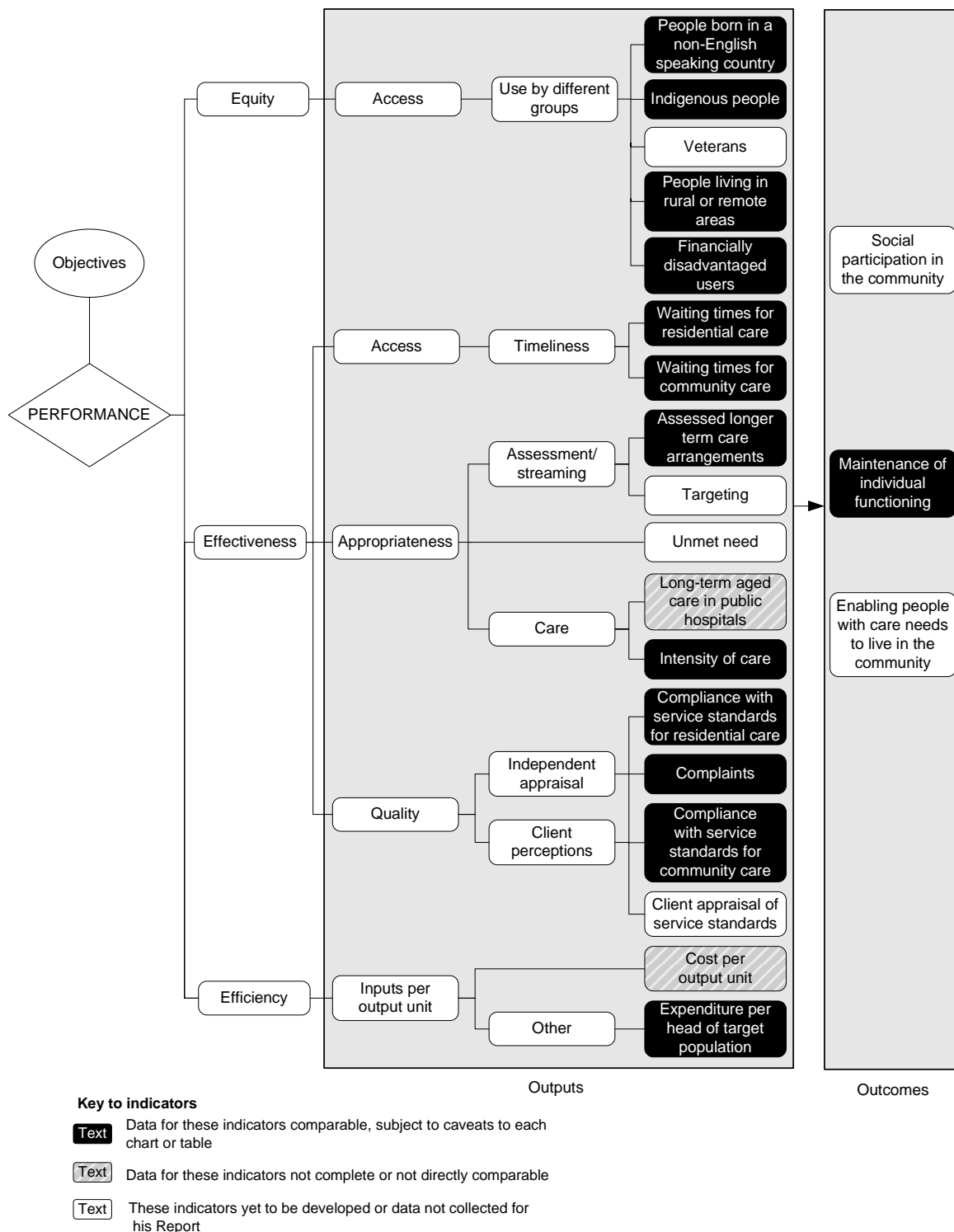
<sup>a</sup> Geographical data are based on the ABS Australian Standard Geographic Classification of Remoteness Areas 2001. Data are classified according to an index of remoteness which rates each ABS Census District based on the number and size of towns, the distance to major towns and urban centres. <sup>b</sup> Indigenous population data for June 2008 are determined using DoHA unpublished projections. This is a different measure from those used for these age specific usage data in previous reports. See table 13A.11 for more detail. <sup>c</sup> Includes residential places categorised as 'high care' or 'low care', under either the ACFI or the RCS. See 2009 Report, box 13.1 for more information. <sup>d</sup> Residents without a recorded RCS/ACFI were omitted. <sup>e</sup> These figures exclude places and packages funded by Multi-purpose services and those provided by flexible funding under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Strategy.

Source: DoHA (unpublished); table 13A.11; 2009 Report, figure 13.12, p. 13.33.

## Framework of performance indicators

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for aged care services in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 13.4. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

Figure 13.4 Performance indicators for aged care services



Source: 2009 Report, figure 13.13, p. 13.35.



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## Use by different groups

‘Use by different groups’ is an indicator of governments’ objective for the aged care system to provide equitable access to aged care services for all people who require these services (box 13.1).

### Box 13.1 Use by different groups

‘Use by different groups’ is defined as:

- the number of people born in non-English speaking countries using residential services, CACPs, EACH and HACC services, divided by the number of people born in non-English speaking countries aged 70 years or over, benchmarked against the rate at which the general population accesses the service
- the number of Indigenous people using residential services, CACP, EACH and HACC services, divided by the number of Indigenous people aged 50 years or over (because Indigenous people tend to require aged care services at a younger age than the general population) benchmarked against the rate at which the general population accesses the service
- the rate of contacts with Commonwealth Carelink Centres for Indigenous people compared with all people
- access to HACC services for people living in rural or remote areas — the number of hours of HACC service received (and, separately, meals provided) divided by the number of people aged 70 years or over plus Indigenous people aged 50–69 years for major cities, inner regional areas, outer regional areas, remote areas and very remote areas
- the number of new residents classified as concessional or assisted or supported, divided by the number of new residents.

In general, usage rates for special needs groups similar to those for the broader aged care population are desirable, but interpretation of results differs for some special needs groups because:

- there is evidence that Indigenous people have higher disability rates than those of the general population, which suggests a greater level of need for services compared with those in the broader aged care population
- for financially disadvantaged users, Australian Government planning guidelines require that services allocate a minimum proportion of residential places for concessional, assisted or supported residents. These targets range from 16 per cent to 40 per cent of places, depending on the service’s region. Usage rates equal to, or higher than, the minimum rates are desirable.

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**Box 13.1 (Continued)**

Use by different groups is a proxy indicator of equitable access. Various groups are identified by the *Aged Care Act (1997)* and its principles (regulations) as having special needs, including people from Indigenous communities, people born in non-English speaking countries, people who live in rural or remote areas, people who are financially or socially disadvantaged, and veterans (including widows and widowers of veterans).

Several factors need to be considered in interpreting the results for this set of indicators:

- Cultural differences may influence the extent to which people born in non-English speaking countries use different types of services.
- Cultural differences and geographic location may influence the extent to which Indigenous people use different types of services.
- The availability of informal care and support may influence the use of aged care services in different population groups.

No data were available to report on veterans for this indicator.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

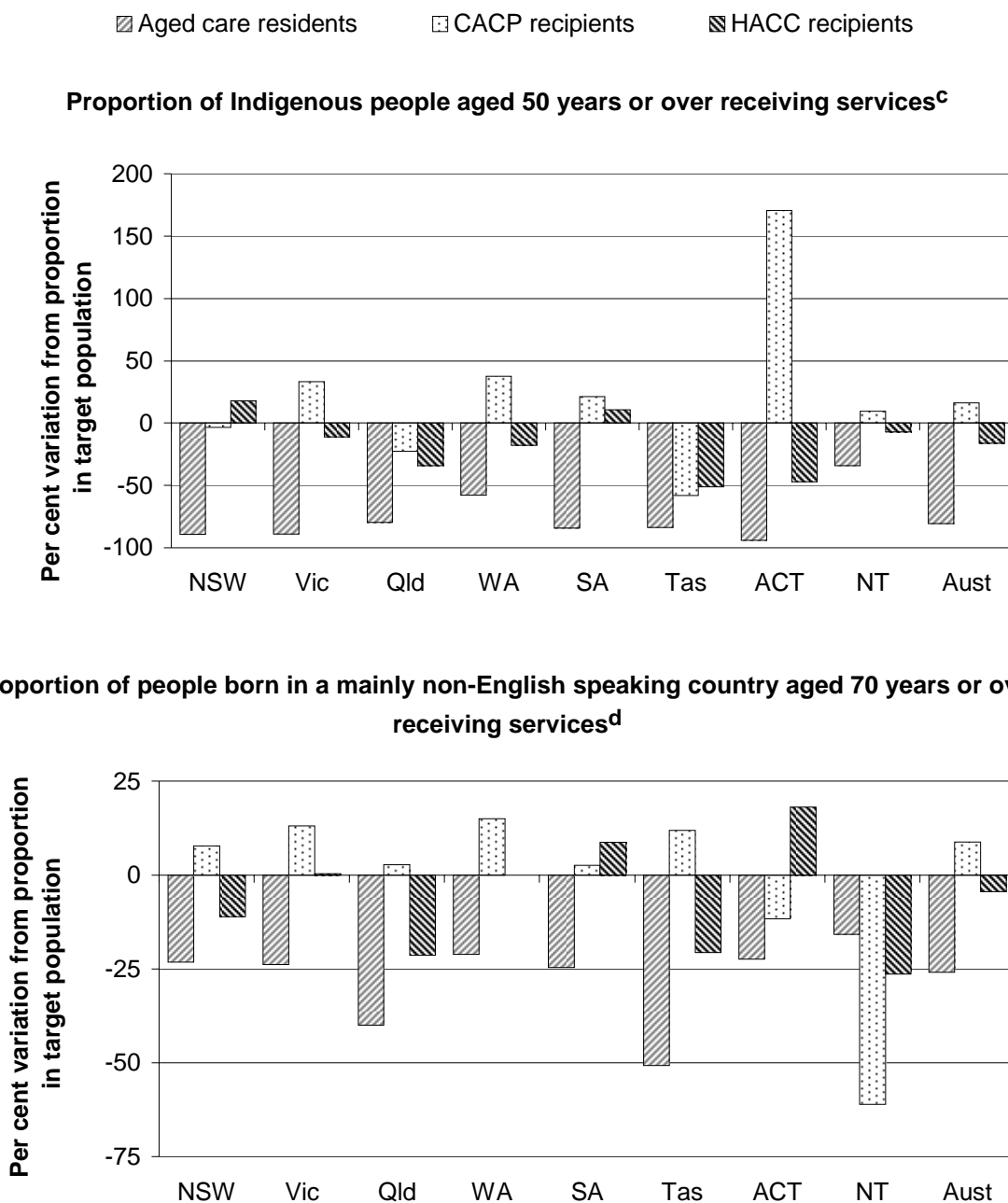
Data presented for this indicator are organised by the type of service provided, with sub-sections for the relevant special needs groups reported against that service.

*Access to residential care services, CACP and HACC services by Indigenous people and people born in a mainly non-English speaking country*

In general, Indigenous people and people born in a mainly non-English speaking country are under-represented in some aspects of access to residential care, CACP and HACC services in comparison to their proportion of the target population as a whole.

However, in relation to the CACP program in the majority of jurisdictions and nationally, Indigenous people and people born in a mainly non-English speaking country are over-represented, compared to the proportion of this group in the target population. Figure 13.5 demonstrates this over- and under-representation by reflecting the variation in the rate of access of the special needs target population from their proportion in the target population as a whole. If the special needs group accessed services in proportion to their general representation in the target population, no percentage variation would be observed. If they access services at a greater rate, a positive percentage from the benchmark rate will be observed, or, if services are accessed at a lower rate, the bar will be negative (figure 13.5).

Figure 13.5 Variation in the proportions of special needs target populations accessing aged care services from their proportion in the target population as a whole, June 2008 (per cent)<sup>a, b</sup>



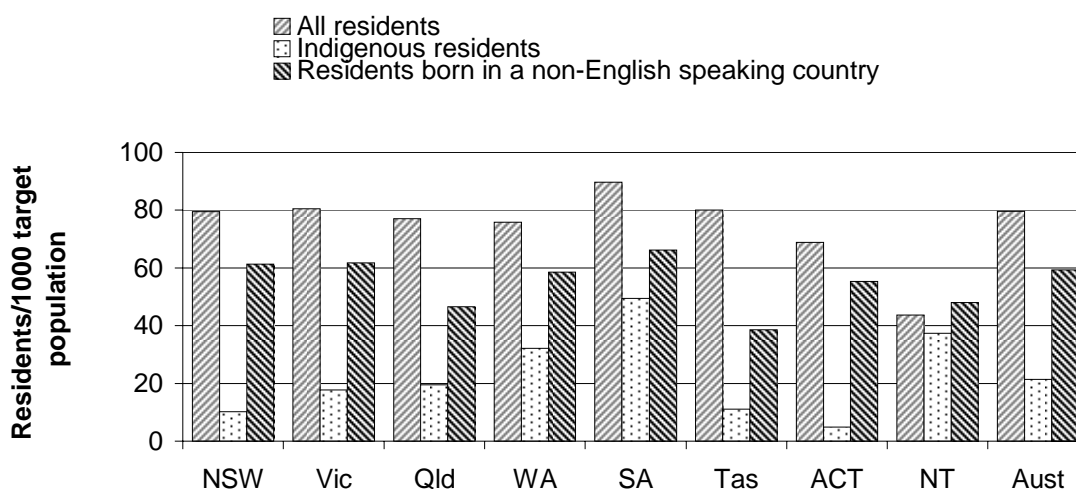
<sup>a</sup> The proportion of HACC agencies that submitted data for the year varied between jurisdictions and actual service levels were higher than stated. <sup>b</sup> Reports provisional HACC data that have not been validated and may be subject to revision. <sup>c</sup> The ACT has a very small Indigenous population aged 50 years or over (table 13A.1) and a small number of packages result in a very high provision ratio. <sup>d</sup> There is no variation between the proportion of WA HACC recipients for this group and their proportion in the target population.

Source: DoHA (unpublished); table 13A.4; 2009 Report, figure 13.14, p. 13.39.

*Access to residential aged care services by Indigenous people and people born in a mainly non-English speaking country*

In all jurisdictions at 30 June 2008, on average, Indigenous people and people born in non-English speaking countries had lower rates of use of aged care residential services (21.4 and 59.3 per 1000 of the relevant target populations respectively), compared with the population as a whole (79.6 per 1000) (figure 13.6).

**Figure 13.6 Residents per 1000 target population, 30 June 2008<sup>a, b, c</sup>**



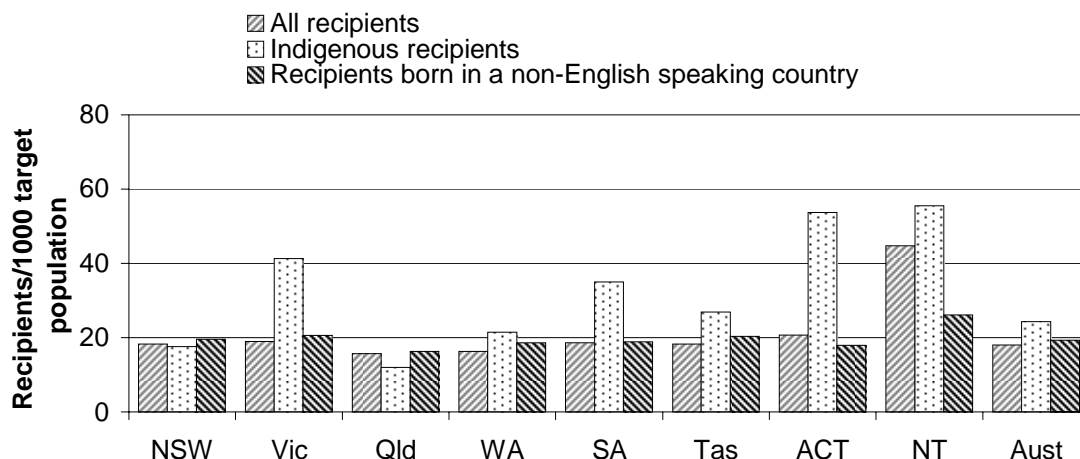
<sup>a</sup> All residents data are per 1000 people aged 70 years or over plus Indigenous people aged 50–69 years. <sup>b</sup> Indigenous residents data are per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years or over. <sup>c</sup> Data for residents from a non-English speaking country are per 1000 people from non-English speaking countries aged 70 years or over.

Source: DoHA (unpublished); table 13A.2 and 2009 Report, tables 13A.13 and 13A.15; 2009 Report, figure 13.15, p. 13.40.

*Access to aged care community programs by Indigenous people and people born in a mainly non-English speaking country*

The number of Indigenous CACP recipients per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years or over was 24.3 nationally and the numbers of CACP recipients from non-English speaking countries per 1000 of the relevant target population was 19.3 nationally. These figures compare to a total of 18.0 per 1000 of the target population (people aged 70 years or over plus Indigenous people aged 50–69 years) (figure 13.7).

Figure 13.7 **Community Aged Care Package recipients per 1000 target population, 30 June 2008<sup>a, b, c, d, e</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> All recipients data are per 1000 people aged 70 years or over plus Indigenous people aged 50–69 years. <sup>b</sup> Indigenous recipients data are per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years or over. <sup>c</sup> Data for recipients from non-English speaking countries are per 1000 people from non-English speaking countries aged 70 years or over. <sup>d</sup> The ACT has a very small Indigenous population aged 50 years or over (table 13A.1), and a small number of packages result in a very high provision ratio. <sup>e</sup> CACPs provide a more flexible model of care, more suitable to remote Indigenous communities, so areas such as the NT have a higher rate of CACP recipients per 1000 people.

Source: DoHA (unpublished); table 13A.2, 2009 Report, tables 13A.13 and 13A.15; 2009 Report, figure 13.16, p. 13.41.

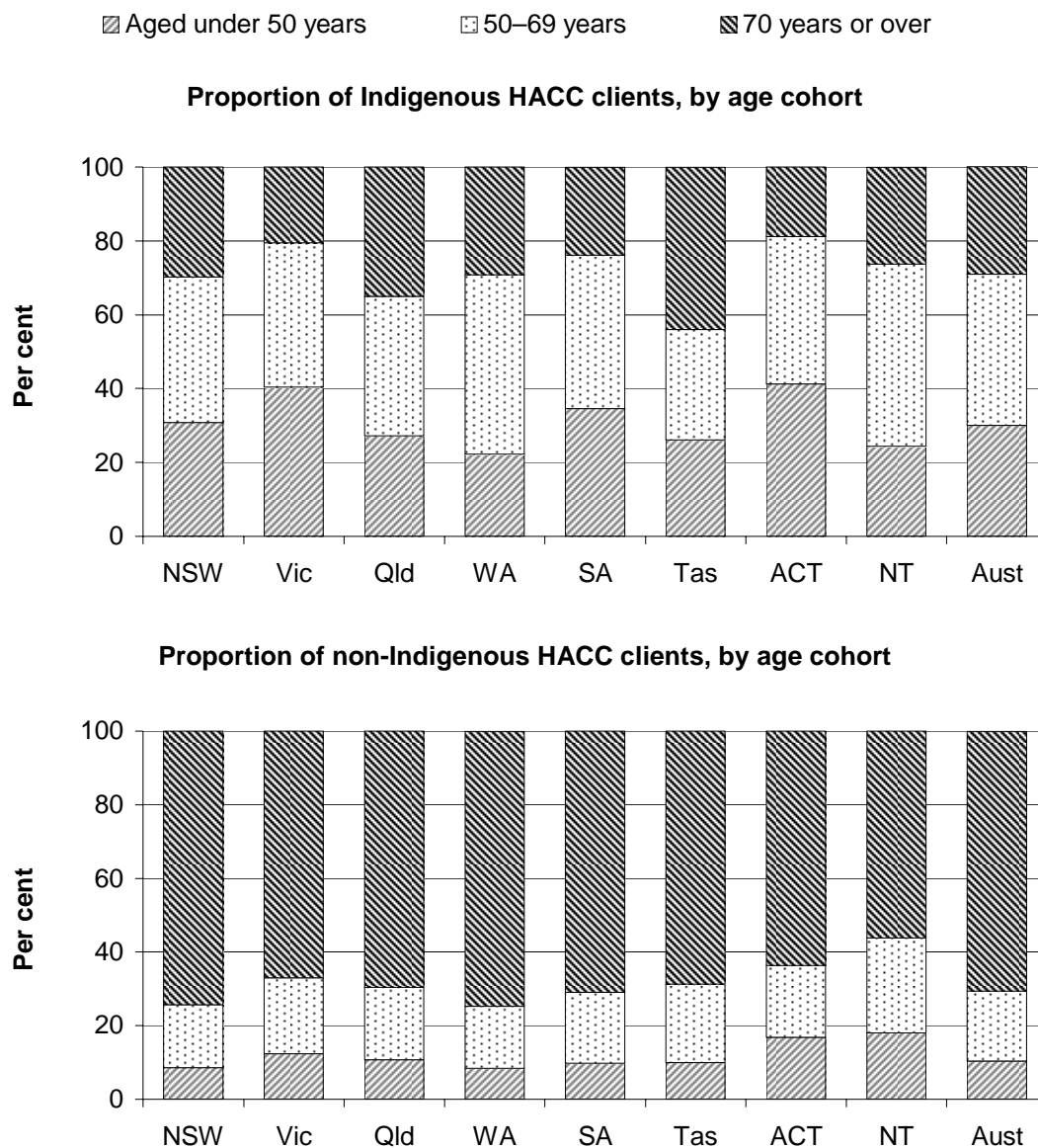
Age–sex specific usage rates by jurisdiction, remoteness and Indigenous usage vary between jurisdictions and remoteness categories for CACP. For EACH, the differences are less marked. However, the EACH program is small and growing rapidly (table 13A.11 and 2009 Report, tables 13A.60-61 and 13A.63-64).

#### *Access to the HACC program by Indigenous people and by remoteness area*

HACC services are provided in the client’s home or community for people with a moderate, severe or profound disability and their carers. The focus of this chapter is all people 70 years or over and Indigenous people aged 50–69 years. The proportion of HACC recipients aged 70 years or over during 2007-08 was 68.9 per cent (table 13A.5).

Reported use of HACC services showed a substantial difference between all users and Indigenous users across all age groups in 2007-08. This reflects the difference in morbidity and mortality trends between Indigenous people and the general population. The proportion of Indigenous HACC clients who are aged 70 years or over is 29.1 per cent and the proportion of non-Indigenous HACC clients who are aged 70 years or over is 70.5 per cent (figure 13.8).

**Figure 13.8 Recipients of HACC services by age and Indigenous status, 2007-08<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Reports provisional HACC data that have not been validated and may be subject to revision.

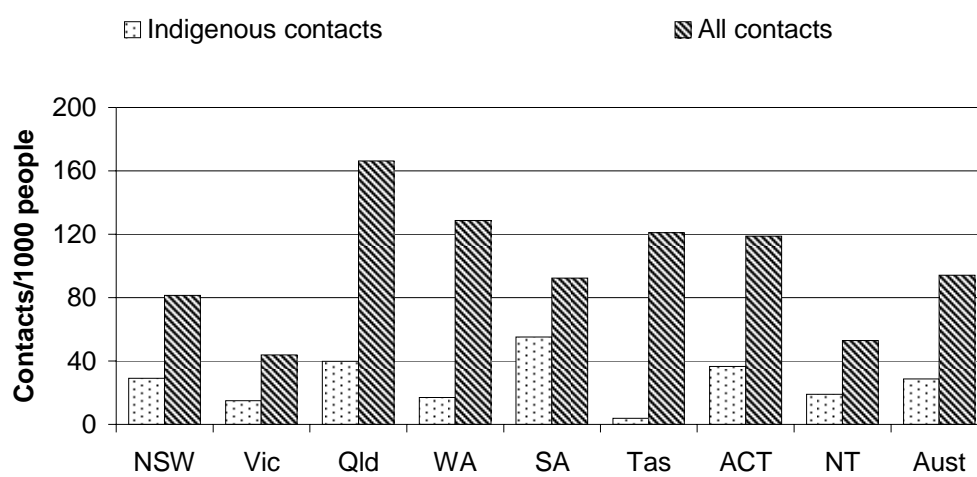
Source: DoHA (unpublished); table 13A.6; 2009 Report, figure 13.17, p. 13.43.

### *Access by Indigenous people to Commonwealth Carelink Centres*

Commonwealth Carelink Centres are information centres for older people, people with disabilities, carers and service providers. Information is provided on community services and aged care, disability and other support services available locally or anywhere in Australia, the costs of services, assessment processes and eligibility criteria. The national rate at which Indigenous people contacted Carelink

Centres at 30 June 2008, was 28.6 people per 1000 Indigenous people in the Indigenous target population (Indigenous people aged 50 years and over). The rate for all Australians was 94.1 per 1000 people in the target population (people aged 70 years or over plus Indigenous people aged 50–69). These figures varied across jurisdictions (figure 13.9).

Figure 13.9 Commonwealth Carelink Centres, contacts per 1000 target population, by Indigenous status, 30 June 2008<sup>a, b, c</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Contacts with Carelink include phone calls, visits, emails and facsimiles. <sup>b</sup> Indigenous contacts refer to contacts by Indigenous people per 1000 Indigenous people in the target population. <sup>c</sup> All contacts refers to contacts per 1000 target population.

Source: DoHA (unpublished); table 13A.10; 2009 Report, figure 13.18, p. 13.44.

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## Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within this chapter are contained in the attachment to the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 13A.3 is table 3 in the aged care services attachment). The tables included in the attachment are listed below.

- Table 13A.1** Target population data, by location ('000)
- Table 13A.2** Indigenous aged care recipients per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years or over and as a proportion of all recipients, 30 June
- Table 13A.3** Indigenous aged care recipients per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years or over by locality, 30 June
- Table 13A.4** Aged care recipients from special needs groups, June 2008 (per cent)
- Table 13A.5** HACC client characteristics, 2007-08
- Table 13A.6** Distribution of HACC clients, by age and Indigenous status, 2007-08 (per cent)
- Table 13A.7** Comparative characteristics of Indigenous HACC clients, 2007-08
- Table 13A.8** Aged care assessments
- Table 13A.9** Australian Government expenditure on Aged Community Care Programs, 2007-08 (\$ million)
- Table 13A.10** Access to Commonwealth Carelink Centres, 2007-08
- Table 13A.11** Indigenous permanent residents classified as high or low care and Indigenous CACP, and EACH at 30 June 2008: age-sex specific usage rates per 1000 people by remoteness



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ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2004a, *Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers*, 2003, Cat no. 4430.0, Canberra.

— 2004b, *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians*, Cat no. 3238.0, Canberra.

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## 14 Services for people with a disability

The Australian, State and Territory governments aim to maximise opportunities for people with a disability to participate actively in the community, by providing services and support for people with a disability, their families and carers.

The Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA) forms the basis for the provision and funding of services for people with a disability, where the person's disability manifests before the age of 65 years and for which they require ongoing or long-term episodic support. This chapter focuses on services covered by the third CSTDA, which applied to the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2007. Specialist psychiatric disability services are excluded from the chapter to improve data comparability across jurisdictions.

The Australian, State and Territory governments agreed to extend the third CSTDA to 31 December 2007. It was further extended until 31 December 2008, to enable negotiations for the next National Disability Agreement to be finalised. Governments have agreed the following 8 priority areas for the new Agreement:

- better measurement of current and future need
- moving towards National Population Benchmarks for key disability services
- making older carers a priority
- quality improvement systems based on disability standards
- service planning and strategies to simplify access
- early intervention, lifelong planning and independence strategies
- increased workforce capacity
- increased access for Indigenous people with disability.

Government assistance for people with a disability can be grouped into income support, disability support services and relevant generic services provided to the community as a whole. This Report generally does not report performance information on income support. Disability support services are primarily delivered under the CSTDA, as well as through programs such as Home and Community Care (HACC) and Commonwealth Rehabilitation Services (CRS) Australia. Performance information on the HACC program for older Australians is provided in the 'Aged

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care services' chapter (chapter 13). CRS Australia's services are not covered in this Report.

Some generic services provided to the community as a whole are covered elsewhere in this Report — for example, school education (chapter 4), vocational education and training (VET) (chapter 5), public hospital care (chapter 10), specialised mental health services (chapter 12) and public housing (chapter 16). Other generic services provided to people with a disability — such as transport and utility services at concessional rates — are outside the scope of this Report.

Results in this chapter are derived using the service user data collected under the CSTDA National Minimum Data Set (NMDS). Data quality for the CSTDA NMDS continues to improve, but the results based on this collection should be interpreted with caution. Quality issues related to these data are discussed in the service user data quality and other issues section.

### **Profile of specialist disability services**

The CSTDA defines 'specialist disability services' as 'services or initiatives specially designed from time to time to meet the needs of people with disabilities' (CSTDA 2003, p. 10). A definition of disability is provided in box 14.1.

#### **Box 14.1 Definition of disability**

The United Nation's *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol*, ratified by Australia on 17 July 2008, defines 'persons with disabilities' as including those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC) was conducted in 1981, 1988, 1993, 1998 and 2003, and was based on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health and its predecessor. The 2003 survey defined a disability as a limitation, restriction or impairment that has lasted, or is likely to last, for at least six months and restricts everyday activities.

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#### Box 14.1 (Continued)

Self care, mobility and communication are defined as core activities. The ABS defines levels of core activity limitation as follows:

- mild — where a person does not need assistance and has no difficulty with self care, mobility and/or communication, but uses aids or equipment
- moderate — where a person does not need assistance, but has difficulty with self care, mobility and/or communication
- severe — where a person sometimes needs assistance with self care, mobility and/or communication tasks; has difficulty understanding or being understood by family or friends; or can communicate more easily using sign language or other non-spoken forms of communication
- profound — where a person is unable, or always needs assistance, to perform self care, mobility and/or communication tasks.

The third CSTDA (2003, p. 9) defines 'people with disabilities' as those whose disability manifests itself before the age of 65 years and for which they require significant ongoing and/or long-term episodic support. For these people, the disability will be attributable to an intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, physical or neurological impairment or acquired brain injury (or some combination of these) which is likely to be permanent and results in substantially reduced capacity in at least one of the following:

- self care/management
- mobility
- communication.

Source: ABS (2004); CSTDA (2003).

### Indigenous data in the services for people with a disability chapter

The services for people with a disability chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report) contains the following data items on Indigenous people:

- proportions of age groups who have a profound or severe core activity limitation
- users per 1000 people/potential population in 2006-07 of the following services:
  - accommodation support
  - community support
  - community access
  - respite

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- employment services.

### *Attachment tables*

Attachment tables for data within the services for people with a disability chapter of this compendium are contained in attachment 14A of the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an ‘A’ suffix (for example, table 14A.3 is table 3 in the services for people with a disability attachment). As the data are directly sourced from the 2009 Report, the compendium also notes where the original table, figure or text in the 2009 Report can be found. For example, where the compendium refers to ‘2009 Report, p. 14.15’ this is page 15 of chapter 14 of the 2009 Report, and ‘2009 Report, table 14A.2’ is attachment table 2 of attachment 14A of the 2009 Report.

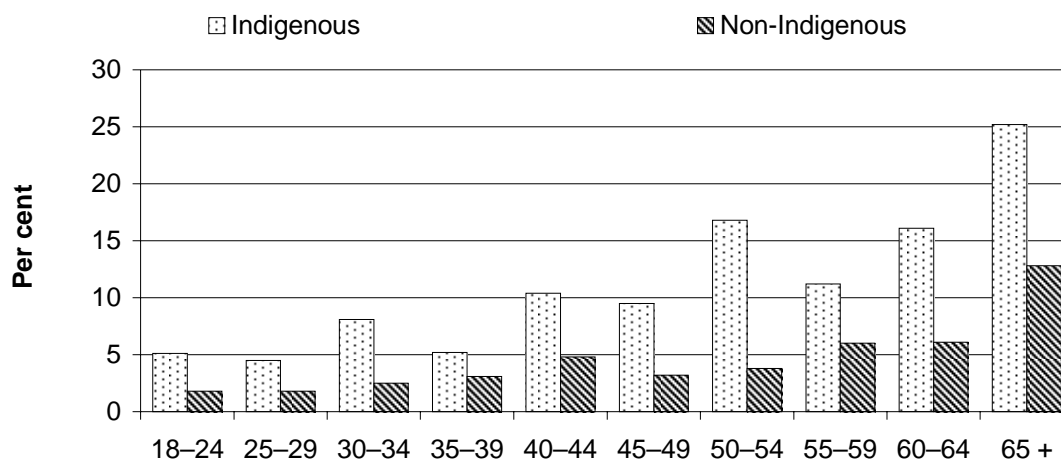
## **Disability prevalence among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people**

Indigenous people have significantly higher rates of profound or severe core activity limitation than non-Indigenous people. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) estimated that the proportion of Indigenous people aged over 18 years who had a profound or severe core activity limitation was approximately 2.4 times that of non-Indigenous people in 2002 (AIHW 2006a). This estimate is based on data from the ABS’s General Social Survey (GSS) and National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS) and takes into account differences in the:

- age structure of the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations
- method that was applied in remote areas for the two surveys (for further details on the difference in method see AIHW 2006a).

The difference (in rate ratio terms) between the populations is most marked for people aged 50–54 years and those aged 30–34 years (figure 14.1).

**Figure 14.1 Proportion of age groups who have a profound or severe core activity limitation, by Indigenous status, 2002<sup>a</sup>**



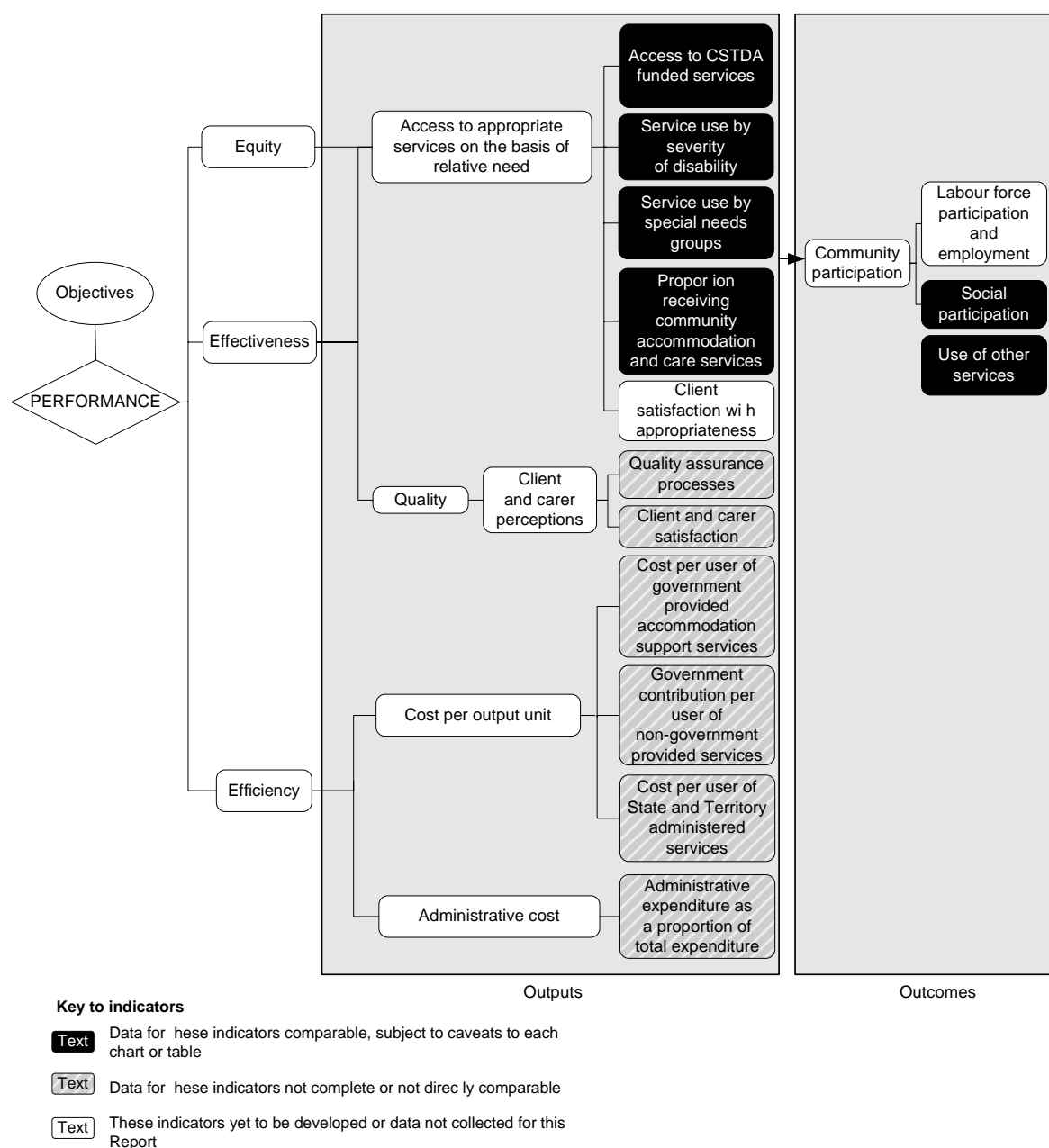
<sup>a</sup> For the NATSISS, there were a number of differences in the ‘screening’ questions used to establish disability status and disability type for persons living in remote and non-remote areas. While a ‘common’ set of questions was asked in both remote and non-remote areas, some additional questions were asked in non-remote areas only. The expanded set of screening questions asked in non-remote areas is referred to as the ‘broader criteria’, the smaller set is referred to as the ‘common criteria’. For the reported proportions, the relative impact of the broader criteria on the Indigenous estimate in non-remote areas was calculated and applied as a weight to the estimate for remote areas. The non-Indigenous estimates from the GSS are based on the broader criteria only.

Source: AIHW (2006) ‘Potential Population’ — *Updating the Indigenous Factor in Disability Services Performance Indicator Denominators*, Welfare Working Paper Series Number 50, Cat. no. DIS 45, Canberra; 2009 Report, figure 14.5, p. 14.13.

## Framework of performance indicators

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for specialist disability services in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 14.2. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

Figure 14.2 Performance indicators for services for people with a disability



Source: 2009 Report, figure 14.9, p. 14.18.

The performance indicator results reported in this chapter generally relate to CSTDA funded services. This Report includes service user data for 2006-07. These data were sourced from the CSTDA National Minimum Data Set (NMDS) collection, which is coordinated by the AIHW.

When considering the indicator results derived using service user data, comparisons between jurisdictions and between the 2004-05 and 2005-06 data (see attachment) should be undertaken with care. While the implementation of the CSTDA NMDS

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continues to improve data quality, quality is still affected by a number of factors. In particular, the proportion of service users and service outlets that provided data (response rates) and the ‘not stated’ rates of particular data items vary across jurisdictions and years (for further details see the service user data quality and other issues section and 2009 Report, section 14.6, p. 14.94).

### **Service use by special needs groups — Indigenous people**

‘Service use by special needs groups’ is an indicator of governments’ objective that access to services should be equitable for all members of the community and provided on the basis of relative need (box 14.2). For the first time, this Report compares access for people from special needs groups with access for people from outside the special needs group in terms of the ‘potential population’ (that is, people in the relevant groups who have the potential to need services). These new results are *experimental estimates* and are presented for illustrative purposes only (they will be further refined in future reports). They have been developed to account for differences in the prevalence of disability between people in the special needs group and people outside the special needs group. As in previous reports, the indicator also compares access in terms of the whole population in the relevant groups. For information on how the potential populations for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people were derived see the service user data quality and other issues section.



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### **Box 14.2 Service use by special needs groups**

The 'service use by special needs groups' indicator compares the proportion of service users per 1000 people (or per 1000 potential population) in a particular special needs group with the proportion of service users per 1000 people (or per 1000 potential population) outside the special needs group. The special needs group reported here is for people identified as Indigenous.:

The disability service types reported are accommodation support, employment, community access, community support and respite services.

Holding other factors constant, the proportion of service users per 1000 people (or per 1000 potential population) in a special needs group should not differ significantly from the proportion of service users per 1000 people (or per 1000 potential population) outside the special needs group.

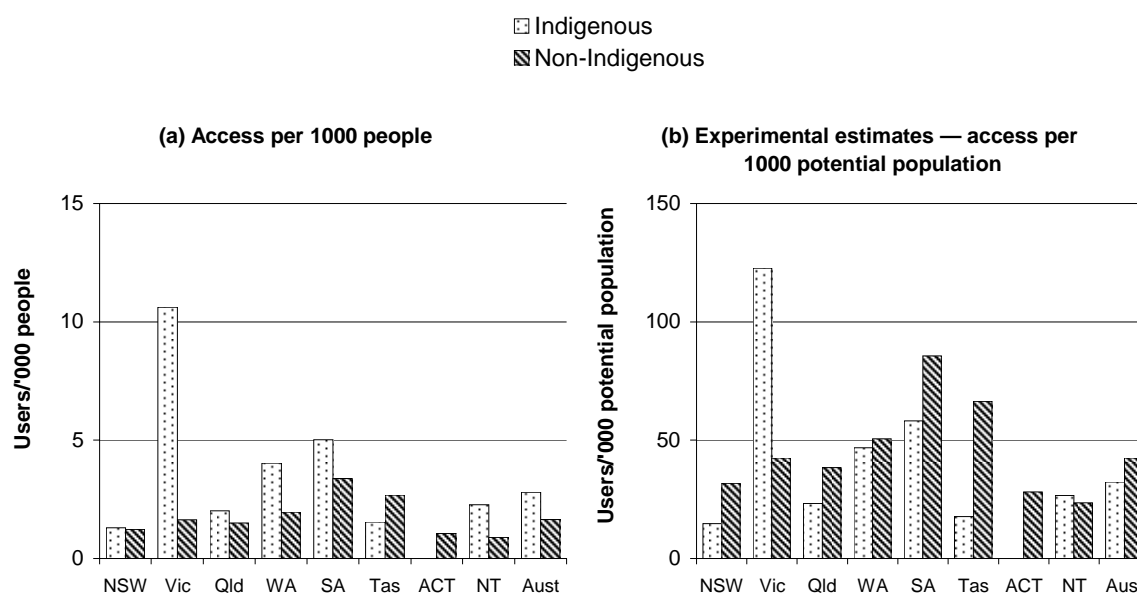
For both measures, while a markedly lower proportion may indicate reduced access for a special needs group, it may also represent strong alternative support networks (and thus a lower level of need), or a lower tendency of people with a disability in a special needs group to choose to access CSTDA funded services. Similarly, a higher proportion may suggest poor service targeting, the lack of alternative support networks or a greater tendency of people with a disability in a special needs group to choose to access CSTDA funded services. For the measure that compares the proportions of service users per 1000 population, significant differences in access may also reflect the special needs group having a higher/lower prevalence of disability.

This indicator does not provide information on whether the services are appropriate for the needs of the people receiving them, or correctly targeted to those most in need. The indicator does not take into account differences in the level of informal assistance that is available for people in special needs groups and outside the special needs groups. Results for outer regional and remote/very remote users of accommodation support services, for example, need to be considered with care because alternatives to government funded accommodation support services may be more readily available in these areas. Specifically, accommodation support services in outer regional and remote/very remote areas are largely provided informally, making use of local area coordinators and local community resources.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, the proportion of the Indigenous population who used CSTDA funded accommodation support services in 2006-07 (2.8 service users per 1000 people aged under 65 years) was higher than the proportion of the non-Indigenous population who used these services (1.6 service users per 1000 people aged under 65 years) (figure 14.3a). In contrast, the proportion of the Indigenous potential population who used CSTDA funded accommodation support services in 2006-07 (32.3 service users per 1000 potential population) was lower than the proportion of the non-Indigenous population who used these services (42.4 service users per 1000 potential population) (figure 14.3b).

**Figure 14.3 Users of CSTDA funded accommodation support services, by Indigenous status, 2006-07<sup>a, b, c, d</sup>**



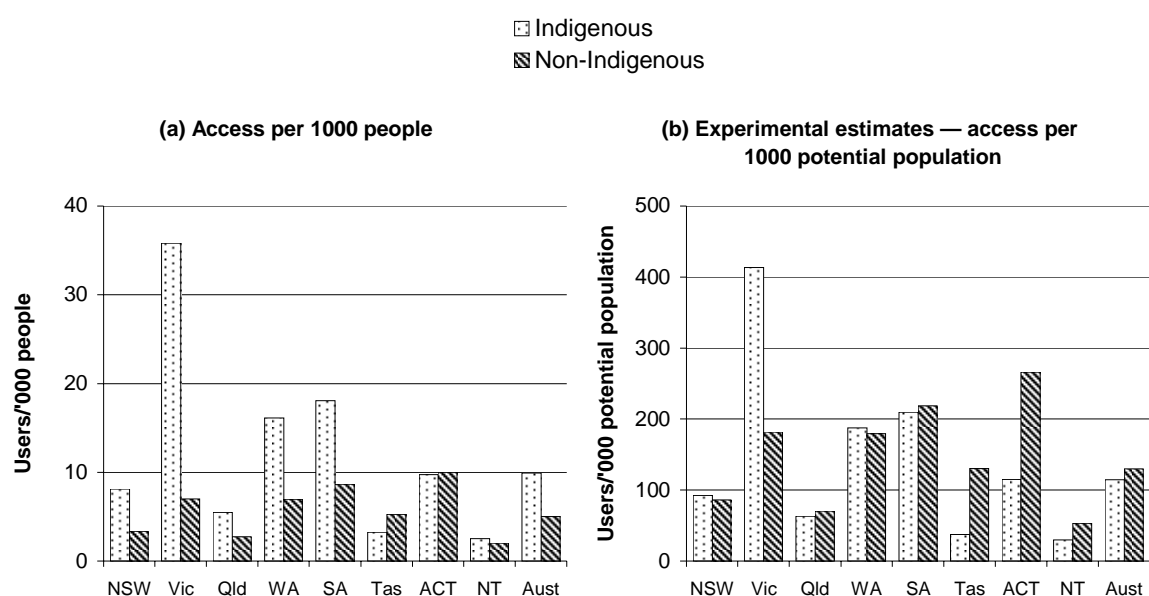
<sup>a</sup> See table 14A.1 for detailed notes relating to these data. <sup>b</sup> These data need to be interpreted with caution due to a number of factors affecting data quality. See the service user data quality and other issues section and the 2009 Report, section 14.6 for further information on these quality issues. <sup>c</sup> ACT data for service users per 1000 Indigenous people or Indigenous potential population are not published as they are based on a small number of service users. <sup>d</sup> Results for the per 1000 potential population are *experimental estimates* and are presented for illustrative purposes only. They will be further refined in future reports. Results can differ significantly for these estimates and those calculated per 1000 population, including that access for the special needs group may be higher in one measure and lower in the other. These estimates seek to adjust for the prevalence of disability across special needs groups.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the CSTDA NMDS; ABS *Australian Demographic Statistics 2006* Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (2004) *Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, 30 June 2001 to 30 June 2009*, Cat. no. 3238.0; AIHW (2006) *Potential population — Updating the Indigenous Factor in Disability Services Performance Indicator Denominators*, Cat. no. DIS 45, Canberra; table 14A.1; 2009 Report, figure 14.25, p. 14.38.

Nationally, the proportion of the Indigenous population who used CSTDA funded community support services in 2006-07 (9.9 service users per 1000 people aged under 65 years) was higher than the proportion of the

non-Indigenous population who used these services (5.0 service users per 1000 non-Indigenous people aged under 65 years) (figure 14.4a). In contrast, the proportion of the Indigenous potential population who used CSTDA funded community support services in 2006-07 (114.6 service users per 1000 potential population) was lower than the proportion of the non-Indigenous potential population who used these services (129.7 service users per 1000 potential population) (figure 14.4b).

Figure 14.4 **Users of CSTDA funded community support services, by Indigenous status, 2006-07<sup>a, b, c</sup>**



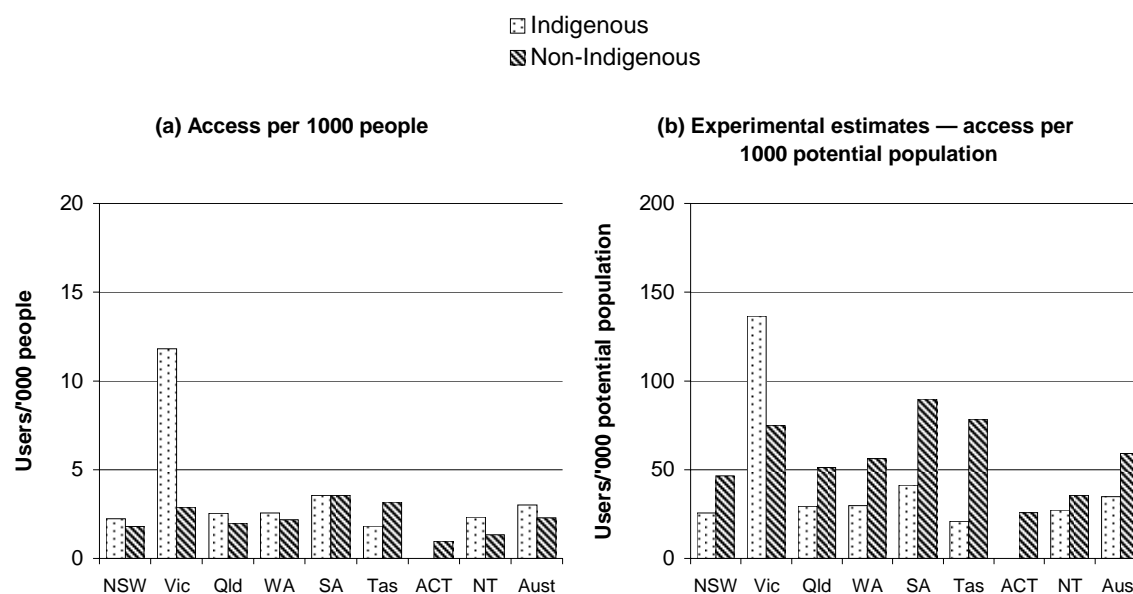
**a** See table 14A.2 for detailed notes relating to these data. **b** These data need to be interpreted with caution due to a number of factors affecting data quality. See the service user data quality and other issues section and the 2009 Report, section 14.6 for further information on these quality issues. **c** Results for the per 1000 potential population are *experimental estimates* and are presented for illustrative purposes only. They will be further refined in future reports. Results can differ significantly for these estimates and those calculated per 1000 population, including that access for the special needs group may be higher in one measure and lower in the other. These estimates seek to adjust for the prevalence of disability across special needs groups.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the CSTDA NMDS; ABS *Australian Demographic Statistics 2006* Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (2004) *Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, 30 June 2001 to 30 June 2009*, Cat. no. 3238.0; AIHW (2006) *Potential population — Updating the Indigenous Factor in Disability Services Performance Indicator Denominators*, Cat. no. DIS 45, Canberra; table 14A.2; 2009 Report, figure 14.26, p. 14.39.

Nationally, the proportion of the Indigenous population who used CSTDA funded community access services in 2006-07 (3.0 service users per 1000 people aged under 65 years) was higher than the proportion of the non-Indigenous population who used these services (2.3 service users per 1000 people aged under 65 years) (figure 14.5a). In contrast, the proportion of the Indigenous potential population who used CSTDA funded community access services in 2006-07 (34.8 service users

per 1000 potential population) was lower than the proportion of the non-Indigenous population who used these services (59.1 service users per 1000 potential population) (figure 14.5b).

**Figure 14.5 Users of CSTDA funded community access services, by Indigenous status, 2006-07<sup>a, b, c, d</sup>**

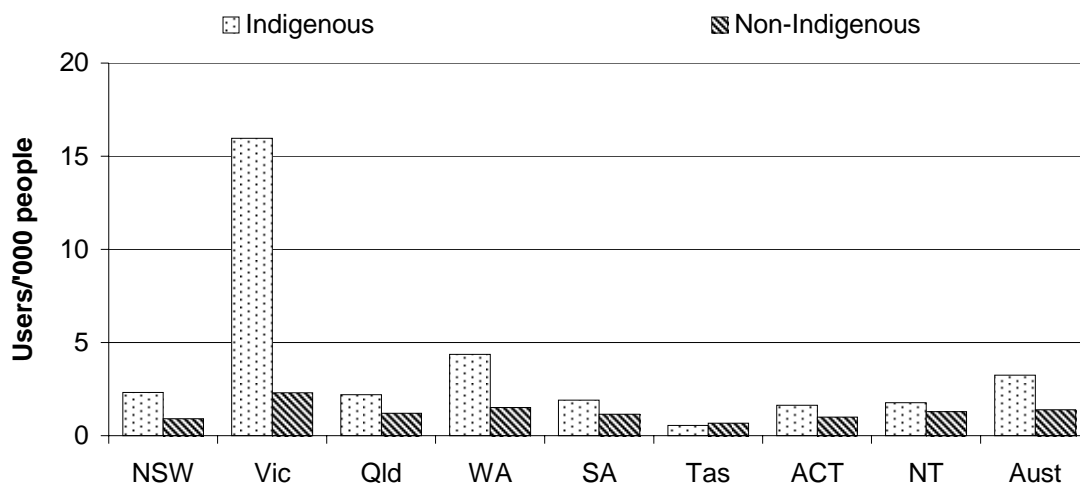


**a** See table 14A.3 for detailed notes relating to these data. **b** These data need to be interpreted with caution due to a number of factors affecting data quality. See the service user data quality and other issues section and the 2009 Report, section 14.6 for further information on these quality issues. **c** ACT data for service users per 1000 Indigenous people are not published as they are based on a small number of service users. **d** Results for the per 1000 potential population are *experimental estimates* and are presented for illustrative purposes only. They will be further refined in future reports. Results can differ significantly for these estimates and those calculated per 1000 population, including that access for the special needs group may be higher in one measure and lower in the other. These estimates seek to adjust for the prevalence of disability across special needs groups.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the CSTDA NMDS; ABS *Australian Demographic Statistics 2006* Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (2004) *Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, 30 June 2001 to 30 June 2009*, Cat. no. 3238.0; AIHW (2006) *Potential population — Updating the Indigenous Factor in Disability Services Performance Indicator Denominators*, Cat. no. DIS 45, Canberra; table 14A.3; 2009 Report, figure 14.27, p. 14.40.

Nationally, the proportion of the Indigenous population who used CSTDA funded respite services in 2006-07 (3.3 service users per 1000 people aged under 65 years) was higher than the proportion of the non-Indigenous population who used these services (1.4 service users per 1000 people aged under 65 years) (figure 14.6). Access to respite as a proportion of the potential population is not reported by Indigenous status as data to estimate the potential populations are not available.

Figure 14.6 Users of CSTDA funded respite services per 1000 people, by Indigenous status, 2006-07<sup>a, b, c</sup>

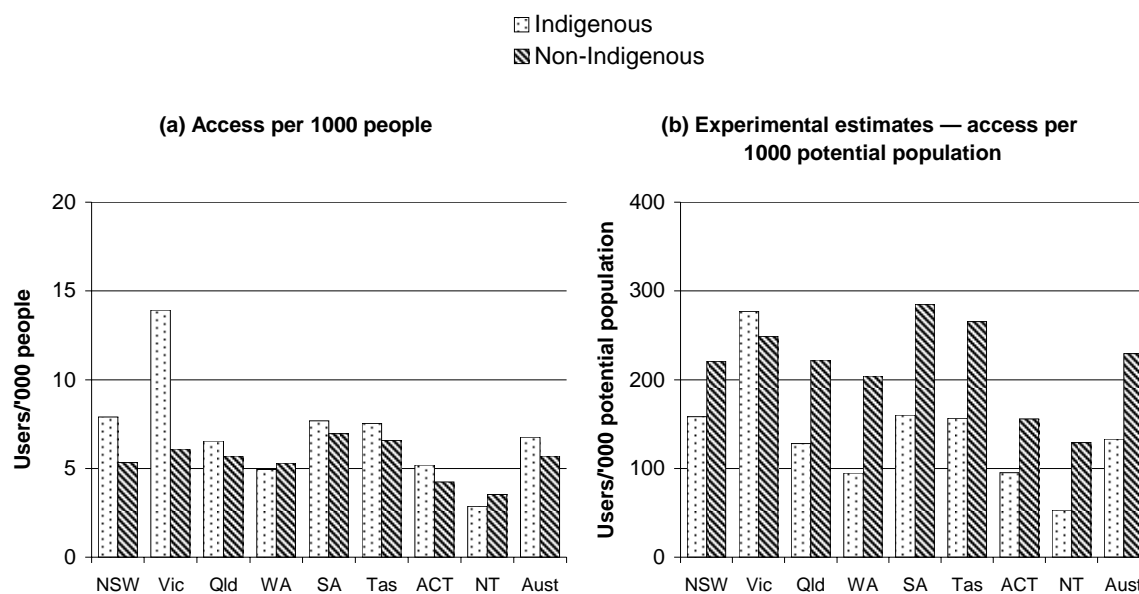


<sup>a</sup> See table 14A.4 for detailed notes relating to these data. <sup>b</sup> These data need to be interpreted with caution due to a number of factors affecting data quality. See the service user data quality and other issues section and the 2009 Report, section 14.6 for further information on these quality issues. <sup>c</sup> ACT data for service users per 1000 Indigenous people are not published as they are based on a small number of service users.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the CSTDA NMDS; ABS *Australian Demographic Statistics 2006* Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (2004) *Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, 30 June 2001 to 30 June 2009*, Cat. no. 3238.0; AIHW (2006) *Potential population* — *Updating the Indigenous Factor in Disability Services Performance Indicator Denominators*, Cat. no. DIS 45, Canberra; table 14A.4; 2009 Report, figure 14.28, p. 14.41.

Nationally, the proportion of the Indigenous population who used CSTDA funded employment services in 2006-07 (6.8 service users per 1000 people aged 15–64 years) was higher than the proportion of the non-Indigenous population who used these services (5.7 service users per 1000 people aged 15–64 years) (figure 14.7a). In contrast, the proportion of the Indigenous potential population who used CSTDA funded employment services in 2006-07 (133.0 service users per 1000 potential population) was lower than the proportion of the non-Indigenous population who used these services (229.5 service users per 1000 potential population) (figure 14.7b).

**Figure 14.7 Users of CSTDA funded employment services, by Indigenous status, 2006-07<sup>a, b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> See table 14A.5 for detailed notes relating to these data. <sup>b</sup> Results for the per 1000 potential population are *experimental estimates* and are presented for illustrative purposes only. They will be further refined in future reports. Results can differ significantly for these estimates and those calculated per 1000 population, including that access for the special needs group may be higher in one measure and lower in the other. These estimates seek to adjust for the prevalence of disability across special needs groups.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the CSTDA NMDS; ABS *Australian Demographic Statistics 2006*, Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (2004) *Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, 30 June 2001 to 30 June 2009*, Cat. no. 3238.0; AIHW (2006) *'Potential population' — Updating the Indigenous Factor in Disability Services Performance Indicator Denominators*, Cat. no. DIS 45, Canberra; table 14A.5; 2009 Report, figure 14.29, p. 14.42.

## Service user data quality and other issues

### Data quality

Data quality considerations should be taken into account when interpreting the CSTDA NMDS service user data used in this chapter. In particular, data quality should be considered when making comparisons across jurisdictions and across years.

There are three aspects of quality that affect the accuracy and reliability of the data reported in this chapter:

- service type outlet response rates
- service user response rates

- ‘not stated’ rates for individual data items.

The first two of these affect the service user counts — nationally, by jurisdiction and service type — and all three affect the accuracy of analyses of individual data items (AIHW 2006a).

### *‘Not stated’ rates*

‘Not stated’ rates for individual data items vary between jurisdictions (AIHW 2006a). One reason for the higher level of ‘not stated’ responses to some data items may be the increased efforts to improve the coverage and completeness of the CSTDA NMDS collection overall. For example, therapy services (a community support service) in the ACT participated for the first time in the 2004-05 collection. In an effort to include all users of these services, provisional data collection processes were used that meant minimal data were provided for each user (AIHW 2006a).

Table 14.1 shows the total ‘not stated’ rates for the relevant individual data items used in this chapter. Results reported in this chapter are not adjusted to account for these ‘not stated’ rates.

**Table 14.1 ‘Not stated’ rates for Indigenous status (per cent)**

| <i>Data item</i> | <i>Accommodation support</i> | <i>Employment</i> | <i>Community access</i> | <i>Community support</i> | <i>Respite</i> |
|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 2003-04          | 3.4                          | 7.0               | 17.5                    | ..                       | ..             |
| 2004-05          | 8.6                          | 4.1               | 14.1                    | 29.5                     | 16.8           |
| 2005-06          | 2.3                          | 1.8               | 7.8                     | 15.6                     | 7.1            |
| 2006-07          | 2.8                          | –                 | 7.2                     | 5.5                      | 6.7            |

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the CSTDA NMDS.

### *Deriving potential populations for the special needs groups measures*

Potential populations have been estimated for Indigenous people and non-Indigenous people. These ‘potential populations’ are estimates of the number of people with the potential to require disability support services in the relevant group, including individuals who meet the service eligibility criteria but who do not demand the services.

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The approach used to derive the potential populations by Indigenous status involved the following steps:

- Multiply the national five-year rates of severe/profound core activity limitation by the Indigenous population for people aged 0–64 years. The Indigenous counts for each five-year age group are then multiplied by the Indigenous factor (2.4) to obtain an ‘Indigenous potential population’ within each age group. The non-Indigenous counts are derived by subtracting the Indigenous counts from the total ‘potential population in each age group.
- Sum the five-year age group counts to derive a total Indigenous and non-Indigenous ‘potential population’ for each state/territory.
- For employment, repeat the above steps, but restrict to people aged 15–64 years, then multiply each State/Territory total by state/territory specific labour force participation rates for people aged 15 years and over.



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## Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within this chapter are contained in the attachment to the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 14A.3 is table 3 in the services for people with a disability attachment). The tables included in the attachment are listed below.

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| <b>Table 14A.1</b> | Users of CSTDA accommodation support services, by Indigenous status  |
| <b>Table 14A.2</b> | Users of CSTDA community support services, by Indigenous status  |
| <b>Table 14A.3</b> | Users of CSTDA community access services, by Indigenous status   |
| <b>Table 14A.4</b> | Users of CSTDA respite services, by Indigenous status  |
| <b>Table 14A.5</b> | Users of CSTDA employment services, by Indigenous status   |
| <b>Table 14A.6</b> | Labour force participation and employment of people with a profound or severe core activity limitation, by special needs groups, 2006 (per cent) |
| <b>Table 14A.7</b> | Labour force participation and employment of people with a profound or severe core activity limitation, by special needs groups, 2005 (per cent) |

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- AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2006a, *Disability Support Services 2004-05: National Data on Services Provided under the CSTDA*, Cat. no. DIS 46, Canberra.
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- CSTDA (Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement) 2003, *Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the States and Territories of Australia in Relation to Disability Services*, Australian Government Department of Family and Community Services, Canberra.

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## 15 Protection and support services

Protection and support services aim to assist individuals and families who are in crisis or experiencing difficulties that hinder personal or family functioning. These services assist by alleviating the difficulties and reducing the potential for their recurrence.

This chapter reports on:

- *child protection services*: the functions of government that receive and assess allegations of child abuse and neglect, and/or harm to children and young people, provide and refer clients to family support and other relevant services, and intervene to protect children
- *out-of-home care services*: care for children placed away from their parents for protective or other family welfare reasons
- *juvenile justice services*: services that aim to promote community safety and reduce youth offending by assisting young people to address their offending behaviour
- *supported accommodation and assistance services*: services to assist young people, adults and families who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. (Only limited updated data were available for this section for this Report).

### **Indigenous data in the protection and support services chapter**

The protection and support services chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report) contains the following data items on Indigenous people:

- children who were the subject of a substantiation (number and rate per 1000 children), 2007-08
- children who were on care and protection orders (number and rate per 1000 children), 30 June 2008
- children who were in out-of-home care (number and rate per 1000 children), 30 June 2008

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- proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, at 30 June, 2005–2008
  - proportion of children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, 30 June 2008
  - placement of Indigenous children in out-of-home care, 30 June 2008
  - average rate of detention of Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention, per 100 000 people, 2006-07
  - Proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet, 2006-07 ;
  - Indigenous clients, by met and unmet support needs, 2006-07
  - Changes in labour force status of clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain employment and training before/after SAAP support, 2006-07 for all SAAP clients and Indigenous SAAP clients
  - Source of income immediately before/after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit, 2006-07
  - Accommodation type before and after SAAP support, for clients who requests assistance with obtaining or maintaining housing, 2006-07 for all SAAP clients and Indigenous SAAP clients

The protection and support services attachment contains additional data relating to Indigenous people including:

- children who were the subject of notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (number and rate per 1000), 2007-08
- number of children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2007-08
- number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, 30 June 2008
- children who were on care and protection orders (number and rate per 1000 children) by Indigenous status, 30 June 2008
- children in out-of-home care (number and rate per 1000 children) and placement type by Indigenous status, 30 June 2008
- children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order (number), 30 June 2008
- children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care (number), 30 June 2008

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- children who exited care during 2007-08, by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care (number)
  - Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2008
  - number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender
  - daily average population of Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention (number)
  - support periods, by the existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients, 2006-07
  - support needs of Indigenous clients, met and unmet, 2006-07
  - change in type of housing as a result of SAAP support, Indigenous clients 2006 - 07
  - Labour force status of Indigenous clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and after SAAP support, 2006-07
  - Indigenous SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year, 2006-07
  - source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit, 2006-07.

### *Attachment tables*

Attachment tables for data within the protection and support services chapter of this compendium are contained in attachment 15A of the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 15A.3 is table 3 in the protection and support services attachment). As the data are directly sourced from the 2009 Report, the compendium also notes where the original table, figure or text in the 2009 Report can be found. For example, where the compendium refers to '2009 Report, p. 15.15' this is page 15 of chapter 15 of the 2009 Report, and '2009 Report, table 15A.2' is attachment table 2 of attachment 15A of the 2009 Report.

## **Child protection and out-of-home care services**

Child protection services are provided to protect children and/or young people aged 0–17 years who are at risk of harm within their families, or whose families do not have the capacity to protect them.

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Research suggests that children and families who come into contact with the protection and support services system often share common social and demographic characteristics. Families with low incomes or that are reliant on pensions and benefits, those that experience alcohol and substance abuse, or a psychiatric disability, and those that have a family history of domestic violence are over-represented in the families that came into contact with the protection and support services system (Department of Human Services 2002).

### *Child protection concerns and Indigenous communities*

Studies have highlighted the high incidence of child abuse and neglect within some Indigenous communities, compared with non-Indigenous communities. Indigenous families across Australia have been found to experience high levels of violence, compared with non-Indigenous families (AIHW 2006a). ‘Little Children are Sacred’, the final report of the Northern Territory Board of Inquiry into the Protection of Aboriginal Children from Sexual Abuse (2007), identified child sexual abuse as a significant issue for many of the remote NT Aboriginal communities consulted as part of the Inquiry. The final report of the Western Australian (WA) Inquiry into Response by Government Agencies to Complaints of Family Violence and Child Abuse in Aboriginal Communities (Gordon Report 2002), also found high levels of violence and child abuse within Aboriginal communities in WA.

### *Out-of-home care services*

Out-of-home care services provide care for children and young people aged 0–17 years who are placed away from their parents or family home for reasons of safety or family crisis. These reasons include abuse, neglect or harm, illness of a parent and the inability of parents to provide adequate care. Placements may be voluntary or court ordered.

### *The child protection system*

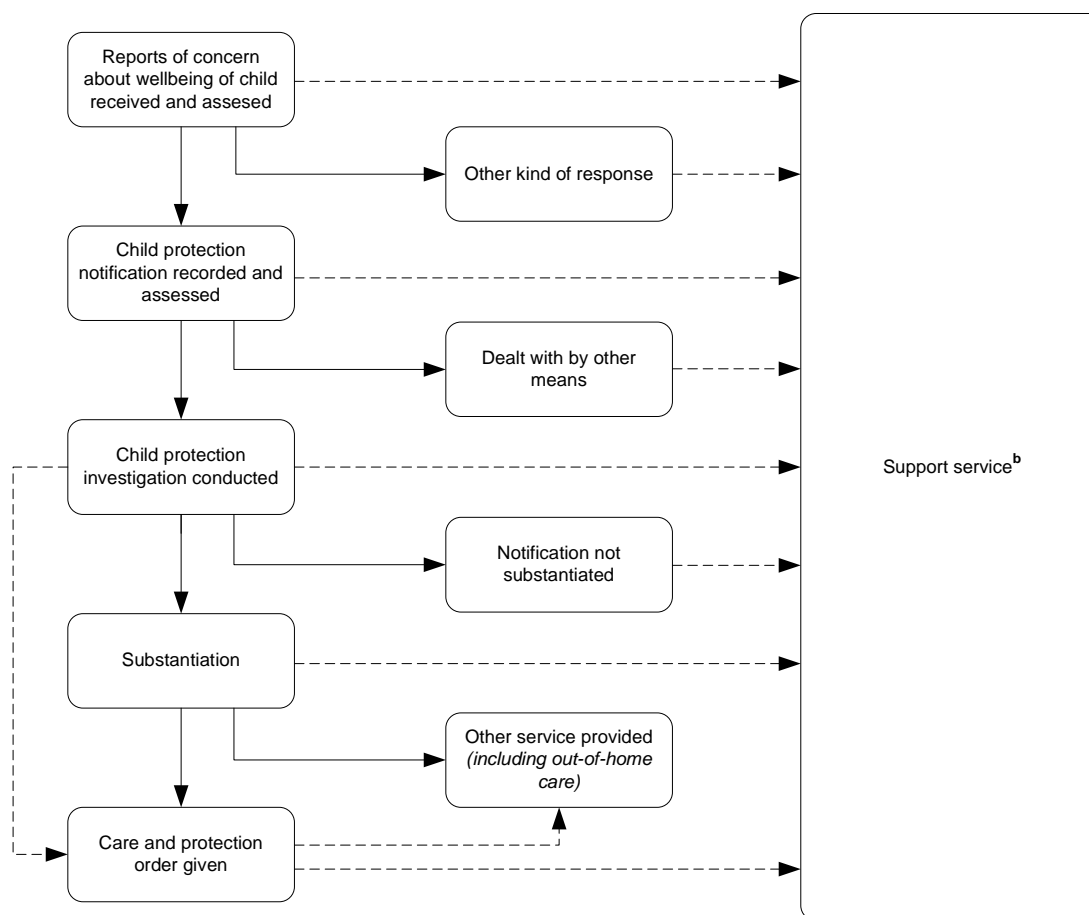
Child protection legislation, policies and practices vary across jurisdictions, but the broad processes employed by child protection systems are similar (figure 15.1).

State and Territory departments with responsibility for child protection are advised of concerns about the wellbeing of children through reports to these departments. Reports may be made by people mandated to report or by other members of the community. Individuals and organisations mandated to report vary across the states and territories, and may include medical practitioners, police services, school teachers and principals. Reports are assessed and classified as child protection

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notifications, child concern reports, or matters requiring some other kind of response. The most common sources of notifications that result in finalised investigations in 2007-08 were school personnel, police, hospitals and other health centres (AIHW 2009).

Figure 15.1 The child protection system<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Dashed lines indicate that clients may or may not receive these services, depending on need. <sup>b</sup> Support services include family support or family preservation services provided by departments responsible for child protection and referrals to other agencies.

Source: 2009 Report, figure 15.1, p. 15.10.

### Notification

Jurisdictions count notifications at different points in the response to a report, ranging from the point of initial contact with the source of the report to the end of a screening and decision making process. This means the number of notifications is not strictly comparable across jurisdictions.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Child protection services, care and protection orders and out-of-home care relate to children aged 0–17 years. However, rates of children subject to notifications, investigations and substantiations, are calculated for children aged 0–16 years, given differences in jurisdictions’ legislation, policies and practices regarding children aged 17 years. Rates of children on care and protection orders and in out-of-home care are calculated for children aged 0–17 years.

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All jurisdictions except Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory screen incoming reports before deciding whether they will be counted as a notification, thus reducing the proportion of reports that become notifications.

In all jurisdictions, notifications are investigated, based on the policies and practices in that jurisdiction. Once it has been decided that an investigation is required, the investigation process is similar across jurisdictions. The department responsible for child protection may obtain further information about the child and his or her family by checking information systems for any previous history, undertaking discussion/case planning with agencies and individuals, interviewing/sighting the child and/or interviewing the caregivers/parents. At a minimum, the child is sighted whenever practicable, and the child's circumstances and needs are assessed. The investigation process determines whether the notification is substantiated or not substantiated (figure 15.1).

The total number of notifications for each jurisdiction for 2007-08 (including cases where a child is the subject of more than one child protection notification) by Indigenous status of the child is reported in table 15A.1.

Data on the number of notifications are collected early in the child protection process and often before the agency has full knowledge of the child's family circumstances. This lack of information and the inherent difficulties in identifying Indigenous status mean that data on the number of notifications by Indigenous status need to be interpreted with care.

### *Substantiation*

The criteria for substantiation vary across jurisdictions. In the past, child protection legislation and policy focused on the identification and investigation of narrowly defined incidents that were broadly grouped as types of abuse or neglect. Across all jurisdictions, the focus is now shifting away from the actions of parents and guardians, toward the desired outcomes for the child, the identification and investigation of actual and/or likely harm to the child, and the child's needs.

If an investigation results in substantiation, intervention by the relevant department may be needed to protect the child. This intervention can take a number of forms, including one or more of: referral to other services; supervision and support; an application to court; and a placement in out-of-home care.

Nationally, 7313 Indigenous and 24 602 non-Indigenous children were the subject of a substantiation in 2007-08. The rate of children who were the subject of a substantiation per 1000 children in the target population aged 0–16 years was 35.3 for Indigenous children and 5.5 for non-Indigenous children (table 15A.4).



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### *Care and protection orders*

Although child protection substantiations are often resolved without the need for a court order (which is usually a last resort), recourse to a court may take place at any point in the child protection investigation process. The types of orders available vary across jurisdictions and may include guardianship or custody orders, supervisory orders, and interim and temporary orders.

Nationally, 9011 Indigenous and 25 268 non-Indigenous children were on care and protection orders at 30 June 2008. The rate of children on care and protection orders per 1000 children in the target population aged 0–17 years was 41.0 for Indigenous children and 5.3 for non-Indigenous children (table 15A.4).

Further information on children on care and protection orders is included in the attachment tables to this Report. Table 15A.2 identifies the number of children admitted to, and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2007-08. Table 15A.3 identifies the number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status at 30 June 2008.

### *Out-of-home care*

Out-of-home care is one of a range of services provided to families and children where there is a need to provide safe care for a child. The services are intended to place a child in out-of-home care only if this will improve the outcome for the child and only when it is not possible to maintain the child within his or her family. If it is necessary to remove the child from his or her home, then placement with the wider family or community is sought where possible, particularly in the case of Indigenous children (AIHW 2006b). Continued emphasis is placed on improving case planning and case management processes to facilitate the safe return home of children in out-of-home care and to maximise case workers' contact time with children and families.

Nationally, 9070 Indigenous children and 22 096 non-Indigenous children were in out-of-home care at 30 June 2008. The rate of children in out-of-home care per 1000 children in the target population aged 0–17 years was 41.3 for Indigenous children and 4.6 for non-Indigenous children (table 15A.5).

Further information on children in out-of-home care is included in the attachment tables to this Report. Table 15A.6 identifies the number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type at 30 June 2008. Table 15A.7 identifies the number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether they were on a care and protection order at 30 June 2008. Table 15A.8 identifies the number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and

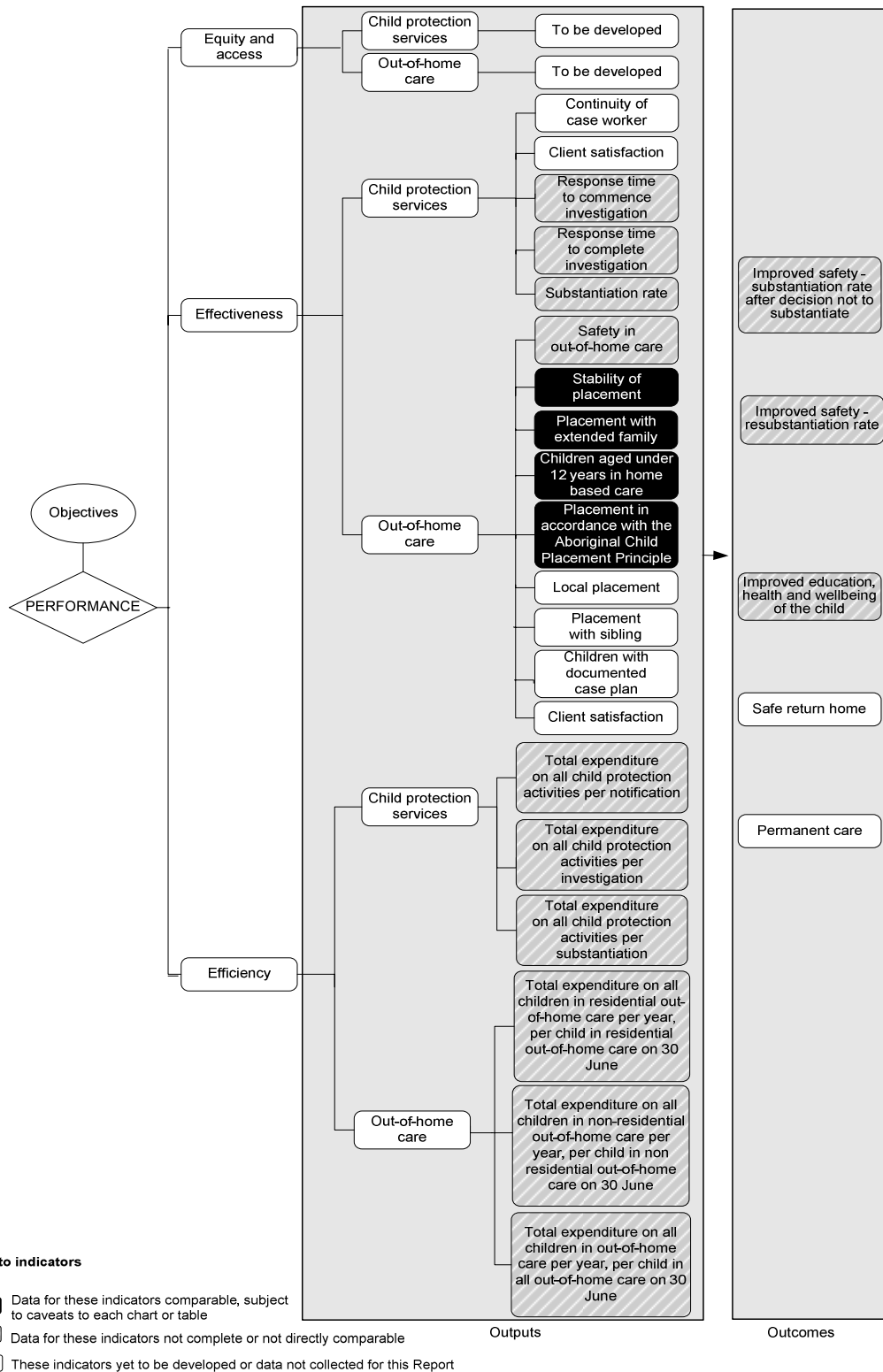
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length of time in continuous out-of-home care as at 30 June 2008. Table 15A.9 identifies the number of children who exited care during 2007-08, by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care.

### **Framework of performance indicators for child protection and out-of-home care services**

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for child protection and out-of-home care services in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 15.2. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

Figure 15.2 Performance indicators for child protection and out-of-home care services



Source: 2009 Report, figure 15.3, p. 15.17.

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## Out-of-home care — placement with extended family

‘Placement with extended family’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide services that meet the needs of the recipients on the basis of relative need and available resources (box 15.1).

### Box 15.1 Placement with extended family

‘Placement with extended family’ is defined as the proportion of all children in out-of-home care who are placed with relatives or kin who receive government financial assistance to care for that child.

A reasonably high rate for this indicator is considered desirable.

‘Placement with extended family’ needs to be considered with other factors in the placement decision.

Placing children with their relatives or kin is generally the preferred out-of-home care placement option. This option is generally associated with better long term outcomes due to increased continuity, familiarity and stability for the child. Relatives are more likely to have or form long term emotional bonds with the child. Placement with familiar people can help to overcome the loss of attachment and belonging that can occur when children are placed in out-of-home care.

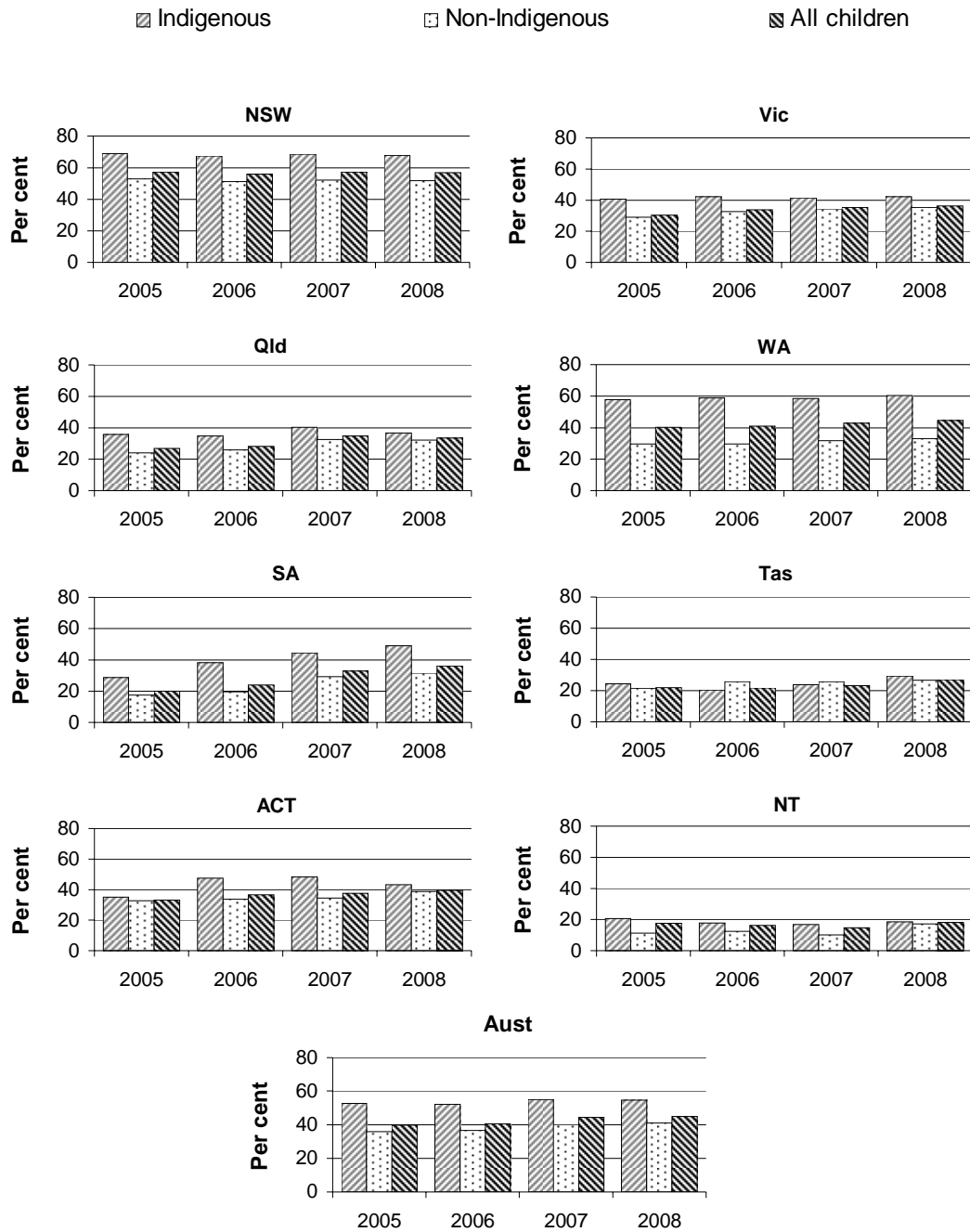
Placements with extended family may not always be the best option. Long standing family dynamics may undermine the pursuit of case goals such as reunification, and the possibility of intergenerational abuse needs to be considered. In addition, depending on the individual circumstances of children, it may be more important to have a local placement that enables continuity at school, for example, rather than a distant placement with relatives.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Figure 15.3 shows the proportion of children placed with relatives or kin by Indigenous status for the past four years. Although these data are comparable, each jurisdiction is shown separately for simpler presentation. The proportion of children placed with relatives or kin at 30 June 2008 was greater for Indigenous children than for non-Indigenous children in all jurisdictions and nationally (figure 15.3).

In addition, the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle places additional emphasis on the placement of Indigenous children with extended family. This principle is discussed in box 15.3.

Figure 15.3 Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, 30 June<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.10; 2009 Report, figure 15.9, p. 15.30.

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## **Out-of-home care — children aged under 12 years in home-based care**

‘Children aged under 12 years in home-based care’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide services which meet the needs of the recipients (box 15.2).

### **Box 15.2 Children aged under 12 years in home-based care**

‘Children aged under 12 years in home-based care’ is defined as the number of children under 12 years of age placed in home-based care divided by the total number of children under 12 years in out-of-home care.

A high rate for this indicator is considered desirable.

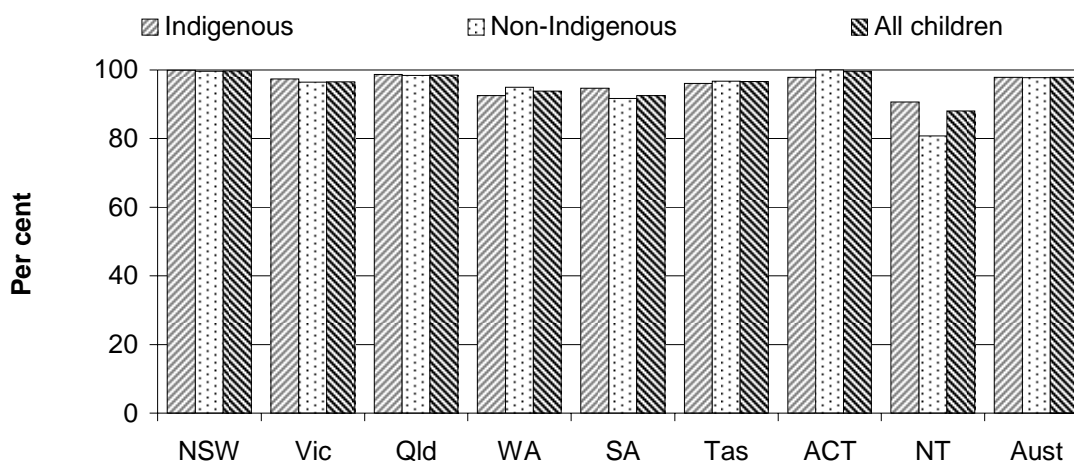
Placing children in home-based care is generally considered to be in their best interests, particularly for younger children. Children will generally make better developmental progress (and have more ready access to normal childhood experiences) in family settings rather than in residential care.

This indicator should be interpreted in conjunction with other placement indicators.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The proportion of all children aged under 12 years in care who were placed in home-based care (excluding family group homes) at 30 June 2008 was 97.8 per cent nationally. In all jurisdictions the proportion of Indigenous children aged under 12 years who were placed in home-based care was similar to that of non-Indigenous children, within seven percentage points (figure 15.4).

Figure 15.4 Proportion of children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, 30 June 2008<sup>a, b</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Family group homes are not classified as being home-based care. <sup>b</sup> Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in out-of-home care, Australia* data collection; table 15A.12; 2009 Report, figure 15.10, p. 15.32.

### Out-of-home care — placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle

‘Placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to protect the safety and welfare of Indigenous children while maintaining the cultural ties and identity of Indigenous children in out-of-home care (box 15.3). Subject to an over-riding concern for the safety and wellbeing of Indigenous children, the principle supports the maintenance of the Indigenous child’s cultural ties and identity while in out-of-home care.

According to the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle (NSW Law Reform Commission 1997), the following hierarchy or placement preference should be pursued in protecting the safety and welfare of Indigenous children:

- placement with the child’s extended family (which includes Indigenous and non-Indigenous relatives/kin)
- placement within the child’s Indigenous community
- placement with other Indigenous people.

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**Box 15.3 Placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle**

'Placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle' is defined as the number of Indigenous children placed with the child's extended family, Indigenous community or other Indigenous people, divided by the total number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care. Data are reported separately for children placed (i) with relative/kin, (ii) with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care, and (iii) not placed with relative/kin, other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care.

Placing Indigenous children in circumstances consistent with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle is considered to be in their best interests. However, it is one factor among many considerations for the child's safety and wellbeing that must be carefully considered in the placement decision. In the application of this principle, consultation with and involvement of appropriate Indigenous individuals or organisations occurs in the placement decision.

If the preferred options are not available, the child may be placed (after appropriate consultation) with a non-Indigenous family or residential setting. The principle does not preclude the possibility that in some instances, placement in a non-Indigenous setting, where arrangements are in place for the child's cultural identity to be preserved, may be the most appropriate placement for the child.

A high proportion of children placed in accordance with the principle is desirable.

This indicator needs to be interpreted with care as the current measure is a proxy measure for compliance with the principle, as it reports the placement outcome of the Indigenous child rather than compliance with the principle. The indicator does not report whether the hierarchy was followed in the consideration of the best placement for the child, nor whether consultation was held with appropriate Indigenous individuals or organisations.

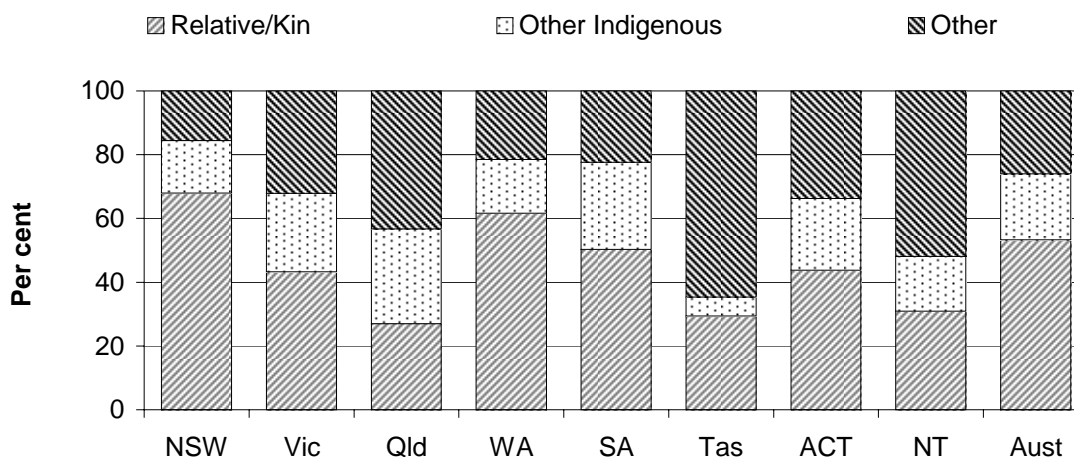
Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, at 30 June 2008, 53.3 per cent of Indigenous children in out-of-home care were placed with a relative/kin, 20.6 per cent placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care, and 26.0 per cent were not placed with relative/kin, or other Indigenous residential care (figure 15.5).

The proportion of Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2008 who were placed with Indigenous or non-Indigenous relatives or kin or with another Indigenous carer or in Indigenous residential care varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.5).



Figure 15.5 **Placement of Indigenous children in out-of-home care, 30 June 2008<sup>a, b</sup>**



Relative/Kin = Placed with relative/kin. Other Indigenous = Placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care. Other = Not placed with relative/kin, other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care. <sup>a</sup> Excludes Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown. <sup>b</sup> Data for Tasmania and the ACT relate to a small number of Indigenous children (102 and 81 respectively) in care at 30 June 2008.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in out-of-home care, Australia* data collection; table 15A.11; 2009 Report, figure 15.11 p. 15.34.

## Profile of juvenile justice services

Juvenile justice services aim to promote community safety and reduce youth offending by assisting young people to address their offending behaviour and take responsibility for the effect their behaviour has on victims and the wider community. In doing this, juvenile justice services recognise the importance of the families and communities of young offenders, particularly Indigenous communities, in the provision of services. Consequently, services are designed to maximise opportunities to maintain offending free lifestyles by rehabilitating young people who commit offences and reintegrating them into their community.

The responsibility for juvenile justice in Australia resides with State and Territory governments. The relevant department within each state and territory in 2007-08 responsible for funding and/or providing juvenile justice services is listed in the 2009 Report, box 15.29. Each jurisdiction has its own legislation that determines the policies and practices of its juvenile justice system. While this legislation varies in detail, its intent is similar across jurisdictions.

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The juvenile justice system in each jurisdiction comprises several organisations, each with a different primary role and responsibility in dealing with young people. These include police, courts and juvenile justice agencies.

Juvenile justice agencies are responsible for the supervision and case management of young people on a range of community-based legal arrangements and in detention, and for the provision of a wide range of services aimed at crime prevention and reduction. Many of the services provided by juvenile justice agencies are aimed at: rehabilitating young people; minimising the level and future involvement of young people in the juvenile justice system; reducing the over representation of Indigenous young people in the justice system; maintaining the young person's connection with family, culture and community; providing young people with an appropriate level of care and safety (duty of care); increasing young people's accountability to victims; improving community safety; and providing pre-sentence reports for young people to the courts as required.

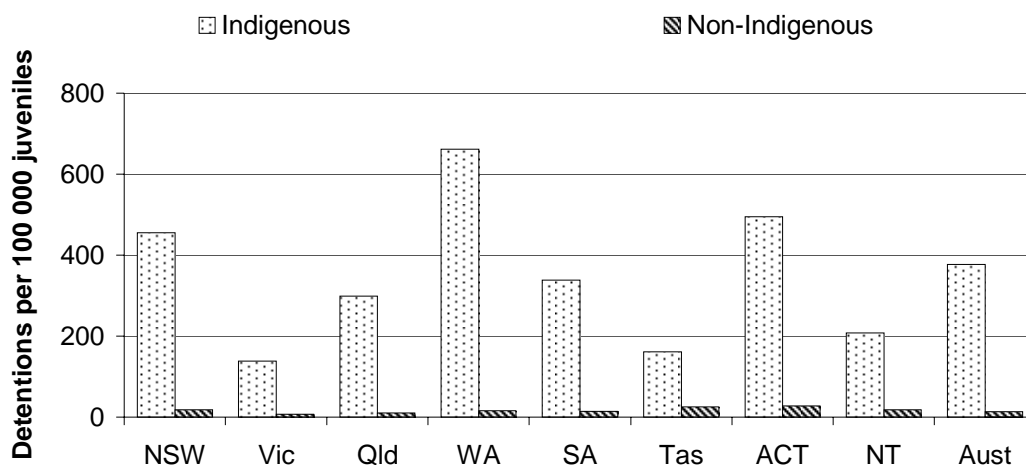
#### *Numbers and rates of Indigenous young people placed in detention*

The daily average number of Indigenous young people aged 10–17 years detained in juvenile detention centres was 400 in 2006-07 (table 15A.113). Nationally, the daily average detention rate for Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in 2006-07 was 376.9 per 100 000 Indigenous people aged 10–17 years. The rate for the non-Indigenous population aged 10–17 years in 2006-07 was 13.7 per 100 000 non-Indigenous people aged 10-17 years (table 15A.114).

Jurisdictional comparisons need to be treated with caution, especially for those states and territories with low Indigenous populations, where small number effects can introduce statistical variations that do not accurately represent trends over time or consistent differences from other jurisdictions. The AIC uses ABS experimental projections for its estimates of the Indigenous population (ABS 2004). These data include a range of estimates (low and high). The AIC data are based on high level estimates, unlike other sections of this Report, which use the low level estimates.

The over-representation of Indigenous young people in detention across jurisdictions in 2006-07 is shown in figure 15.6.

Figure 15.6 **Average rate of detention of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention, per 100 000 people, 2006-07<sup>a, b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Rates of detention for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in NSW in each quarter in 2006-07 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services. <sup>b</sup> The rate for Indigenous young people should be treated with caution due to the small Indigenous population in the ACT. The rate ratio at table 15A.114 should also be taken into account.

Source: AIC (unpublished); table 15A.114; 2009 Report, figure 15.17, p. 15.57.

## Performance indicator framework for juvenile justice services

The framework of performance indicators for juvenile justice is based on a set of shared government objectives (box 15.4). However, juvenile justice services in each state and territory operate under their own legislation. Consequently there are different emphases with respect to aims and objectives.

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**Box 15.4 Objectives for juvenile justice services**

Juvenile justice services aim to contribute to the reduction in frequency or severity of youth offending, recognise the rights of victims and promote community safety. Juvenile justice services seek to achieve these aims by:

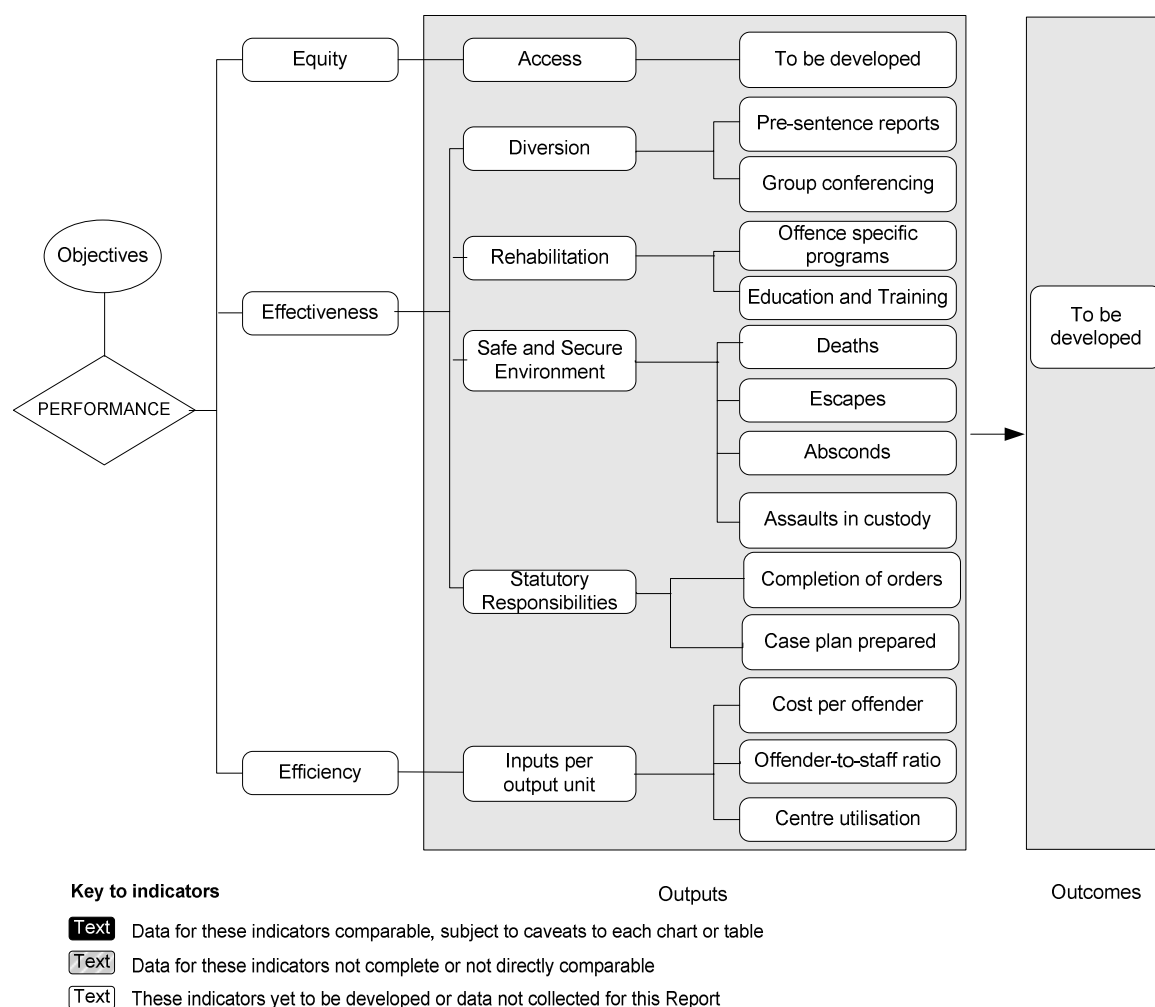
- assisting young people to address their offending behaviour and take responsibility for the effect their behaviour has on victims and the wider community
- enabling the interests and views of victims to be heard
- contributing to the diversion of young offenders to alternative services
- recognising the importance of the families and communities of young offenders, particularly Indigenous communities, in the provision of services and programmes

providing services that are designed to rehabilitate young offenders and reintegrate them into their community.

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for juvenile justice in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 15.7. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

The performance indicator framework for juvenile justice services is included for the first time in the 2009 Report (figure 15.7).

Figure 15.7 Performance indicators for juvenile justice services



Source: 2009 Report, figure 15.18, p. 15.59.

## Supported accommodation and assistance services

Supported accommodation and assistance services aim to assist people who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless as a result of a crisis, including women and children escaping domestic violence.

The Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) was established in 1985 to bring homelessness programs funded by individual State and Territory governments and the Australian Government under one nationally coordinated program. The current program (SAAP V) is governed by the *Supported Accommodation Assistance Act 1994*. This specifies that the overall aim of SAAP is to provide transitional supported accommodation and related support services to assist homeless people achieve the maximum degree of self-reliance and independence (AIHW 2008b).

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## **Performance indicator framework for supported accommodation and assistance services**

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a subset of the performance indicators for SAAP services in the 2009 Report. It is important to interpret these data in the context of the broader performance indicator framework outlined in figure 15.8. The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary.

The framework of performance indicators for supported accommodation and assistance services is based on the shared government objectives for SAAP services (box 15.5).

### **Box 15.5 Objectives for SAAP services**

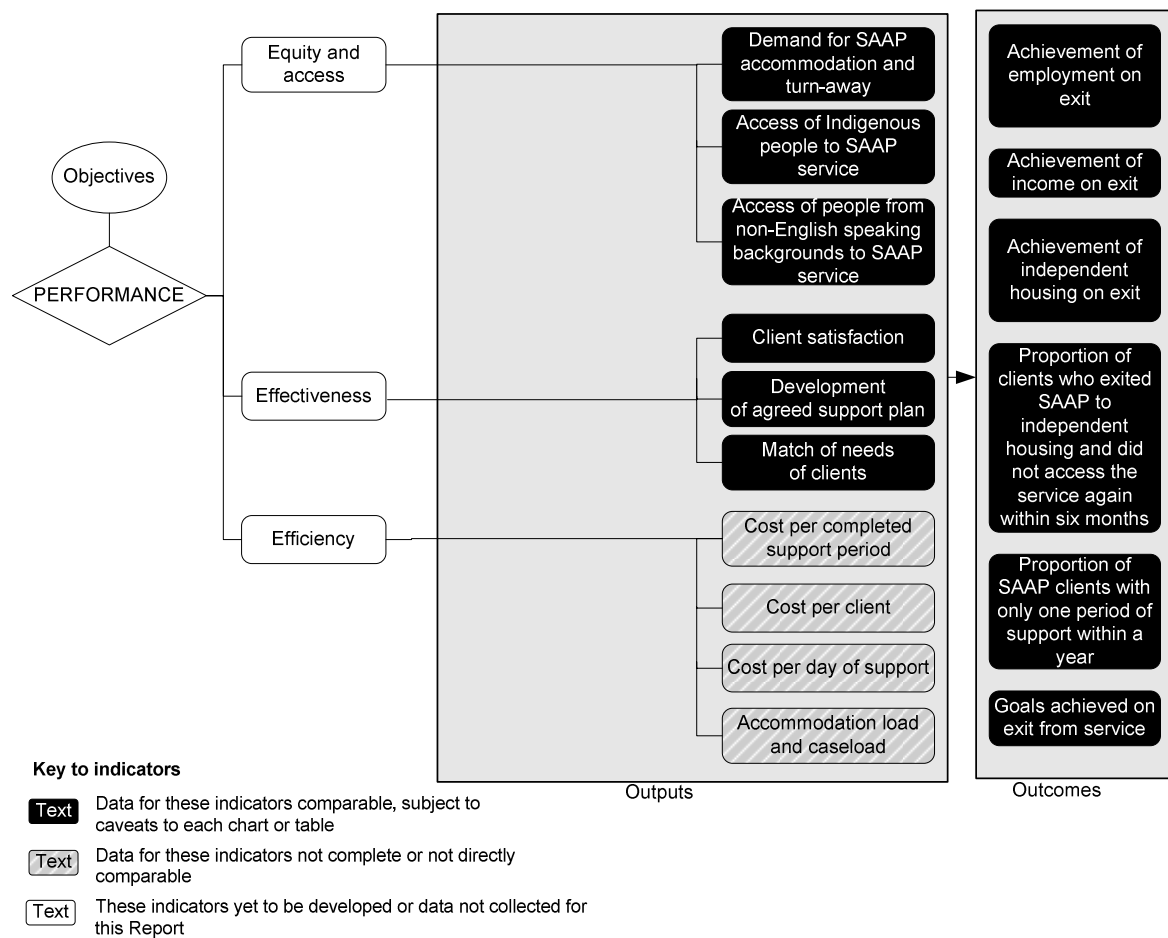
The overall aim of SAAP is to provide transitional supported accommodation and a range of related support services, to help people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness to achieve the maximum possible degree of self-reliance and independence. Within this aim, the goals are to:

- resolve crises
- re-establish family links where appropriate
- re-establish the capacity of clients to live independently of SAAP.

SAAP services should be provided in an equitable and efficient manner.

The performance indicator framework provides information on equity, efficiency and effectiveness, and distinguishes the outputs and outcomes of SAAP services (figure 15.8).

Figure 15.8 Performance indicators for SAAP services



Source: 2009 Report, figure 15.21, p. 15.72.

The SAAP data collection measures the number of clients and the number and types of services provided to clients, but is subject to some limitations (box 15.6).

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**Box 15.6 Information to be considered when analysing SAAP data**

The following information needs to be considered when analysing SAAP data.

- Informed consent is an essential component of the integrity of the data. The principle of client/consumer rights (which underpins informed consent) recognises that clients do not receive services under a mandatory order. They have the right to accept or reject the services offered and they have the right to provide or not provide information while receiving SAAP services.
- Clients consented to provide personal details for the SAAP client collection for 81.1 per cent of support periods in 2006-07. A weighting system has been developed to adjust for agency non-participation (87.2 per cent of agencies participated in the client collection) and non-consent (AIHW 2008b).
- Agency participation is essential to ensure accurate reflection of the work done under the SAAP program. While the majority of jurisdictions had participation rates of 90 per cent or more in 2006-07, the ACT and Victoria had participation rates of 76 per cent and 78 per cent respectively. These lower participation rates were the result of restructuring and consolidation of services in the ACT and creation of new agencies in Victoria. A number of services affected by these changes did not submit data. Weighting for participation assumes that agencies operated a full year. Partial year participation will result in a variation in the number of support periods and clients. This assumption has a more significant impact on smaller jurisdictions.

## **Access of Indigenous people to SAAP service**

‘Access of Indigenous people to SAAP service’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to ensure all Australians have equitable access to SAAP services on the basis of relative need (box 15.7).



### Box 15.7 Access of Indigenous people to SAAP service

'Access of Indigenous people to SAAP service' is defined as the comparison between the representation of Indigenous people among all people whose valid requests for SAAP accommodation were unmet and their representation among SAAP clients who were accommodated during the year.

A high and equivalent proportion of valid requests receiving assistance is desirable.

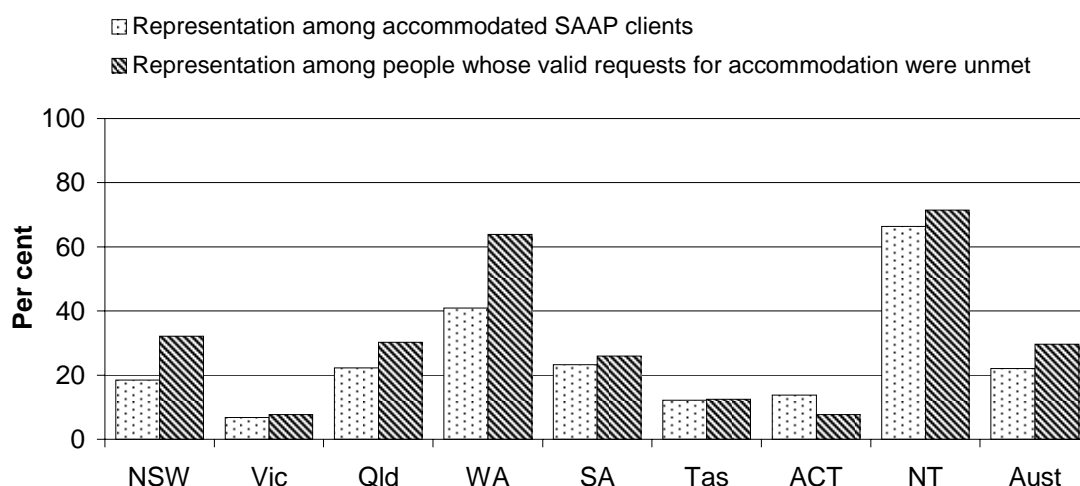
The indicator measures the extent to which the demand for assistance from Indigenous people is met or unmet. Unmet demand occurs when a homeless person expressly asking for supported accommodation, or support, cannot be provided with that assistance (although one-off assistance may be provided).

Supported accommodation and assistance services target homeless people in general, but access by special needs groups (such as Indigenous people) is particularly important.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, Indigenous people made up 29.7 per cent of all people whose valid requests for accommodation did not result in accommodation assistance in 2006-07 — a proportion greater than Indigenous clients among all accommodated SAAP clients (22.1 per cent). This result varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.9).

Figure 15.9 Proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet, 2006-07<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> See notes to table 15A.116 for details of data definitions.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Demand for Accommodation Collections (unpublished); AIHW (2008) Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2006-07: A report from the SAAP national data collection. SAAP NDCA report series 12. Cat. No. HOU 186; table 15A.116; 2009 Report, figure 15.24, p. 15.77.

## Development of agreed support plan

'Development of agreed support plan' is an indicator of governments' objective to provide high quality services that are appropriately targeted to meet the needs of SAAP clients (box 15.8).

### Box 15.8 Development of agreed support plan

'Development of agreed support plan' is defined as the number of closed support periods with an agreed support plan divided by the total number of closed support periods. Data are reported for all SAAP clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

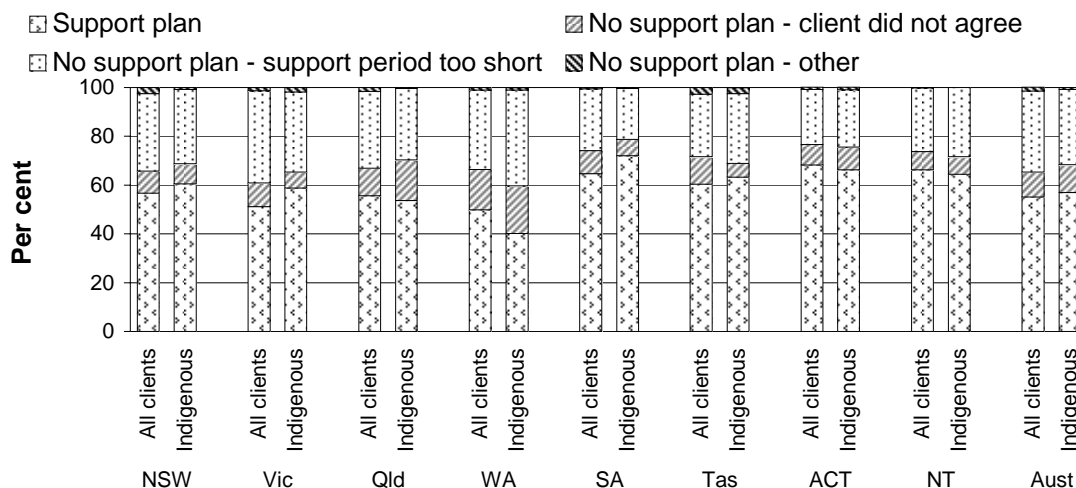
A higher proportion of support periods with agreed support plans is desirable.

However, in some instances, a support plan may be judged to be inappropriate (such as when a support period is short term).

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, there was an agreed support plan for 55.1 per cent of closed support periods for all clients in 2006-07 (compared to 57.0 per cent for Indigenous clients). These proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.10).

Figure 15.10 Support periods, by the existence of a support plan, 2006-07<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> See notes to table 15A.117 and 2009 Report, table 15A.185 for more details of data definitions.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); table 15A.117 and 2009 Report, table 15A.185; 2009 Report, figure 15.26, p. 15.80.

## Match of needs of clients

'Match of needs of clients' is an indicator of governments' objective to ensure that SAAP services meet their client's individual needs (box 15.9).

### Box 15.9 Match of needs of clients

'Match of needs of clients' is defined as the number of distinct services required by the clients that are provided as well as those referred to another agency, divided by the total number of distinct services required by SAAP clients.

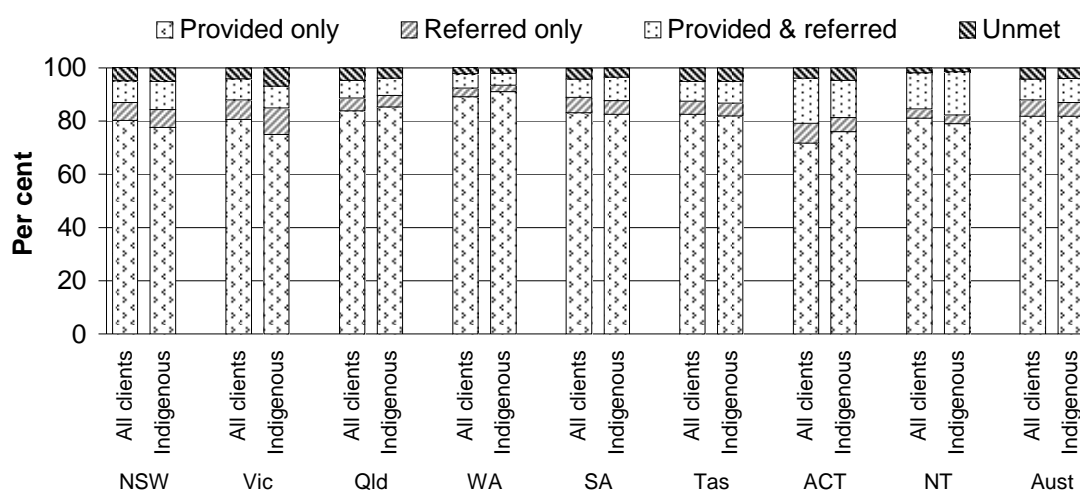
A higher proportion of clients who received services they needed, or who were referred to another agency, is desirable.

The range of services needed is broad (ranging from meals to laundry facilities to long term accommodation), so the effect of not providing these services varies. Data are reported for all SAAP clients, and separately for Indigenous people and people from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The proportions for Indigenous clients (96.0 per cent) who received services in 2006-07 were similar to that for all clients. These proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.11).

Figure 15.11 Indigenous clients, by met and unmet support needs, 2006-07



Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); table 15A.118 and 2009 Report, table 15A.188; 2009 Report, figure 15.28, p. 15.82.

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## Outcomes

In its report *Measuring the Impact of SAAP-funded Homelessness Services on Client Self-reliance* (FaHCSIA 2008) the Social Policy Research Centre (SPRC) found that, on a ten-point scale representing the concept of ‘getting back on my feet’, two-thirds of respondents perceived they were at point eight or beyond. Only five per cent of respondents perceived they had made no progress at all. The factor that most influenced how respondents perceived their self-reliance was the length of time they had been accessing the service. There were no significant differences in outcomes at the average level between Indigenous and non-Indigenous clients, or between clients from culturally or linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD) and non-CALD clients. The report showed that SAAP clients perceive SAAP to be effective in helping them move towards self-reliance. However, the report also found that many of the problems and barriers that led clients into homelessness are not quickly and easily fixed and instead may take considerable time, effort and resources to overcome.

### Achievement of employment on exit

‘Achievement of employment on exit’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to enable clients to participate as productive and self-reliant members of society at the end of their support period (box 15.10).

#### Box 15.10 Achievement of employment on exit

‘Achievement of employment on exit’ is defined as the number of closed support periods for SAAP clients who sought assistance to obtain or maintain employment and training, and achieved employment after SAAP support, divided by the total number of closed support periods for clients who sought assistance to obtain or maintain employment. Support periods reported relate to these clients only.

Higher proportions of achievement of employment are desirable.

This indicator compares these clients’ employment status before and after they requested SAAP support. Data are reported for all SAAP clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

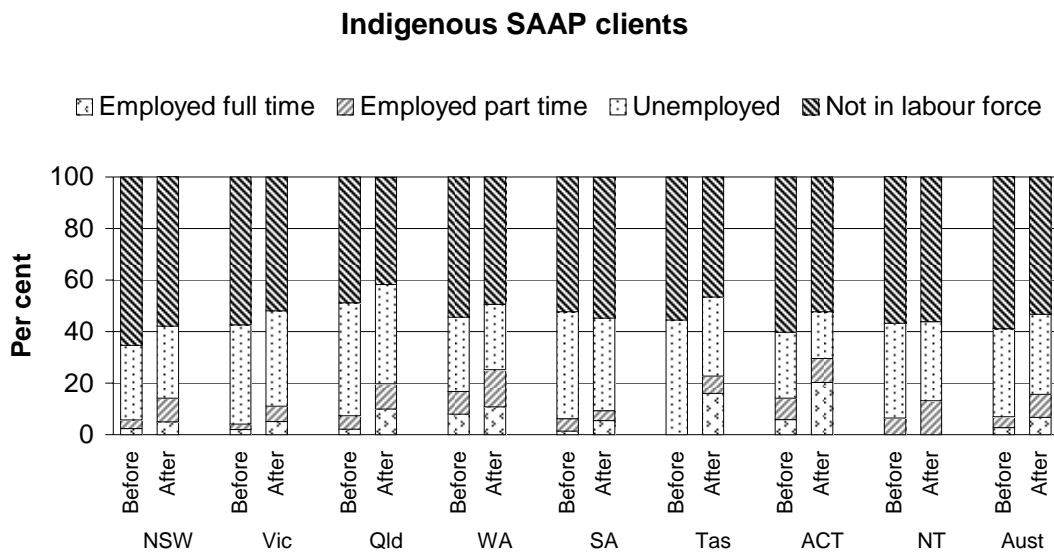
This indicator relates to relatively short term outcomes — that is, outcomes for clients immediately after their support period. Longer term outcomes are important, but more difficult to measure.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, of those Indigenous clients who sought assistance to obtain or maintain employment and training when entering SAAP in 2006-07, the proportion of clients

who were employed either full time or part time increased from 7.0 per cent before support to 15.7 per cent after support (6.7 per cent full time and 9.0 per cent part time). The proportion of clients who were unemployed decreased from 34.1 per cent before support to 31.0 per cent after support. The proportion of clients who were not in the labour force decreased from 59.0 per cent before support to 53.3 per cent after support. These proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.12 and table 15A.119).

**Figure 15.12 Changes in labour force status of clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain employment and training before/after SAAP support, 2006-07<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Data are for people who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining employment when entering SAAP services.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished); table 15A.120; 2009 Report, figure 15.34(b), p. 15.89.

### Achievement of income on exit

‘Achievement of income on exit’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to enable clients to participate independently in society at the end of their support period (box 15.11).

**Box 15.11 Achievement of income on exit**

'Achievement of income on exit' is defined as the number of closed support periods for SAAP clients who requested assistance to obtain or maintain a pension or benefit and exited SAAP with an income source, divided by the total number of closed support periods for clients who sought assistance to obtain or maintain a pension or benefit. Data are reported for all SAAP clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

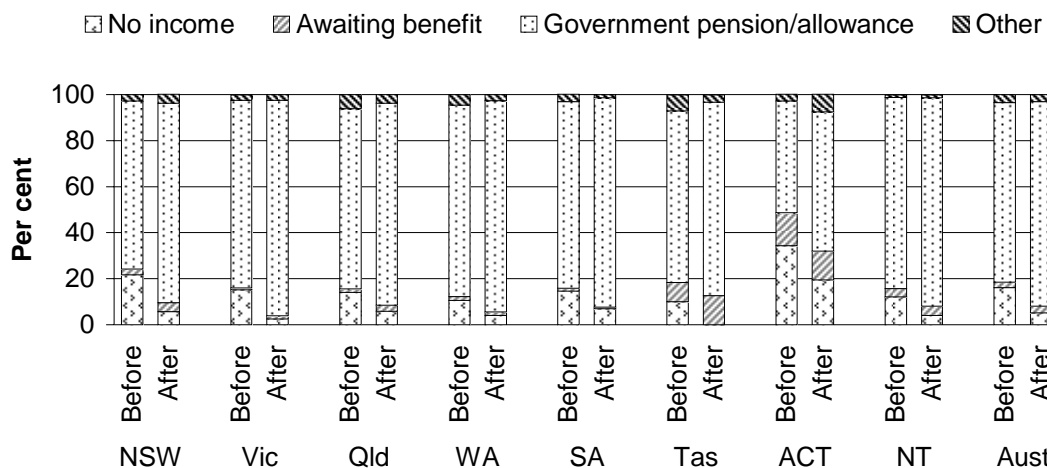
A high proportion of clients who requested income assistance and exited SAAP with an income source is desirable.

This indicator compares these clients' income status before and after they received SAAP support. A client's independence and self-reliance is enhanced when the client experiences a positive change in income source (for example, from having no income support to obtaining some income, including wages and/or benefits) on exit from SAAP services.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, in 2006-07 the proportion of Indigenous clients who did not have income and requested income assistance also decreased after SAAP assistance (from 16.2 per cent to 5.1 per cent nationally) (figure 15.13). Both before and after SAAP assistance, the income source for the majority of SAAP clients was a government pension/allowance (figure 15.13).

**Figure 15.13 Source of income immediately before/after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit, 2006-07**



Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); table 15A.122; 2009 Report, figure 15.36, p. 15.91.

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## Achievement of independent housing on exit

‘Achievement of independent housing on exit’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to enable clients to participate as productive and self-reliant members of society at the end of their support period (box 15.12).

### Box 15.12 Achievement of independent housing on exit

‘Achievement of independent housing on exit’ is defined as the number of support periods of clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent housing achieving independent housing at the end of a support period, divided by the total number of completed support periods of clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent housing.

Higher proportions of clients who are in independent housing are desirable.

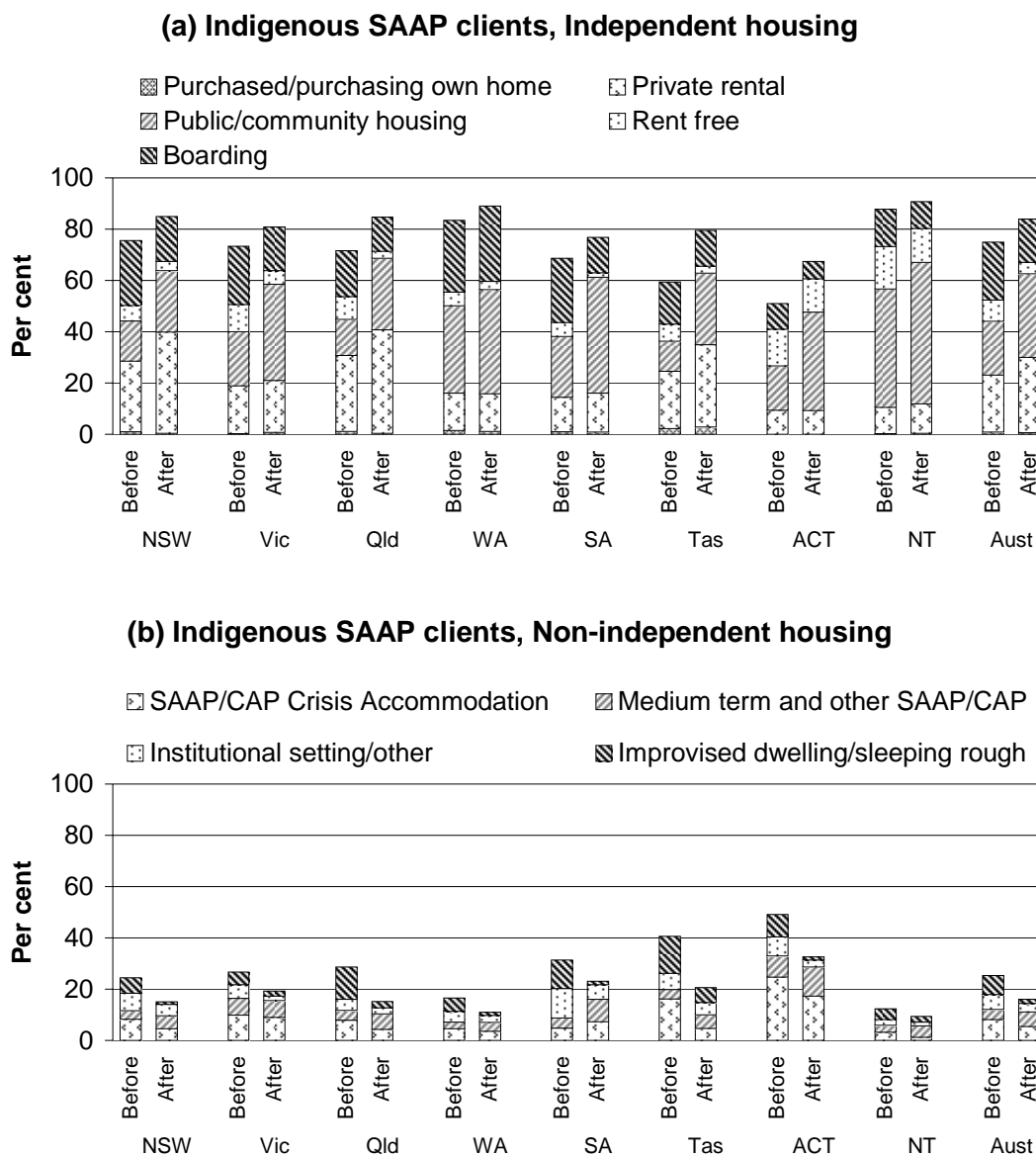
This indicator compares the proportion of clients who were in independent housing before and after they received SAAP support. It relates to relatively short term outcomes — that is, outcomes for clients immediately after their support period. Longer term outcomes are important, but more difficult to measure. Data are reported for all SAAP clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, 83.9 per cent of indigenous clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining independent housing achieved independent housing at the end of a support period in 2006-07, including those who moved or returned to private rental housing (29.4 per cent), to public rental housing (25.5 per cent), and who were boarding (16.9 per cent) (figure 15.14(a)).

Clients who did not achieve independent housing at the end of a support period in 2006-07 included those who moved to, or continued to live in, short to medium term SAAP accommodation and other forms of non-independent accommodation (figure 15.14(b)).

**Figure 15.14 Accommodation type before and after SAAP support, for clients who requested assistance with obtaining or maintaining housing, 2006-07**



Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished); table 15A.119; 2009 Report, figure 15.37 (c) and 15.37 (d), p. 15.94.

### Proportion of SAAP clients with only one period of support within a year

‘Proportion of SAAP clients with only one period of support within a year’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to enable clients to participate independently in society at the end of their support period (box 15.13).



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**Box 15.13 Proportion of SAAP clients with only one period of support within a year**

‘Proportion of SAAP clients with only one period of support within a year’ is defined as the number of clients with only one support period during the year, divided by the total number of SAAP clients. Data are reported for all SAAP clients, and separately for Indigenous clients.

A higher proportion of clients with only one support period during the year is desirable.

It may be appropriate for some clients to receive more than one support period in a given period of time (for example, moving from crisis accommodation to medium term accommodation). One group that makes multiple use of SAAP is single adults, especially older single men. A number of SAAP clients who need long term assistance may access SAAP services a number of times before their needs are met on a permanent basis. Ongoing contact with SAAP agencies may also lead to an improvement in living skills and self-reliance.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, 72.8 per cent of SAAP clients had only one support period in 2006-07. The proportion for Indigenous clients was similar (72.1 per cent) (table 15A.121).

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## Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within this chapter are contained in the attachment to the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 15A.3 is table 3 in the protection and support attachment). The tables included in the attachment are listed below.

### All jurisdiction data

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| <b>Table 15A.2</b>  | Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2007-08 (number)  |
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| <b>Table 15A.9</b>  | Children who exited care during the year 2007-08 by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care (number)   |
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## 16 Housing

Governments play a significant role in the Australian housing market, directly through housing assistance and indirectly through policies associated with land planning and taxation. The Australian, State and Territory governments share responsibility for housing assistance. Direct assistance includes public and community housing, home purchase and home ownership assistance, Indigenous housing, State and Territory private rental assistance (such as State and Territory provided bond loans, guarantees and assistance with rent payments and advance rent payments, relocation expenses and other one-off grants) and Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA).

This chapter focuses on the performance of governments in providing public, State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) and community housing under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) (box 16.1), Indigenous community housing and CRA. Close links exist between the housing services covered in this chapter and other government programs and support services discussed elsewhere in the Report, such as:

- the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP), which provides accommodation and other services for homeless people or those at imminent risk of becoming homeless (chapter 15)
- services delivered by the Australian, State and Territory governments and community organisations to promote independent living, including services for people with a disability (chapter 14), mental health services (chapter 12) and aged care services, such as the Home and Community Care program (chapter 13).

### Box 16.1 Commonwealth State Housing Agreement

The CSHA is an agreement made between the Australian, State and Territory governments under the *Housing Assistance Act 1996* (Cwlth) to provide strategic direction and funding certainty for the provision of housing assistance. The aim of this agreement is to provide appropriate, affordable and secure housing assistance for those who most need it, for the duration of their need.

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**Box 16.1 (Continued)**

The 2003 CSHA came into effect on 1 July 2003 and was to run until 30 June 2008 (extended pending negotiation of the new agreement), and includes bilateral agreements between the Australian Government and each State and Territory government and an overarching multilateral agreement. There are generally separate bilateral agreements for mainstream and Indigenous housing in each jurisdiction. Bilateral agreements are intended to provide greater flexibility for states and territories to respond to their particular housing needs.

A national ten year strategy to improve Indigenous housing, *Building a Better Future*, was agreed in 2001 by Australian, State and Territory Housing Ministers. State Indigenous Bilateral Agreements are the primary vehicle for implementing the national *Building a Better Future* strategy. The desired strategy outcomes are better housing and housing services, more housing, improved partnerships, greater effectiveness and efficiency, and improved performance linked to accountability and coordination of services.

**Funding arrangements**

The majority of funding under the 2003 CSHA is provided by the Australian Government, taking the form of general assistance funding (public housing, home purchase assistance and private rental assistance) and specified funding for identified programs: the Aboriginal Rental Housing Program (ARHP), the Crisis Accommodation Program (CAP) and the Community Housing Program. The majority of CSHA funding is distributed to State and Territory governments on a modified per person basis, with the State and Territory governments contributing additional funding from their own resources to 'match' (in part) Australian Government funding allocations.

**Roles and responsibilities**

Under the CSHA, the Australian Government has responsibility for:

- ensuring the outcomes pursued through the agreement are consistent with broader national objectives, particularly in relation to support for individuals and communities
- advising State and Territory governments of Australian Government objectives to be achieved under the agreement
- reporting to the Australian Parliament on performance against agreed outcomes and targets of housing assistance provided under the agreement.

State and Territory governments have responsibility for:

- developing housing assistance strategies that are consistent with Australian, State and Territory government objectives and that best meet the circumstances of the State or Territory
- developing, implementing and managing services and programs to deliver agreed outcomes
- reporting on a basis that enables performance assessment by the Australian, State or Territory governments, based on agreed performance indicators.

Source: CSHA (2003).

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This chapter does not cover some Indigenous housing and infrastructure assistance provided by Australian, State and Territory governments, land councils and Indigenous community organisations.

### **Indigenous data in the housing chapter**

The housing chapter in the 2009 Report contains the following data items on Indigenous people:

- descriptive data for the State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH), 2007-08
- new low income and special needs households, as a proportion of all new SOMIH tenants, 2003-04 to 2007-08
- greatest need allocations as a proportion of all new SOMIH allocations and proportions of greatest need households waiting for less than three months to more than two years, 2007-08
- net recurrent cost per dwelling for SOMIH, 2003-04 to 2007-08
- occupancy rates for SOMIH, 30 June 2004 to 30 June 2008
- average turnaround time for SOMIH, 2006-07 to 2007-08
- rent collected as a proportion of the total rent charged for SOMIH, 2003-04 to 2007-08
- proportion of tenants rating their current home as meeting their location and amenity needs for SOMIH, 2008
- proportion of customers satisfied or very satisfied with SOMIH (per cent), 2008
- SOMIH subsidy per tenant and proportion of SOMIH households spending less than 30 per cent of their income in rent, 2008
- proportion of SOMIH households with overcrowding at 30 June 2008
- Indigenous community housing — proportion not connected to water, sewerage and electricity, at 30 June 2007
- Indigenous community housing — dwelling condition, 2006
- Indigenous community housing — net recurrent cost per unit, 2006-07
- Indigenous community housing — occupancy rates, at 30 June 2007 (per cent)
- Indigenous community housing — rent collection rate (per cent), 2006-07
- Indigenous community housing — proportion of households paying 25 per cent or more of their income on rent, 2006

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- Indigenous community housing — proportion of households with overcrowding, at 30 June 2007
  - income units receiving CRA, by income unit type, 2008
  - income units receiving CRA, by geographic location, 2008
  - proportion of income units receiving CRA paying more than 30 per cent and 50 per cent of income on rent, with and without CRA, 2008
  - rebated SOMIH households paying assessable income on rent, by proportion of income, 2008
  - proportion of households in State owned and managed Indigenous housing with moderate overcrowding or underutilisation, 2008
  - SOMIH non-rebated and multiple family households excluded, 2008.

### *Attachment tables*

Attachment tables for data within the housing chapter of this compendium are contained in attachment 16A of the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 16A.3 is table 3 in the housing attachment). As the data are directly sourced from the 2009 Report, the compendium also notes where the original table, figure or text in the 2009 Report can be found. For example, where the compendium refers to '2009 Report, p. 16.15' this is page 15 of chapter 16 of the 2009 Report, and '2009 Report, table 16A.2' is attachment table 2 of attachment 16A of the 2009 Report.

## **Profile of housing and housing assistance**

### *Service overview*

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2006 Census of Population and Housing (ABS 2007) identified just under 7.1 million households in Australia, where 'household' is classified as 'a person living alone' or as 'a group of related or unrelated people who usually reside and eat together'. Of these households, 68.1 per cent owned or were purchasing their own home, 19.0 per cent rented in the private sector, 3.6 per cent were in public rental accommodation, 0.7 per cent lived in community housing,<sup>1</sup> 2.6 per cent resided in other tenure types and 6.0 per cent

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<sup>1</sup> This estimate is based on data received from jurisdictions regarding the number of community housing dwellings in each jurisdiction, combined with data from the ABS 2006 Census on the total number of dwellings in each jurisdiction.

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did not state their tenure type (2009 Report, table 16A.72). For a number of reasons, including non-response and misunderstanding, Census data are likely to underestimate the number of tenants in public housing.<sup>2</sup>

The composition of Australian households is changing. There is an increasing number of smaller households, including a rising number of single person households. The average Australian household size fell from 3.3 people to 2.8 people between 1971 and 2006, while the proportion of single person households increased from 18.1 per cent to 24.4 per cent over this period (ABS 2007).

The average Indigenous household is larger than the average non-Indigenous household. In 2006, the average non-Indigenous Australian household size was 2.6 people, whereas the average household with at least one Indigenous person was 3.4 people (ABS 2007).

### *Roles and responsibilities*

Each level of government has different roles and responsibilities in housing and housing assistance:

- The Australian Government provides CRA and shares responsibility with State and Territory governments for housing assistance provided under the CSHA (box 16.1). It also provides funding for the Community Housing and Infrastructure Program (CHIP). The Australian Government also influences the housing market through other direct and indirect means, including taxation and home purchase assistance.
- State and Territory governments provide housing assistance, such as homeless assistance, public housing, community housing, SOMIH, private rental assistance and home purchase assistance. Some jurisdictions also contribute to the delivery of housing assistance through mechanisms such as home lending programs and joint ventures with the private sector. State and Territory governments are also responsible for land taxes, stamp duties and residential tenancy legislation.
- In the States, local governments implement planning regulations and are sometimes involved in providing community housing.

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<sup>2</sup> Public housing tenants appear to be undercounted in the 2006 Census (and in previous censuses).

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## Funding

The Australian, State and Territory governments provided \$1.3 billion for housing programs under the CSHA in 2007-08 (figure 16.1). Of this, the Australian Government provided \$970.6 million or 72.2 per cent, and State and Territory governments were collectively required to provide minimum matching funds of \$374.6 million or 27.8 per cent (FaHCSIA 2008). In addition, most jurisdictions provided additional funding above the minimum matching requirements. Public and community housing accounted for the majority of CSHA funding in 2007-08. Real expenditure on CSHA assistance declined by 24.1 per cent between 1998-99 and 2007-08.

Some of the funding for Indigenous community housing (ICH) comes through the CSHA and some comes through the CHIP. Indigenous community housing is also funded by the Australian, State and Territory governments.

CSHA funding data for 2006-07 and 2007-08 financial years are presented in table 16.1.

Table 16.1 **CSHA funding, 2006-07 and 2007-08 (\$ million)<sup>a</sup>**

| <b>Funding arrangements</b>                      | <b>2006-07</b> | <b>2007-08</b> |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Base funding grants                              | 752.5          | 765.2          |
| Aboriginal Rental Housing Program                | 94.4           | 96.0           |
| Crisis Accommodation Program                     | 41.2           | 41.8           |
| Community Housing Program                        | 66.4           | 67.5           |
| State matching grants — minimum funding required | 368.4          | 374.6          |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>1 323.0</b> | <b>1 345.2</b> |

<sup>a</sup> Includes Public Housing, Home Purchase Assistance and Private Rental Assistance Programs. <sup>b</sup> Expressed in nominal dollars (that is not adjusted for inflation). <sup>c</sup> Due to rounding, the total may not equal the sum of the individual program funding allocations.

Source: FaHCSIA (2008) *Housing Assistance Act 1996 Annual Report 2007-08*, Australian Government, Canberra; FaHCSIA (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 16.2, p. 16.8.

## Size and scope

Housing assistance is provided in various forms, and models for delivering assistance can vary within and across jurisdictions. The main forms of assistance are outlined in box 16.2. This chapter focuses on five forms of assistance: public housing, SOMIH, community housing, ICH and CRA.

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## Box 16.2 Forms of housing assistance

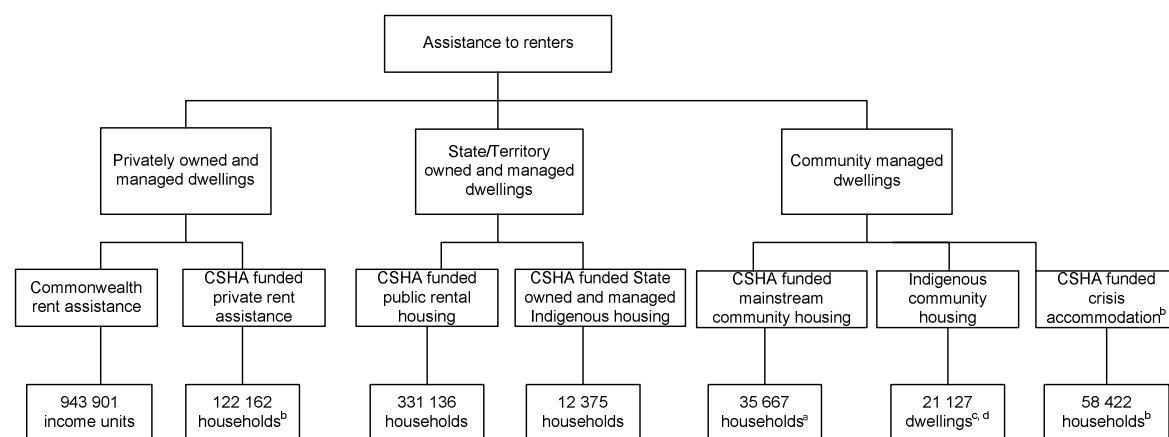
There are several significant forms of housing assistance.

- *Public housing*: dwellings owned (or leased) and managed by State and Territory housing authorities to provide affordable rental accommodation. The CSHA is the main source of funding for public housing along with internally generated rental revenues and the proceeds of asset sales.
- *Community housing*: rental housing provided for low to moderate income or special needs households, managed by community-based organisations that have received capital or recurrent subsidy from government. Community housing models vary across jurisdictions, and the housing stock may be owned by a variety of groups including government.
- *State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH)*: State owned houses targeted at Indigenous households.
- *Indigenous community housing (ICH)*: houses owned or leased and managed by ICH organisations and community councils in major cities, regional and remote areas.
- *Crisis accommodation*: accommodation services to help people who are homeless or in crisis. Services are generally provided by non-government organisations and many are linked to support services funded through SAAP. Sources of government funding include CAP through the CSHA, which provides funding for accommodation, and SAAP funding for live-in staff, counselling and other support services.
- *Home purchase assistance*: assistance provided by State and Territory governments to low income households to help with home purchases or mortgage repayments; for example, the grant provided under the First Home Owner's Scheme, a Commonwealth initiative administered by State and Territory governments.
- *Private rental assistance*: assistance funded by State and Territory governments to low income households experiencing difficulty in securing or maintaining private rental accommodation. This assistance may include ongoing or one-off payments to help households meet rent payments, one-off payments for relocation costs, guarantees or loans to cover the cost of bonds and housing assistance advice and information services. Assistance may be provided by community-based organisations funded by government.
- The chapter also reports on CRA, which is a non-taxable income support supplement paid by the Australian Government to income support recipients or people who receive more than the base rate of the Family Tax Benefit Part A and who rent in the private rental market.

Source: CSHA (2003); FaCS (2003).

Figure 16.1 illustrates the range of government assistance to renters.

Figure 16.1 Assistance across the rental sector, 2008<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Additional dwellings are funded under programs other than CSHA. Data about these dwellings are not available. <sup>b</sup> For year ending 30 June 2007. <sup>c</sup> At 30 June 2007. <sup>d</sup> Includes permanent dwellings managed by funded/actively registered and unfunded ICH organisations. Of these dwellings 18 897 were managed by organisations administered by the State Governments and 2230 managed by organisations administered by the Australian Government.

Source: 2009 Report, figure 16.2, p. 16.10.

### Indigenous housing

There are a number of different government programs that provide housing assistance to Indigenous people — both Indigenous-specific programs and mainstream programs. The two main Indigenous-specific forms of social housing are SOMIH — managed by State governments with funding provided by the CSHA and Indigenous community housing (ICH) — managed by Indigenous community housing organisations (ICHOs) with funding provided by the State, Territory and Australian governments.

In addition to these Indigenous-specific programs, Indigenous people are also eligible for assistance through mainstream housing programs such as public housing, community housing and CRA.

### State owned and managed Indigenous housing

State owned and managed Indigenous housing dwellings are defined as those rental housing dwellings owned and managed by government and allocated only to Indigenous Australians (AIHW 2006). They include dwellings managed by government Indigenous housing agencies for allocation to Indigenous tenants. There were 12 778 dwellings identified in the 2007-08 SOMIH collection (table 16A.2).



In Victoria, Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) — a non-government community housing organisation — assists the government in the administration of SOMIH. Under the transition to independence strategy for AHV, tenancy management for some SOMIH properties was transferred to AHV in 2007-08. This has reduced the number of properties reported in Victoria as SOMIH by 348, and will lead to a corresponding increase in the number of properties reported as state managed ICH for 2007-08. It should be noted that while SOMIH stock is reported for the year 2007-08, ICH is reported for the year 2006-07. Accordingly, data relating to 348 formerly SOMIH properties, now managed by AHV, will not appear in this Report. The ACT and the NT are not included in the SOMIH data collection. The ACT does not receive funding for, or administer, any Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing programs. In the NT, ARHP funding is directed to ICH. In NSW, a separate statutory organisation — the Aboriginal Housing Office — is responsible for planning, administering and expanding policies, programs and the asset base for Aboriginal housing in that State. Funding for the office comes from the CSHA and the State Government (in addition to its CSHA commitments).

Details of multiple family composition, non-rebated and other public households excluded from SOMIH data in this chapter are presented in table 16A.31.

The proportions of SOMIH located by ASGC remoteness areas are shown in table 16.3.

**Table 16.3 SOMIH — regional and remote area concentrations, at 30 June 2008 (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

|                | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Major cities   | 41.0       | 29.5       | 14.8       | 27.9      | 60.6      | –          | 33.2         |
| Inner regional | 33.1       | 41.1       | 19.4       | 7.7       | 7.5       | 83.3       | 23.5         |
| Outer regional | 20.2       | 28.9       | 39.8       | 20.7      | 17.9      | 16.7       | 25.2         |
| Remote         | 4.9        | 0.5        | 9.9        | 20.2      | 5.4       | –          | 8.4          |
| Very remote    | 0.7        | –          | 16.1       | 23.6      | 8.6       | –          | 9.6          |

<sup>a</sup> Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in table 16A.2. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (2009) *State owned and managed Indigenous housing 2007-08: CSHA national data report*, Canberra; table 16A.2; 2009 Report, table 16.5, p. 16.16.

Eligibility criteria for access to SOMIH are generally consistent with those for public housing once an applicant has been confirmed as Indigenous (see 2009 Report, table 16.7). The management of waiting lists varies across jurisdictions — for example, a number of jurisdictions use the same list for both public housing and SOMIH. Terms of tenure are the same as those for public housing for a number of jurisdictions.

Table 16.4 **SOMIH housing policy context, 2008<sup>a</sup>**

|   | NSW <sup>b</sup>                | Vic <sup>c</sup>   | Qld                          | WAd                          | SA <sup>e</sup>         | Tas <sup>f</sup>                               |
|---|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Eligibility</b>                      |                                 |  |                              |                              |                         |  |
| Income limit per week (\$) <sup>g</sup> | 410                             | 435  | 609                          | 430                          | 718                     | 429  |
| 'Other' asset limits (\$) <sup>g</sup>  | None                            | 30 000   | None                         | 41 000 in cash               | 287 750                 | 35 000   |
| Minimum age (years)                     | 18                              | 16   | None                         | 18                           | None                    | 16   |
| <b>Waiting list</b>                     |                                 |  |                              |                              |                         |  |
| Details                                 | Combined with public housing    | Combined with public housing   | Combined with public housing | Combined with public housing | Need (four segments)    | Priority, similar to public housing            |
| <b>Tenure</b>                           |                                 |  |                              |                              |                         |  |
| Probationary period                     | None                            | None   | None                         | None                         | 12 months               | 3–6 months                                     |
| Fixed term                              | 3, 6, 12 or 18 months           | None   | None                         | 3 or 6 months                | None                    | 1–3 years                                      |
| Ongoing                                 | 2, 5 and 10 years               |  |                              |                              |                         |  |
|   | Yes                             | Reviewable for tenancies (except 65 years plus) commenced after November 1997. | Subject to review            | Ongoing                      | Ongoing after probation | Dependant on housing history                   |
| Tenancy review                          | Prior to the end of the tenancy | Periodic review  | Review at 4 or 10 years      | Annual                       | None                    | Fixed term leases reviewed at end of each term |
| <b>Rebated rent setting</b>             |                                 |  |                              |                              |                         |  |
| Rent-to-income ratio                    | 25–30                           | 25   | 25                           | 23 or 25                     | 25                      | 23–25  |

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#### Table 16.4 (Continued)

**a** At 30 June. **b** Interest accrued from cash assets is assessed as income less the first \$5000 of each person's savings. Applicants under the age of 18 years must demonstrate living skills to be eligible for housing. Tenants housed prior to 1 July 2005 were generally provided with a continuous lease. New tenants housed since 1 July 2005 are generally provided with a fixed term lease. New tenancies from 1 July 2005 to 22 October 2006 were signed to 18 month interim tenancies. Tenants on an 18 month fixed term lease are reviewed prior to the end of lease, and if eligible, are offered a 2, 5 or 10 year lease. If ineligible, they are offered a 12 month fixed term lease. From 23 October 2006 the Department began to offer 2, 5 or 10 year leases to new tenants and ceased to offer the 18 month interim leases. From 5 December 2005 new thresholds and rules determine whether a tenant is eligible for a rent subsidy and the percentage of income they will pay as rent. Their household's gross assessable income, household size and age of household members are used when assessing the household's eligibility for a rent subsidy. For rebated rents, varied concessional rates are applicable to certain age groups and some pensioners. For households whose tenancy commenced on or after 5 December 2005, the Family Tax Benefits Part A and Part B received are assessed at 15 per cent. Where the tenancy commenced prior to 5 December 2005 the Family Tax Benefits Part A and Part B received was assessed at 12 per cent from 5 December 2005, with an increase of 1 per cent every six months until the assessment rate reaches 15 per cent. CRA is assessed at 100 per cent. **c** Tenancies in Victoria are ongoing tenancies that are subject to review after 5 years. For households that require major disability modifications, discretion may be applied to extend the asset limit to \$60 000. Indigenous households generally access long term accommodation through the General Rental program or housing managed by the Aboriginal Housing Board of Victoria. **d** The income limit for those in north west remote areas is \$610 per week. Those aged over 60 years are subject to a cash asset limit of \$80 000. **e** The same definition as the Centrelink asset test threshold for a single person who does not own their own home is used. Most households pay a rent-to-income ratio of 25 per cent of assessable income in rent. However, households receiving less than the single Newstart Allowance pay rent-to-income ratio of 19.5 per cent. **f** The rent-to-income ratio is indicative only. The majority of households pay amounts within this range, but some pay lesser or higher amounts, depending on household composition and the relationship of household members to the tenant, for example, boarder, parent, independent child. **g** Limits are for a single person.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 16.7, pp. 16.19-20.

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### *Indigenous community housing*

ICH is delivered by ICH organisations that perform asset and tenancy management functions. The funding and administrative arrangements for ICH vary across jurisdictions. In some jurisdictions, only the states are involved in the administration of ICH; in some only the Australian Government is involved; and in others both the State or Territory and the Australian governments are involved.

The Australian Government, through FaHCSIA, formerly through Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services, is directly responsible for the funding and administration of ICH in three jurisdictions — Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania. At the time data for this Report were collected (2006-07), in Victoria and Tasmania there was only Australian Government administered ICH housing, while in Queensland, some ICH housing was administered by the Australian Government and some by the State government. In the five remaining jurisdictions — NSW, WA, SA, the ACT and the NT — funding from the relevant State or Territory and the Australian Government is pooled and the State or Territory government has sole responsibility for the administration of ICH (AIHW 2007b).

There has been considerable progress in the development of national ICH data to report against the National Reporting Framework (NRF) for Indigenous housing. This Report includes a performance indicator framework and data for ICH and additional descriptive data on ICH are contained in table 16A.14.

### *CRA*

Data on the number and proportion of Indigenous income units receiving CRA by income unit type are presented in tables 16A.24 and 16A.25, respectively.

## **Framework of performance indicators**

The performance indicator frameworks are consistent with the general performance indicator framework agreed by the Steering Committee (see chapter 1). They also draw on the framework developed for the 1999 CSHA and reflect the national objectives of that agreement (and of the new CSHA that took effect in 2003 [box 16.3]). The current CSHA places greater emphasis on Australian, State and Territory governments improving housing outcomes for Indigenous people, and governments have committed to improving access to mainstream housing options for Indigenous people living in urban and regional areas. This is the fifth year that data are reported under the current agreement. Work is being undertaken on the

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performance indicators to improve the quality and scope of national performance information.

**Box 16.3 Objectives for public and community housing under the 2003 CSHA**

The principles guiding the 2003 CSHA are to:

1. maintain a core Social Housing sector to assist people unable to access alternative suitable housing options
2. develop and deliver affordable, appropriate, flexible and diverse housing assistance responses that provide people with choice and are tailored to their needs, local conditions and opportunities
3. provide assistance in a manner that is non-discriminatory and has regard to consumer rights and responsibilities, including consumer participation
4. commit to improving housing outcomes for Indigenous people in urban, regional and remote areas, through specific initiatives that strengthen the Indigenous housing sector and the responsiveness and appropriateness of the full range of mainstream housing options
5. ensure housing assistance links effectively with other programs and provides better support for people with complex needs, and has a role in preventing homelessness
6. promote innovative approaches to leverage additional resources into Social Housing, through community, private sector and other partnerships
7. ensure that housing assistance supports access to employment and promotes social and economic participation
8. establish greater consistency between housing assistance provision and outcomes, and other social and economic objectives of government, such as welfare reform, urban regeneration, and community capacity-building
9. undertake efficient and cost-effective management which provides best value to governments
10. adopt a cooperative partnership approach between levels of government towards creating a sustainable and more certain future for housing assistance
11. promote a national, strategic, integrated and long term vision for affordable housing in Australia through a comprehensive approach by all levels of government.

Source: CSHA (2003, p. 4); 2009 Report, box 16.4, p. 16.23.

Indigenous housing aims to achieve the outcomes listed in box 16.4 as part of the *Building a Better Future: Indigenous Housing to 2010* strategy. The aims also relate to ICH.

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#### **Box 16.4 Indigenous housing**

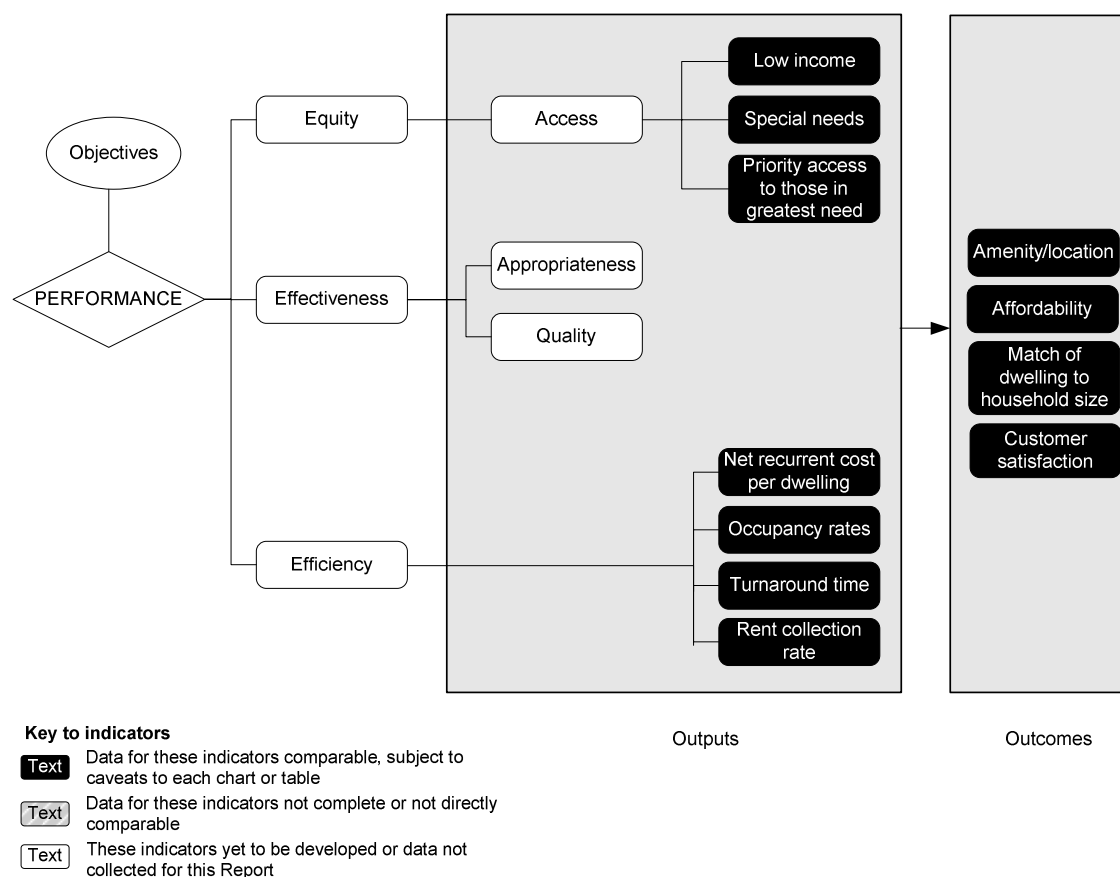
The guiding principles and objectives for achieving better Indigenous housing are to:

1. provide better housing that meets agreed standards, is appropriate to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and contributes to their health and well being
2. provide better housing services that are well managed and sustainable
3. ensure housing growth in the number of houses to address both the backlog of Indigenous housing need and emerging needs of a growing Indigenous population
4. ensure improved partnerships in a way that Indigenous people are fully involved in the planning, decision making and delivery of services by governments
5. ensure greater effectiveness and efficiency in a way that assistance is properly directed to meeting objectives, and that resources are being used to best advantage
6. commit to improved performance linked to accountability for the program performance reporting based on national data collection systems and good information management
7. promote the a 'whole of government' coordination of services approach that ensures greater coordination of housing and housing-related services linked to improved health and well being outcomes.

*Source:* FaCSIA (2001); 2009 Report, box 16.4, p. 16.23.

Data for Indigenous people are reported for a number of SOMIH performance indicators in the 2009 Report (figure 16.2). The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2009 Report.

Figure 16.2 Performance indicators for public housing and SOMIH



Source: 2009 Report, figure 16.3, p. 16.25.

## Performance reporting for public housing and SOMIH

Some descriptive information on public housing can be found in table 16A.1. Some descriptive data on SOMIH are included in table 16A.2. As outlined earlier, the ACT and the NT are not included in the SOMIH data collection.

### Outputs

The following indicators measure the outputs of SOMIH. Outputs are the actual services delivered (while outcomes are the impact of these services on the status of an individual or group).

#### *Equity — low income*

‘Low income’ is an indicator of the CSHA guiding principle to assist people unable to access alternative suitable housing options (box 16.5).

### Box 16.5 Low income

'Low income' is defined as the number of new low income households as a proportion of all new households. Two measures are reported:

- the proportion of new households with low income A — households where all members receive an income equivalent to or below 100 per cent of the government income support benefits at the pensioner rate (pension rates have been selected for calculating this indicator because they are higher than allowance rates)
- the proportion of new households with low income B — households with an income above 100 per cent of the government income support benefits at the pensioner rate, but below the effective cut-off for receiving any government support benefits.

High or increasing values for these measures indicate a high degree of access for low income households.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The proportion of new tenancies allocated to low income A households for SOMIH in 2007-08 is presented in table 16.5. The proportion of new tenancies allocated to low income B households is reported in the attachment (table 16A.3).

Table 16.5 **SOMIH — new low income A households, as a proportion of all new households (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| <i>New low income A households as proportion of all new households</i> |            |            |            |           |           |            |              |
| 2003-04  | 94.4       | 90.5       | 83.3       | 93.5      | 89.2      | 89.5       | 90.6         |
| 2004-05  | 94.2       | 87.7       | 76.1       | 92.9      | 86.0      | 86.0       | 88.0         |
| 2005-06  | 95.9       | 88.2       | 89.2       | 88.6      | 86.5      | 93.3       | 90.4         |
| 2006-07  | 95.5       | 89.9       | 76.5       | 87.9      | 88.7      | 100.0      | 87.7         |
| 2007-08  | 95.0       | 82.4       | 75.4       | 86.4      | 85.5      | 82.4       | 85.7         |

<sup>a</sup> Data may not be comparable across jurisdictions and over time and comparisons could be misleading. Reasons for this are provided in table 16A.3.

Source: AIHW (2004, 2005) *CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing*, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) *State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report*, Canberra; table 16A.3; 2009 Report, table 16.10, p. 16.27.

### *Equity — special needs*

'Special needs' is an indicator of the CSHA guiding principle to provide appropriate, affordable and secure housing assistance to people who are unable to access suitable housing (box 16.6).



### Box 16.6 Special needs

'Special needs' is defined as the proportion of new tenancies allocated to special needs households. The proportion of new tenancies with special needs are reported as a proxy for measuring all households with special needs. Special needs households are defined as those households that have either a household member with a disability, a principal tenant aged 24 years or under, or 75 years or over, or one or more Indigenous members. Special needs households for SOMIH are defined as those households that have either a household member with a disability or a principal tenant aged 24 years or under, or 50 years or over.

A high or increasing proportion indicates a high degree of access by these special needs households.

Data for public housing cannot be compared with those of SOMIH.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The proportion of new tenancies allocated to special needs households for SOMIH is presented in table 16.6.

Table 16.6 **SOMIH — new tenancies allocated to households with special needs (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

|         | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 2003-04 | 44.6       | 44.2       | 46.3       | 40.8      | 39.5      | 60.3       | 43.6         |
| 2004-05 | 51.5       | 45.4       | 45.2       | 49.2      | 42.1      | 66.7       | 48.1         |
| 2005-06 | 48.8       | 42.8       | 46.8       | 53.2      | 45.3      | 62.3       | 48.8         |
| 2006-07 | 47.6       | 52.9       | 47.0       | 44.6      | 45.6      | 65.6       | 47.4         |
| 2007-08 | 46.0       | 44.7       | 50.6       | 47.7      | 42.9      | 61.9       | 47.5         |

<sup>a</sup> Data may not be comparable between jurisdictions and over time and comparisons could be misleading. Reasons for this are provided in table 16A.4.

Source: AIHW (2004, 2005) *CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing*, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) *State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report*, Canberra; table 16A.4; 2009 Report, table 16.12, p. 16.29.

The proportion of new tenancies allocated to households with special needs increased between 2006-07 and 2007-08 at the national level for SOMIH, but there were variations among the jurisdictions.

### *Equity — priority access to those in greatest need*

'Priority access to those in greatest need' is an indicator of the CSHA guiding principle to provide appropriate, affordable and secure housing to assist people who are unable to access suitable housing. This indicator provides information on

whether allocation processes are such that those in greatest need have first access to housing (box 16.7).

**Box 16.7 Priority access to those in greatest need**

‘Priority access to those in greatest need’ is defined as the proportion of new allocations of housing to those in greatest need. Greatest need households are defined as households that at the time of allocation were either homeless, in housing inappropriate to their needs, or in housing that is adversely affecting their health or placing their life and safety at risk, or that have very high rental housing costs.

High or increasing values for these measures, particularly for short time frames, indicate a high degree of access for those households in greatest need.

Reported measures reflect the percentages of new allocations to greatest need households overall, and for greatest need households waiting for periods of less than three months, three months to less than six months, six months to less than one year, one year to less than two years, and two years or more. As time to allocation reflects greatest need allocations as a percentage of all new allocations for the time period, these percentages are not cumulative.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The proportion of new allocations to those in greatest need for 2007-08 for SOMIH is presented in table 16.7.

**Table 16.7 SOMIH — proportion of new allocations to those in greatest need, 2007-08 (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

|   | <i>NSW</i>  | <i>Vic</i>  | <i>Qld</i>  | <i>WA</i>   | <i>SA</i>   | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>Total for year ending 30 June</b>  | <b>10.5</b> | <b>19.3</b> | <b>20.2</b> | <b>28.2</b> | <b>74.4</b> | <b>na</b>  | <b>25.8</b>  |
| Proportion of greatest need allocations to new allocations, by time to allocation |             |             |             |             |             |            |              |
| <3 months   | 23.6        | 35.7        | 50.0        | 30.4        | 83.0        | na         | 40.2         |
| 3–<6 months   | 11.7        | 11.1        | 50.0        | 60.8        | 70.0        | na         | 37.1         |
| 6 months–<1 year  | 12.7        | 50.0        | 53.8        | 62.9        | 66.7        | na         | 39.8         |
| 1–<2 years  | –           | 12.5        | 18.8        | 25.6        | 70.4        | na         | 23.3         |
| 2+ years  | –           | –           | 5.4         | 3.1         | 39.5        | na         | 8.1          |

<sup>a</sup> Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in table 16A.5. **na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (2009) *State owned and managed Indigenous housing 2007-08: CSHA national data report*, Canberra; table 16A.5; 2009 Report, table 16.14, p. 16.30.

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*Efficiency — net recurrent cost per dwelling*

‘Net recurrent cost per dwelling’ is an indicator of the CSHA guiding principle to undertake efficient and cost-effective management (box 16.8).

**Box 16.8 Net recurrent cost per dwelling**

‘Net recurrent cost per dwelling’ is defined as total recurrent expenses, including administration and operational costs, divided by the total number of dwellings. It measures the average cost of providing assistance per dwelling. Cost of providing assistance (including capital) per dwelling is also reported.

Holding other factors equal, a lower or decreasing net recurrent cost per dwelling suggests an improvement in efficiency.

The cost per dwelling indicators do not provide any information on the quality of service provided (for example, the standard of dwellings).

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Due to a high level of capital expenditure in housing, costs per dwelling are predominantly driven by the user cost of capital (2009 Report, box 16.11). Caution must therefore be used when interpreting the indicator because the user cost of capital and service delivery models differ across the jurisdictions.

The costs incurred by jurisdictions in providing SOMIH include:

- administration costs (the cost of the administration offices of the property manager and tenancy manager)
- operating costs (the costs of maintaining the operation of the dwelling, including repairs and maintenance, rates, the costs of disposals, market rent paid and interest expenses)
- depreciation costs
- the user cost of capital (the cost of the funds tied up in the capital used to provide SOMIH). Box 16.11 in the 2009 Report provides a discussion of the user cost of capital in general and how it relates to housing.

The net recurrent cost of providing assistance (excluding the cost of capital) per dwelling for SOMIH is presented in table 16.8. Capital cost data for SOMIH are not available for this Report. As with other indicators, it is not appropriate to compare the net recurrent cost of providing assistance per dwelling for public housing with the net recurrent cost of providing assistance per dwelling for SOMIH, because there is greater scope for economies of scale in administration costs with public housing, which is a much larger program overall.

SOMIH dwellings are also slightly more concentrated in regional and remote areas, where the cost of providing housing assistance is potentially greater. The need to construct culturally appropriate housing (possibly requiring different amenities) may also affect the cost per dwelling. Finally, different cost structures may apply to the programs. Construction of dwellings under SOMIH, for example, may involve a skills development element to allow for training of Indigenous apprentices in regional areas.

Table 16.8 **SOMIH — net recurrent cost of providing assistance per dwelling (2007-08 dollars)<sup>a, b</sup>**

|   | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Net recurrent cost of providing assistance (excluding the cost of capital) per dwelling |            |            |            |           |           |            |              |
| 2003-04   | 6 727      | 5 606      | 7 451      | 7 171     | 6 472     | 4 054      | 6 747        |
| 2004-05   | 5 772      | 5 473      | 7 003      | 7 828     | 4 699     | 5 578      | 6 223        |
| 2005-06   | 5 849      | 6 770      | 7 178      | 8 276     | 7 558     | 6 054      | 6 929        |
| 2006-07   | 6 060      | 4 247      | 7 782      | 7 944     | 6 952     | 6 698      | 6 746        |
| 2007-08   | 6 229      | 4 929      | 8 139      | 10 726    | 9 513     | 6 504      | 8 014        |

<sup>a</sup> Data may not be comparable across jurisdictions and over time and comparisons could be misleading. Reasons for this are provided in table 16A.6. <sup>b</sup> Data are presented in real dollars based on the ABS Gross Domestic Product price deflator (index) (2007-08 = 100) table AA.11.

Source: AIHW (2004, 2005) *CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing*, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) *State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report*, Canberra; table 16A.6; 2009 Report, table 16.16, p. 16.34.

### *Efficiency — occupancy rate*

‘Occupancy rate’ is an indicator of the CSHA guiding principle to measure the efficiency of housing utilisation (box 16.9).

#### **Box 16.9 Occupancy rate**

The ‘occupancy rate’ is an indicator of the CSHA guiding principle to measure the efficiency of housing utilisation. It represents the proportion of rental housing stock occupied by households. The term ‘occupied’ refers to rental housing stock occupied by tenants who have a tenancy agreement with the relevant housing authority.

A high value for this indicator suggests higher efficiency of housing utilisation.

Occupancy is influenced by both turnover and housing supply and demand.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The proportion of total SOMIH stock occupied at 30 June 2008 is presented in table 16.9. The national average proportion of SOMIH stock occupied at 30 June 2008 was 96.8 per cent.

**Table 16.9 SOMIH — occupancy rates (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

|      | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 2004 | 98.0       | 96.7       | 96.8       | 94.1      | 92.2      | 98.2       | 96.0         |
| 2005 | 97.4       | 95.8       | 96.1       | 94.2      | 91.8      | 97.7       | 95.5         |
| 2006 | 97.4       | 96.7       | 96.8       | 94.1      | 93.5      | 98.3       | 96.1         |
| 2007 | 97.7       | 96.4       | 97.2       | 94.5      | 94.1      | 97.7       | 96.4         |
| 2008 | 98.4       | 97.9       | 97.7       | 94.1      | 94.6      | 97.7       | 96.8         |

<sup>a</sup> Data may not be comparable across jurisdictions and over time and comparisons could be misleading. Reasons for this are provided in table 16A.7.

Source: AIHW (2004, 2005) *CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing*, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) *State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report*, Canberra; table 16A.7; 2009 Report, table 16.18, p. 16.35.

### *Efficiency — turnaround time*

‘Turnaround time’ is an indicator of the CSHA guiding principle to undertake efficient and cost-effective management (box 16.10).

#### **Box 16.10 Turnaround time**

‘Turnaround time’ is defined as the average time taken for occupancy of available dwelling stock to rent through normal processes.

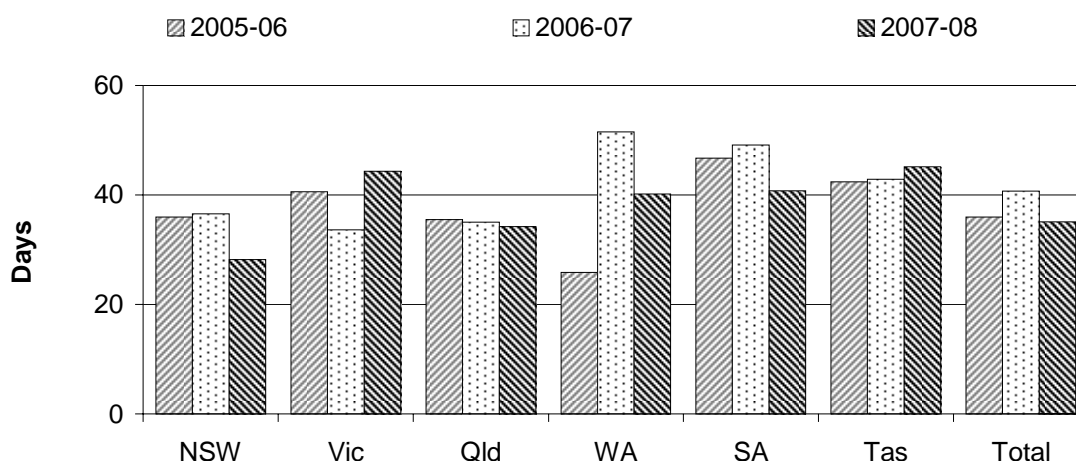
A low or decreasing turnaround time suggests efficient housing allocation.

‘Normal’ vacancies exclude properties that are offline or are undergoing major redevelopment and where there is no suitable applicant but include hard-to-let properties as this relates to tenancy management. This indicator may be affected by changes in maintenance programs and stock allocation processes, and some jurisdictions may have difficulty excluding stock upgrades. Cultural factors may also influence the national average turnaround time for SOMIH dwellings relative to public housing dwellings. Following the death of a significant person, for example, a dwelling may need to be vacant for a longer period of time (Morel and Ross 1993). A higher proportion of SOMIH dwellings in regional and remote areas may also contribute to delays in completing administrative tasks and maintenance before dwellings can be re-tenanted.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The average number of days for vacant stock to remain unallocated in 2007-08 is presented in figure 16.3 for SOMIH.

Figure 16.3 **SOMIH — average turnaround time<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Data may not be comparable across jurisdictions and over time and comparisons could be misleading. Reasons for this are provided in table 16A.8.

Source: AIHW (2009) *State owned and managed Indigenous housing 2007-08: CSHA national data report*, Canberra; table 16A.8; 2009 Report, figure 16.5, p. 16.37.

### *Efficiency — rent collection rate*

‘Rent collection rate’ is an indicator of the CSHA guiding principle to undertake efficient and cost-effective management (box 16.11).

#### **Box 16.11 Rent collection rate**

‘Rent collection rate’ is defined as the total rent actually collected as a percentage of the total rent charged.

A high or increasing percentage suggests efficiency in collecting rent. All jurisdictions aim to maximise the rent collected as a percentage of the rent charged.

Differences in recognition policies, write-off practices, the treatment of disputed amounts, and the treatment of payment arrangements may affect the comparability of this indicator’s reported results. Further, payment arrangements for rent in some jurisdictions mean that rent collected over a 12 month period may be higher than rent charged over that period.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

‘Rent collection rate’ in 2007-08 is presented in table 16.10 for SOMIH.

Table 16.10 **SOMIH — rent collection rate (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

|         | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 2003-04 | 104.1      | 99.8       | 101.3      | 103.1     | 97.0      | 102.2      | 101.8        |
| 2004-05 | 97.7       | 100.6      | 100.4      | 103.9     | 93.8      | 99.6       | 99.2         |
| 2005-06 | 100.5      | 99.0       | 99.7       | 104.3     | 94.7      | 103.8      | 100.0        |
| 2006-07 | 101.8      | 92.8       | 97.3       | 105.3     | 103.0     | 102.1      | 100.6        |
| 2007-08 | 96.8       | 89.2       | 99.6       | 104.3     | 103.7     | 99.8       | 99.0         |

<sup>a</sup> Data may not be comparable across jurisdictions and over time and comparisons could be misleading. Reasons for this are provided in table 16A.9.

Source: AIHW (2004, 2005) *CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing*, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) *State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report*, Canberra; table 16A.9; 2009 Report, table 16.20, p. 16.38.

## Outcomes

### *Amenity/location*

‘Amenity/location’ is an indicator of the CSHA guiding principle to provide housing assistance that is appropriate to the needs of different households (box 1612).

#### **Box 16.12 Amenity/location**

‘Amenity/location’ is defined as the percentage of tenants rating amenity/location aspects of their dwelling as important and as meeting their needs.

A higher or increasing level of satisfaction with amenity and location suggests the provision of housing assistance satisfies household needs.

Amenity/location is reported using a survey-based measure.

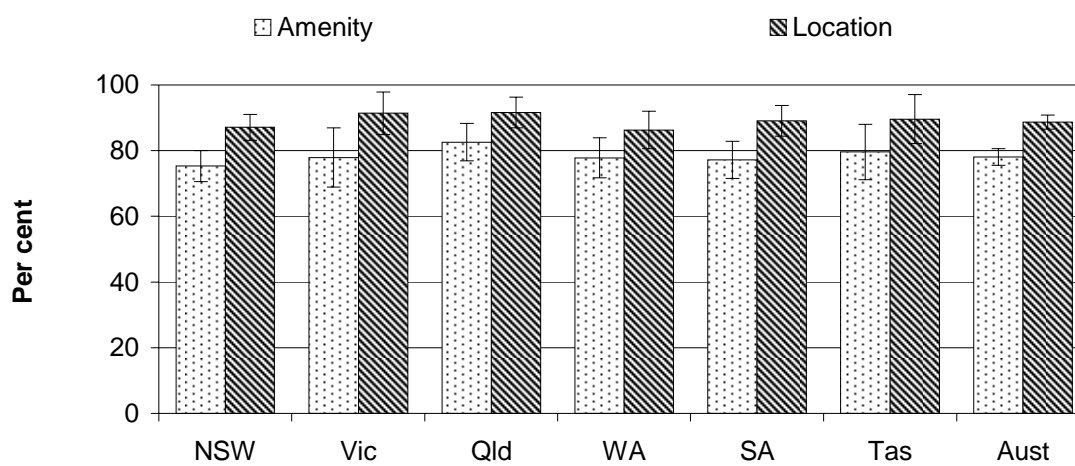
Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, 70.0 per cent of Indigenous and 79.0 per cent of non-Indigenous public housing tenants rated amenity aspects as important and meeting their needs. Similarly, at the national level, 80.0 per cent of Indigenous and 86.0 per cent of non-Indigenous public housing tenants rated location aspects as important and meeting their needs (AIHW 2007a).

During 2006-07, all states participated in the *National Social Housing Survey* of SOMIH. As for the National Social Housing Survey undertaken biennially for public and community housing, the survey seeks to determine tenants’ level of satisfaction with various aspects of service and measure housing outcomes.

SOMIH tenants were asked whether particular aspects of the amenity and location of their dwellings were important to them and, if so, whether they felt their needs were met. Nationally, 78.1 per cent of tenants for whom amenity was important felt that their needs were met, and of those tenants for whom location was important, 88.7 per cent felt that their needs were met (figure 16.4).

Figure 16.4 **SOMIH — proportion of tenants rating their current home as meeting their amenity and location needs, 2007<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in table 16A.10.

Source: AIHW (2009) *State owned and managed Indigenous housing 2006-07: CSHA national data report*, Canberra; table 16A.10; 2009 Report, figure 16.7, p. 16.41.

### *Affordability*

‘Affordability’ is an indicator of the CSHA guiding principle to provide affordable housing to assist people who are unable to access suitable housing (box 16.13).



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**Box 16.13 Affordability**

'Affordability' is defined as tenants' ability to access suitable housing. Two measures of affordability are reported:

- average weekly rental subsidy per rebated household, derived by dividing the total rental rebate amount by the total number of rebated households
- the proportion of rebated households spending less than 30 per cent of their income in rent.

A high or increasing value implies greater housing affordability.

This affordability measure differs from that reported for community housing.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The average weekly subsidy per rebated household and the proportion of rebated households spending less than 30 per cent of their income in rent for SOMIH at 30 June 2008 are presented in table 16.11. Information on the amount of income paid in rent by SOMIH tenants as a proportion of income can be found in table 16A.29.

**Table 16.11 SOMIH — average weekly subsidy per household and proportion of households spending 30 per cent or less of their income in rent<sup>a</sup>**

|   | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Average weekly subsidy per rebated household (\$)                                     |            |            |            |           |           |            |              |
| 2008  | 118.9      | 96.5       | 131.5      | 98.0      | 96.7      | 73.6       | 111.8        |
| Proportion of rebated households spending 30 per cent or less of their income in rent |            |            |            |           |           |            |              |
| 2008  | 100.0      | 100.0      | 99.8       | 98.4      | 98.7      | 100.0      | 98.8         |

<sup>a</sup> Data may not be comparable between jurisdictions and comparisons could be misleading. Reasons for this are provided in table 16A.11.

Source: AIHW (2009) *State owned and managed Indigenous housing 2007-08: CSHA national data report*, Canberra; table 16A.11; 2009 Report, table 16.22, p. 16.42.

### *Match of dwelling to household size*

'Match of dwelling to household size' is an indicator of the CSHA guiding principle to provide housing assistance that is appropriate to the needs of different households, such as household size (box 16.14).

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**Box 16.14 Match of dwelling to household size**

'Match of dwelling to household size' is defined as the proportion of households where dwelling size is not appropriate due to overcrowding. The indicator uses a proxy occupancy standard based on the size of the dwelling and household structure (see table below). Overcrowding is deemed to have occurred where two or more additional bedrooms are required to satisfy the proxy occupancy standard.

**Proxy occupancy standard for appropriate sized dwelling, by household structure**

| <i>Household structure</i>                         | <i>Bedrooms required</i>    |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Single adult only                                  | 1 bedroom                   |
| Single adult (group)                               | 1 bedroom (per adult)       |
| Couple with no children                            | 2 bedrooms                  |
| Sole parent or couple with one child               | 2 bedrooms                  |
| Sole parent or couple with two or three children   | 3 bedrooms                  |
| Sole parent or couple with four children           | 4 bedrooms                  |
| Sole parent or couple with more than four children | equal to number of children |

*Source:* AIHW (2006).

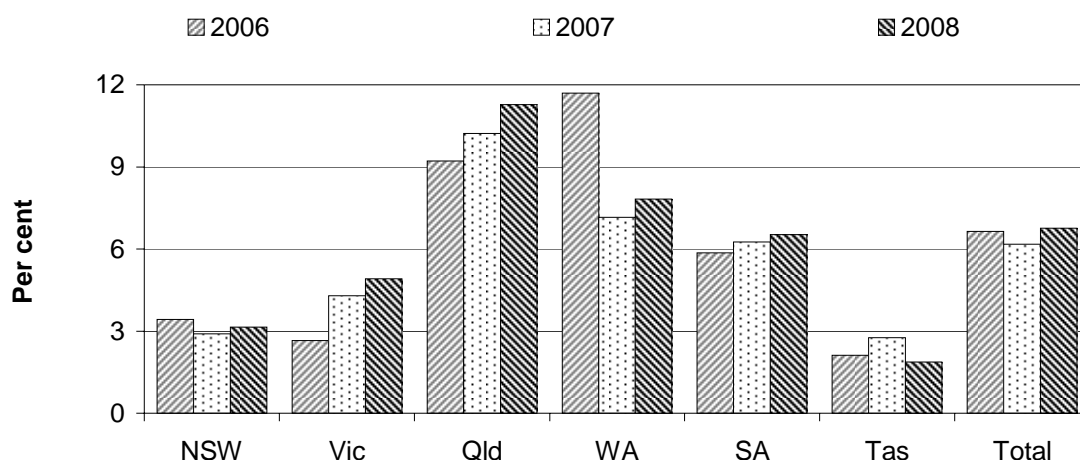
A low or decreasing proportion indicates less overcrowded households.

The proxy occupancy standard was revised in 2005-06 to remove the four bedroom cap. Data prior to 2005-06 should not be compared with data from later years.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The proportion of households with overcrowding for SOMIH is illustrated in figure 16.5. Information on moderate overcrowding and underutilisation for SOMIH can be found in table 16A.30.

Figure 16.5 **SOMIH — proportion of households with overcrowding<sup>a, b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Data may not be comparable across jurisdictions and over time and comparisons could be misleading. Reasons for this are provided in table 16A.12.

AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) *State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report*, Canberra; table 16A.12; 2009 Report, figure 16.9, p. 16.44.

### *Customer satisfaction*

‘Customer satisfaction’ is an indicator of tenants’ satisfaction with the overall service provided (box 16.15).

#### **Box 16.15 Customer satisfaction**

‘Customer satisfaction’ is defined as tenants’ satisfaction with the overall service provided by the State or Territory housing authority.

A higher or increasing percentage for customer satisfaction may imply better housing assistance provision.

Customer satisfaction is a survey-based measure.

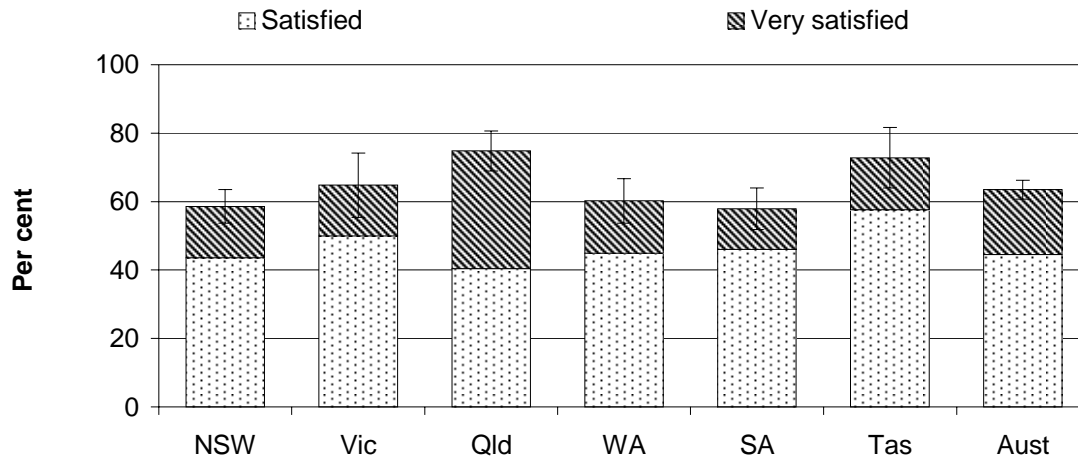
Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Nationally, 57 per cent of Indigenous and 72 per cent of non-Indigenous public housing tenants were either satisfied or very satisfied with the overall service provided by their State housing authority in 2007 (AIHW 2007a).

Results for SOMIH are taken from the *2007 National Social Housing Survey* for SOMIH. Nationally, 64 per cent of respondents were either satisfied or very

satisfied with the overall service provided by their State housing authority (figure 16.6).

Figure 16.6 **SOMIH — customer satisfaction, 2007<sup>a</sup>**



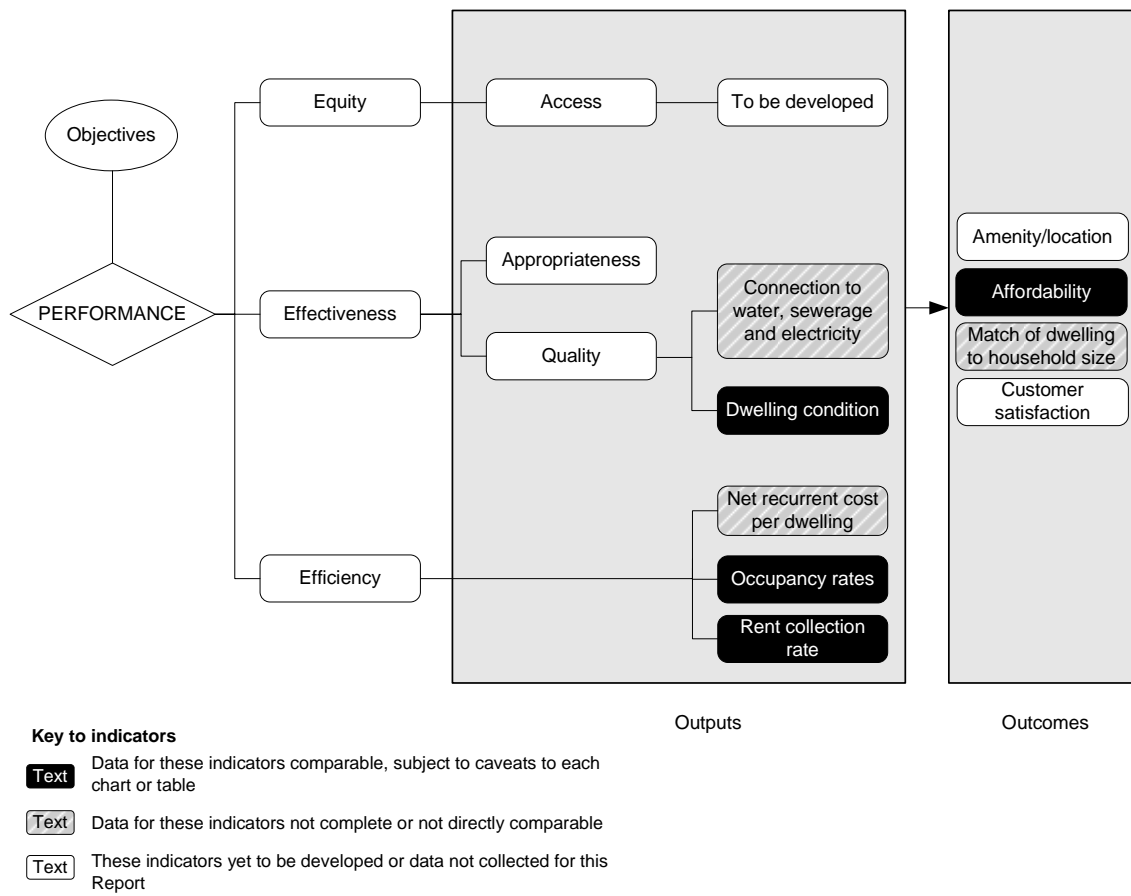
<sup>a</sup> Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in table 16A.10.

Source: AIHW (2009) *State owned and managed Indigenous housing 2006-07: CSHA national data report*, Canberra; table 16A.10; 2009 Report, figure 16.11, p. 16.46.

## Performance reporting for Indigenous community housing

The performance indicator framework for ICH is presented in figure 16.7.

Figure 16.7 Performance indicators for ICH



Source: 2009 Report, figure 16.19, p. 16.61.

The definition of ICH is presented in box 16.16.

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### Box 16.16 Indigenous community housing

Indigenous community housing refers to housing funded by State or Federal governments that is managed and delivered by ICH organisations. These organisations are responsible for asset and tenancy management functions.

Funding for ICH comes through Australian Government programs such as the ARHP, CHIP and the National Aboriginal Health Strategy. State and Territory governments also provide funding for ICH. In most jurisdictions (NSW, SA, WA, the ACT and the NT), State and Territory and Federal funding is pooled and administered by the State governments. At the time data for this Report were collected (2006-07), the Australian Government was involved in the administration of ICH in Victoria and Tasmania only. In Queensland, some ICH is administered by the State government and some by the Australian Government.

In May 2001, housing ministers endorsed a 10-year statement of new directions for Indigenous housing, *Building a Better Future: Indigenous Housing to 2010* (BBF). BBF recognised that Indigenous housing was a major national issue requiring priority action and sought to improve housing and environmental health outcomes for Indigenous Australians. The focus of BBF was on: identifying and addressing outstanding need; improving the viability of ICH organisations; establishing safe, healthy and sustainable housing for Indigenous Australians, especially in rural and remote communities; and establishing a national framework for the development and delivery of improved housing outcomes for Indigenous Australians by State, Territory and community housing providers.

The National Reporting Framework (NRF) for Indigenous Housing was developed to provide a framework for reporting across all Indigenous housing programs and on the implementation and outcomes of BBF. The NRF comprises a set of 38 performance indicators for national reporting and the AIHW collects annual data for reporting on these indicators.

Source: AIHW (2007b).

### *Outputs*

The following indicators measure the outputs of Indigenous community housing. Outputs are the actual services delivered (while outcomes are the impact of these services on the status of an individual or group).

### *Equity — access*

Access indicators measure equitable access to ICH (box 16.17).

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**Box 16.17 Performance indicator — access**

‘Access’ indicators are output indicators of the ICH guiding principle to provide appropriate, affordable and secure housing assistance to people who are unable to access suitable housing.

Access has been identified as a key area for development in future reports.

*Effectiveness — quality — connection to water, sewerage and electricity*

‘Connection to water, sewerage and electricity’ is an indicator of the ICH guiding principle to provide quality housing (box 16.18).

**Box 16.18 Connection to water, sewerage and electricity**

‘Connection to water, sewerage and electricity’ is defined as the proportion of ICH dwellings not connected to essential services. Specifically, it is measured as the number of permanent ICH dwellings not connected to an organised water, sewerage and electricity system as a percentage of the total number of permanent dwellings.

A lower or decreasing percentage suggests higher housing quality.

Data reported for this indicator are not complete or directly comparable.

The percentage of Indigenous community houses not connected to water, sewerage and electricity at 30 June 2007 is presented in table 16.12.

**Table 16.12 ICH — proportion of permanent dwelling not connected to water, sewerage and electricity (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

|             | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aus Gov</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| Water       |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                |             |
| 2005-06     | —          | ..         | —          | —         | —         | ..         | —          | 4.7       | 0.1            | 1.7         |
| 2006-07     | —          | ..         | —          | —         | —         | ..         | —          | 4.7       | 0.1            | 1.5         |
| Sewerage    |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                |             |
| 2005-06     | —          | ..         | —          | —         | —         | ..         | —          | 6.4       | 0.5            | 2.4         |
| 2006-07     | —          | ..         | —          | —         | —         | ..         | —          | 6.4       | 0.1            | 2.1         |
| Electricity |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                |             |
| 2005-06     | —          | ..         | —          | —         | —         | ..         | —          | 5.4       | 0.1            | 2.0         |
| 2006-07     | —          | ..         | —          | —         | —         | ..         | —          | 5.4       | 0.3            | 1.8         |

<sup>a</sup> Data may not be comparable across jurisdictions and over time and comparisons could be misleading. Reasons for this are provided in tables 16A.15, 16A.16 and 16A.17. .. Not applicable. — Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW, *Indigenous housing indicators 2006-07 collection* (unpublished); AIHW (2007) *Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06*, Indigenous housing series no. 2, Cat. no. HOU 168. Canberra; tables 16A.15, 16A.16 and 16A.17; 2009 Report, table 16.27, p. 16.64.

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### *Effectiveness — quality — dwelling condition*

‘Dwelling condition’ is an indicator of the ICH guiding principle to provide quality housing (box 16.19).

#### **Box 16.19 Dwelling condition**

‘Dwelling condition’ is defined as the proportion of ICH dwellings in poor condition and in need of major repair or replacement. It is measured as the number of permanent ICH dwellings in need of either major repair or replacement as a percentage of the total number of permanent dwellings.

A lower or decreasing proportion suggests higher housing quality.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The dwelling condition indicator for ICH in 2006 is presented in table 16.13.

**Table 16.13 ICH — dwelling condition, 2006<sup>a</sup>**

|                                   | <i>NSW<br/>(include<br/>ACT)<sup>b</sup></i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aus<br/>Gov</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|
| Dwellings in need of major repair | 18.8   | 24.7       | 26.3       | 27.9      | 22.4      | 30.6       | ..         | 21.0      | ..                 | 23.4        |
| Dwellings in need of replacement  | 2.7  | 4.5        | 5.9        | 10.1      | 5.8       | –          | ..         | 10.2      | ..                 | 7.2         |

<sup>a</sup> Data may not be comparable between jurisdictions and comparisons could be misleading. Reasons for this are provided in table 16A.18. <sup>b</sup> Data for the ACT data had been included with NSW due to low numbers. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ABS (2007) *Housing and Infrastructure in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities 2006*; table 16A.18; 2009 Report, table 16.28, p. 16.65.

### *Efficiency — net recurrent cost per unit*

‘Net recurrent cost per dwelling’ is an output indicator of the ICH guiding principle to provide efficient and cost-effective management of housing (box 16.20).



### Box 16.20 Net recurrent cost per unit

'Net recurrent cost per dwelling' is defined as total recurrent costs for ICH divided by the total number of permanent dwellings. It includes the recurrent cost of delivering ICH. It excludes cost of capital.

Holding other factors equal, a lower or decreasing proportion suggests higher efficiency.

The cost per dwelling indicators do not provide any information on the quality of service provided (for example, the standard of dwellings).

Data reported for this indicator are not complete or directly comparable.

The net recurrent cost per dwelling for 2006-07 is presented in table 16.14.

Table 16.14 ICH — net recurrent cost per dwelling (2006-07 dollars)<sup>a</sup>

|         | NSW   | Vic | Qld   | WA | SA    | Tas | ACT    | NT  | Aus<br>Gov | Aust  |
|---------|-------|-----|-------|----|-------|-----|--------|-----|------------|-------|
| 2005-06 | 7 285 | ..  | na    | na | 6 724 | ..  | 23 422 | 593 | 7 196      | na    |
| 2006-07 | 7 938 | ..  | 3 272 | na | 3 251 | ..  | na     | na  | na         | 4 977 |

<sup>a</sup> Data may not be comparable across jurisdictions and over time and comparisons could be misleading. Reasons for this are provided in table 16A.19. <sup>b</sup> Contains data from Victoria, Tasmania and Queensland and includes dwellings managed by funded and unfunded organisations responding to the FaHCSIA survey. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Source: AIHW, *Indigenous housing indicators 2006-07 collection* (unpublished); AIHW (2007) *Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06*, Indigenous housing series no. 2, Cat. no. HOU 168. Canberra; table 16A.19; 2009 Report, table 16.29, p. 16.66.

### Efficiency — occupancy rate

'Occupancy rate' is an indicator of the ICH guiding principle to provide efficient housing utilisation (box 16.21).

### Box 16.21 Occupancy rate

'Occupancy rate' is defined as the proportion of dwellings occupied. 'Occupied dwelling' refers to dwellings occupied by tenants who have a tenancy agreement with the relevant ICH organisation.

A higher or increasing occupancy rate suggests higher efficiency of housing utilisation.

Occupancy is influenced by both turnover and housing supply.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The proportion of ICH occupied at 30 June is presented in table 16.15.

**Table 16.15 ICH — occupancy rates, (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

|      | NSW  | Vic | Qld   | WA   | SA   | Tas | ACT   | NT   | Aus Gov | Aust |
|------|------|-----|-------|------|------|-----|-------|------|---------|------|
| 2006 | 96.6 | ..  | 95.7  | 77.9 | 88.3 | ..  | 95.7  | 87.0 | 94.1    | 89.6 |
| 2007 | 98.3 | ..  | 100.0 | 91.0 | 89.0 | ..  | 100.0 | na   | 94.9    | 96.2 |

<sup>a</sup> Data may not be comparable across jurisdictions and over time and comparisons could be misleading. Reasons for this are provided in table 16A.20. <sup>b</sup> Contains data from Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania and includes dwellings managed by funded and unfunded organisations responding to the FaHCSIA survey. **na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW, *Indigenous housing indicators 2006-07 collection* (unpublished); AIHW (2007) *Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06*, Indigenous housing series no. 2, Cat. no. HOU 168. Canberra; table 16A.20; 2009 Report, table 16.30, p. 16.67.

### *Efficiency — rent collection rate*

‘Rent collection rate’ is an indicator of the ICH guiding principle to provide efficient and cost-effective management of housing (box 16.22).

#### **Box 16.22 Rent collection rate**

‘Rent collection rate’ is defined as the total rent actually collected as a proportion of the rent charged.

A high or increasing proportion suggests efficiency in collecting rent.

As with mainstream community housing, payment arrangements for rent in some jurisdictions mean the rent collected over a 12 month period may be higher than rent charged over that period.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

‘Rent collection rate’ in 2006-07 is presented in table 16.16.

**Table 16.16 ICH — rent collection rate (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

|         | NSW  | Vic | Qld  | WA   | SA    | Tas | ACT   | NT    | Aus Gov | Aust |
|---------|------|-----|------|------|-------|-----|-------|-------|---------|------|
| 2005-06 | 89.4 | ..  | 97.4 | 94.1 | 102.7 | ..  | 100.0 | 103.8 | 84.7    | 94.2 |
| 2006-07 | 90.0 | ..  | 96.6 | 96.8 | 65.5  | ..  | 100.0 | 111.5 | 92.0    | 96.2 |

<sup>a</sup> Data may not be comparable across jurisdictions and over time and comparisons could be misleading. Reasons for this are provided in table 16A.21. <sup>b</sup> Contains data from Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania and includes dwellings managed by funded and unfunded organisations responding to the FaHCSIA survey. .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW, *Indigenous housing indicators 2006-07 collection* (unpublished); AIHW (2007) *Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06*, Indigenous housing series no. 2, Cat. no. HOU 168. Canberra; table 16A.21; 2009 Report, table 16.31, p. 16.68.

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## *Outcomes*

The following indicators measure the outcomes of Indigenous community housing. Outcomes are the impact of services on the status of an individual or group (while outputs are the actual services delivered).

### *Amenity/location*

‘Amenity/location’ is an indicator of the ICH guiding principle to provide housing assistance that is appropriate to the needs of different households (box 16.23).

#### **Box 16.23 Amenity/location**

‘Amenity/location’ is defined as the proportion of tenants rating amenity and location aspects as important and as meeting their needs.

Higher levels of satisfaction with amenity and location imply the provision of housing assistance that satisfies household needs.

The amenity/location indicator is a survey-based measure.

Data for this indicator were not available for the 2009 Report.

### *Affordability*

‘Affordability’ is an indicator of the ICH guiding principle to provide affordable housing to assist people who are unable to access suitable housing (box 16.24).

#### **Box 16.24 Affordability**

‘Affordability’ is defined as the extent to which low income households are paying a large share of their income in rent. It is measured as the number of ICH households in the bottom 40 per cent of equivalised incomes paying 25 per cent or more of their income in rent, divided by the total number of Indigenous community households.

A low or decreasing proportion indicates that housing is more affordable.

No administrative data are currently collected for this indicator, so ABS survey data from 2006 are reported. This affordability measure differs from that reported for public housing, SOMIH and community housing.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

The proportion of Indigenous community households in the bottom 40 per cent of equivalised incomes paying 25 per cent or more of their income on rent is presented in table 16.17.

**Table 16.17 ICH — proportion of low income households paying 25 per cent or more of their income on rent (per cent)<sup>a, b</sup>**

|      | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2001 | 28.9       | 31.1       | 20.2       | 12.4      | 12.3      | 20.9       | ..         | 5.2       | 15.8        |
| 2006 | 31.3       | 41.6       | 19.9       | 7.4       | 15.9      | 42.6       | ..         | 3.9       | 15.1        |

<sup>a</sup> Data may not be comparable across jurisdictions and over time and comparisons could be misleading. Reasons for this are provided in table 16A.22. <sup>b</sup> Low income households refer to those in the bottom 40 per cent of equalised gross household income. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ABS (2002) *2001 Census of Population and Housing*, Canberra; ABS (2007) *2006 Census of Population and Housing*, Canberra; table 16A.22; 2009 Report, table 16.32, p. 16.69.

### *Match of dwelling to household size*

‘Match of dwelling to household size’ is an indicator of the ICH guiding principle to provide housing assistance that is appropriate to the needs of different households, such as household size (box 16.25).

#### **Box 16.25 Match of dwelling to household size**

‘Match of dwelling to household size’ is defined as the proportion of households where dwelling size is not appropriate due to overcrowding. The indicator uses a proxy occupancy standard based on the size of the dwelling and household structure (see table below). Overcrowding is deemed to have occurred where two or more additional bedrooms are required to satisfy the proxy occupancy standard.

#### **Proxy occupancy standard for appropriate sized dwelling, by household structure**

| <i>Household structure</i>                         | <i>Bedrooms required</i>    |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Single adult only                                  | 1 bedroom                   |
| Single adult (group)                               | 1 bedroom (per adult)       |
| Couple with no children                            | 2 bedrooms                  |
| Sole parent or couple with one child               | 2 bedrooms                  |
| Sole parent or couple with two or three children   | 3 bedrooms                  |
| Sole parent or couple with four children           | 4 bedrooms                  |
| Sole parent or couple with more than four children | equal to number of children |

Source: AIHW (2006).

A low proportion indicates less overcrowded households.

Data reported for this indicator are not complete or directly comparable.

The proportion of Indigenous community households with overcrowding at 30 June is illustrated in table 16.18.

**Table 16.18 ICH — proportion of households with overcrowding (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

|      | NSW | Vic | Qld  | WA | SA   | Tas | ACT | NT | Aus<br>Gov | Aust |
|------|-----|-----|------|----|------|-----|-----|----|------------|------|
| 2006 | na  | ..  | 36.6 | na | 5.6  | ..  | 4.5 | na | 19.3       | na   |
| 2007 | na  | ..  | 27.2 | na | 24.1 | ..  | na  | na | 24.5       | 30.8 |

<sup>a</sup> Data may not be comparable across jurisdictions and comparisons could be misleading. Reasons for this are provided in table 16A.23. <sup>b</sup> Contains all data from Victoria and Tasmania and some data from Queensland and includes dwellings managed by funded and unfunded organisations responding to the FaHCSIA survey. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Source: AIHW, *Indigenous housing indicators 2006-07 collection* (unpublished); AIHW (2007) *Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06*, Indigenous housing series no. 2, Cat. no. HOU 168. Canberra; table 16A.23; 2009 Report, table 16.33, p. 16.70.

### *Customer satisfaction*

‘Customer satisfaction’ is an indicator of the ICH guiding principle to provide housing assistance that is appropriate to different households (box 16.26).

#### **Box 16.26 Customer satisfaction**

‘Customer satisfaction’ is defined as satisfaction with the overall quality of service provided.

A higher proportion of satisfied tenants may imply better housing assistance provision.

Data for this indicator were not available for the 2009 Report.

## **Performance reporting for Commonwealth Rent Assistance**

The performance indicator framework for CRA is presented in figure 16.8.

Data for CRA recipients are for individuals and families paid CRA by Centrelink under the *Social Security Act 1991* or family assistance law. CRA data do not include equivalent payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs, or payments made with Abstudy on behalf of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

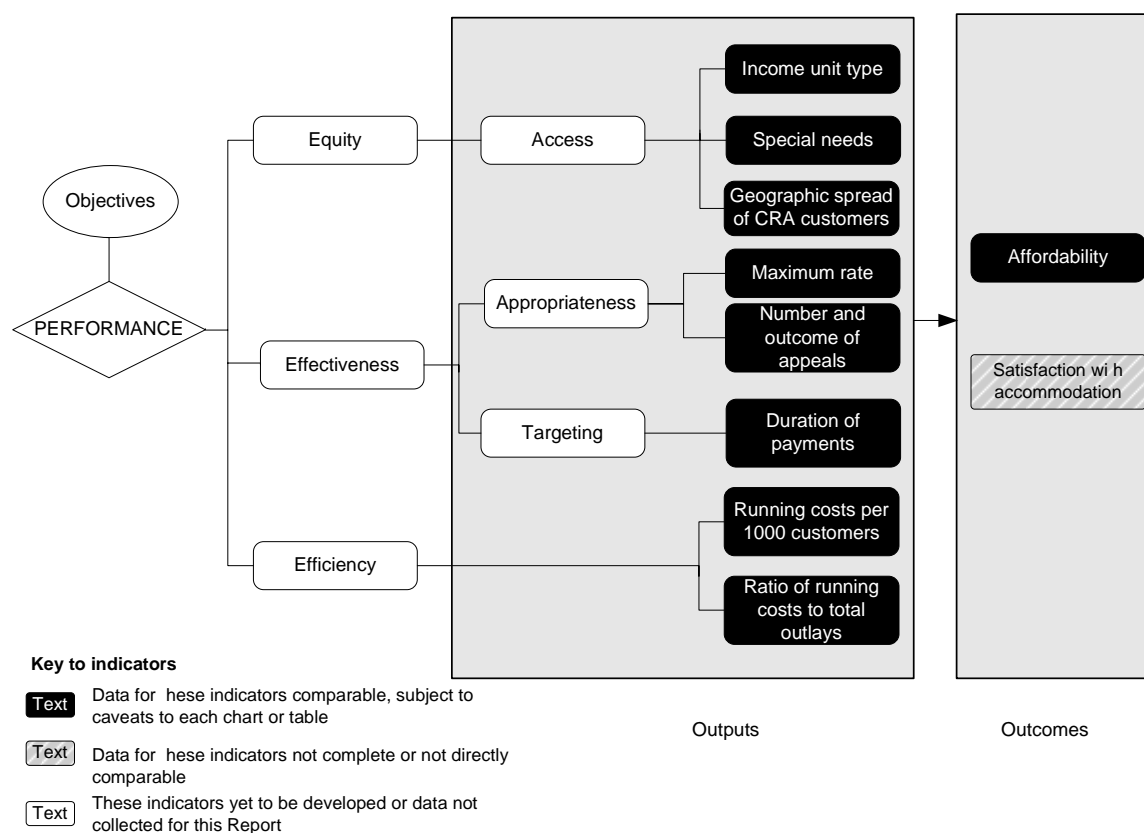
Data are generally for those entitled to CRA at 6 June 2008. Centrelink recorded 946 641 individuals and families as being entitled to CRA with a social security or family assistance payment for that day. Other published figures may include

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individuals and families who were paid CRA in the previous fortnight, some of whom were only entitled to payment for an earlier period.

Important eligibility requirements for CRA (which is paid automatically once eligibility has been established) are (1) the receipt of an income support payment or more than the base rate of the Family Tax Benefit Part A, and (2) liability to pay rent.

Figure 16.8 Performance indicators for CRA



Source: 2009 Report, figure 16.20, p. 16.72.

## Outputs

The following indicators measure the outputs of CRA. Outputs are the actual services delivered (while outcomes are the impact of these services on the status of an individual or group).

### *Equity — access — income unit type*

‘Income unit type’ is an indicator of the CRA’s guiding principle to provide financial assistance in an equitable manner (box 16.27).

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**Box 16.27 Income unit type**

'Income unit type' is defined as the number and proportion of eligible income support recipients receiving CRA by income unit type.

Data for this indicator are difficult to interpret. CRA is a demand driven payment that has no benchmarks in terms of the mix of customers.

The number of CRA recipients in each State and Territory is influenced by a number of factors, including the size of the base population, dependence on welfare and levels of home ownership. This indicator provides descriptive information only.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Of the 946 641 income units entitled to receive CRA at 6 June 2008, 31 494 (approximately 3.3 per cent) self-identified as Indigenous. Single people with no children represented approximately 51.1 per cent of income units receiving CRA and 37.3 per cent of Indigenous income units receiving CRA (table 16.19). Data for the total number and proportion of income units by the income unit type disaggregated at the jurisdiction level are presented in tables 16A.24 and 16A.25 and 2009 Report, tables 16A.48 and 16A.49.



**Table 16.19 Income units receiving CRA, by income unit type, 2008<sup>a</sup>**

| <i>Type of income unit</i>                                | <i>Income units</i> |              | <i>Proportion of CRA recipients</i> |              | <i>Indigenous income units</i> |   | <i>Proportion of Indigenous CRA recipients</i> |  |
|---|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
|   | no.                 | %            | no.                                 | %            | no.                            | % |  |  |
| Single, no dependent children aged under 16               | 365 087             | 38.6         | 9 199                               | 29.2         |                                |   |  |  |
| Single, no children, sharer                               | 118 172             | 12.5         | 2 553                               | 8.1          |                                |   |  |  |
| Single, one or two dependent children aged under 16       | 182 808             | 19.3         | 8 142                               | 25.9         |                                |   |  |  |
| Single, three or more dependent children aged under 16    | 36 804              | 3.9          | 2 727                               | 8.7          |                                |   |  |  |
| Partnered, no dependent children aged under 16            | 83 966              | 8.9          | 1 793                               | 5.7          |                                |   |  |  |
| Partnered, one or two dependent children aged under 16    | 107 614             | 11.4         | 4 122                               | 13.1         |                                |   |  |  |
| Partnered, three or more dependent children aged under 16 | 49 293              | 5.2          | 2 816                               | 8.9          |                                |   |  |  |
| Partnered, illness or temporarily separated               | 2 897               | 0.3          | 142                                 | 0.5          |                                |   |  |  |
| Unknown income unit                                       | ..                  | ..           | ..                                  | ..           |                                |   |  |  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>946 641</b>      | <b>100.0</b> | <b>31 494</b>                       | <b>100.0</b> |                                |   |  |  |

<sup>a</sup> Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 16A.24 and 16A.25 and 2009 Report, tables 16A.48 and 16A.49. .. Not applicable.

Source: FaHCSIA (unpublished); tables 16A.24 and 16A.25 and 2009 Report, tables 16A.48 and 16A.49; 2009 Report, table 16.34, p. 16.74.

### *Equity — access — special needs*

‘Special needs’ is an indicator of the CRA’s guiding principle to provide income support recipients and low income families with financial assistance (box 16.28).

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**Box 16.28 Special needs**

'Special needs' is defined as the proportion of income units receiving CRA that include an Indigenous person or a person receiving a Disability Support Pension.

Data for this indicator are difficult to interpret. The number of CRA recipients in each State and Territory is influenced by a number of factors, including the size of the base populations and levels of home ownership.

This indicator provides an overview of the level of assistance provided to disadvantaged groups and facilitates comparison with special needs groups in public housing. CRA is a demand driven payment that has no benchmark in terms of the level of assistance provided to special needs customers. Additional measures of special need, which include a geographic dimension, are reported under affordability.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Table 16.20 illustrates the number and proportion of income units receiving CRA at 6 June 2008 by jurisdiction, Indigenous status and geographic location. Overall, 57.4 per cent of all income units receiving CRA at 6 June 2008 were in capital cities, while 42.6 per cent were in the rest of the State or Territory (FaHCSIA unpublished). For Indigenous income units receiving CRA, 33.0 per cent were located in capital cities, while 67.0 per cent lived in the rest of the State or Territory. For non-Indigenous income units receiving CRA, 58.3 per cent were located in capital cities, while 41.7 per cent lived in the rest of the State or Territory (table 16.20). People who own their home are not entitled to CRA. Indigenous people receiving social security benefits are less likely to own their home and therefore are more likely to receive CRA. Nationally, 6.8 per cent of Indigenous income units receiving social security or family payments were homeowners, while 45.0 per cent of non-Indigenous income units receiving benefits were homeowners, in 2008 (FaHCSIA unpublished).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Home ownership rate refers to the proportion of income units receiving a social security payment or more than the base rate Family Tax Benefit Part A recorded as owning or purchasing a home. It excludes those identified as living in special residences such as nursing homes, aged care and retirement villages, those residing overseas or living in caravan parks.

**Table 16.20 Income units receiving CRA, by Indigenous status, disability support pension and geographic location, 2008<sup>a</sup>**

|   | Unit       | NSW            | Vic            | Qld            | WA            | SA            | Tas           | ACT          | NT           | Aust           |
|---|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| <i>Non-Indigenous</i>   |            |                |                |                |               |               |               |              |              |                |
| Income units  | no.        | 313 851        | 208 287        | 216 169        | 72 822        | 68 393        | 23 744        | na           | 3 933        | 914 574        |
| In capital city   | %          | 54.7           | 68.7           | 42.2           | 74.8          | 76.5          | 42.7          | na           | 79.5         | 58.3           |
| In rest of State/Territory  | %          | 45.3           | 31.3           | 57.8           | 25.2          | 23.5          | 57.3          | na           | 20.5         | 41.7           |
| Non-Indigenous income units as proportion of all CRA recipient income units | %          | 96.1           | 98.8           | 95.4           | 96.7          | 97.7          | 95.4          | na           | 80.3         | 96.6           |
| Non-Indigenous population, as proportion of total population                | %          | 97.9           | 99.4           | 96.7           | 96.6          | 98.2          | 96.2          | 98.7         | 71.5         | 97.6           |
| <i>Indigenous</i>   |            |                |                |                |               |               |               |              |              |                |
| Income units  | no.        | 12 541         | 2 372          | 10 321         | 2 454         | 1 581         | 1 136         | 133          | 927          | 31 473         |
| In capital city   | %          | 25.3           | 45.7           | 27.3           | 53.9          | 59.4          | 37.4          | 100.0        | 53.1         | 33.0           |
| In rest of State/Territory  | %          | 74.7           | 54.3           | 72.7           | 46.1          | 40.6          | 62.6          | –            | 46.9         | 67.0           |
| Indigenous income units as proportion of all CRA recipient income units     | %          | 3.8            | 1.1            | 4.6            | 3.3           | 2.3           | 4.6           | 1.8          | 18.9         | 3.3            |
| Indigenous population, as proportion of total population                    | %          | 2.1            | 0.6            | 3.3            | 3.4           | 1.8           | 3.8           | 1.3          | 28.5         | 2.4            |
| <b>Total income units</b>   | <b>no.</b> | <b>326 525</b> | <b>210 740</b> | <b>226 673</b> | <b>75 311</b> | <b>69 996</b> | <b>24 882</b> | <b>7 495</b> | <b>4 895</b> | <b>946 641</b> |
| <i>Disability Support Pension</i>   |            |                |                |                |               |               |               |              |              |                |
| In capital city   | %          | 46.9           | 66.3           | 40.9           | 73.6          | 76.1          | 42.7          | 99.4         | 70.3         | 54.7           |
| In rest of State/Territory  | %          | 53.0           | 33.7           | 59.0           | 26.4          | 23.8          | 57.3          | na           | 29.4         | 45.3           |
| <b>Total income units</b>   | <b>no.</b> | <b>63 915</b>  | <b>44 746</b>  | <b>44 929</b>  | <b>14 771</b> | <b>14 911</b> | <b>5 354</b>  | <b>1 041</b> | <b>1 069</b> | <b>190 754</b> |

<sup>a</sup> Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in table 16A.26 *na* Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: FaHCSIA (unpublished); ABS population by age and sex, Australian States and Territories, Cat. no. 3201.0, (unpublished), ABS (2007) *2006 Census of Population and Housing, Canberra*; ABS (2004) *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders*, Cat. no. 3238.0; table 16A.26; 2009 Report, table 16.35, p. 16.76.

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## *Outcomes*

The following indicators measure the outcomes of CRA. Outcomes are the impact of services on the status of an individual or group (while outputs are the actual services delivered).

### *Affordability*

‘Affordability’ is an indicator of the CRA objective to provide income support recipients and low income families in the private rental market with financial assistance (box 16.29).

#### **Box 16.29 Affordability**

‘Affordability’ is defined as the proportions of income units spending more than 30 per cent and 50 per cent of their income on rent with and without CRA. Affordability outcomes (with and without CRA) are reported for all income units receiving CRA, Indigenous income units receiving CRA, and Disability Support Pension income units receiving CRA.

A lower proportion of recipients spending 30 per cent and 50 per cent of income on rent with CRA implies improved affordability.

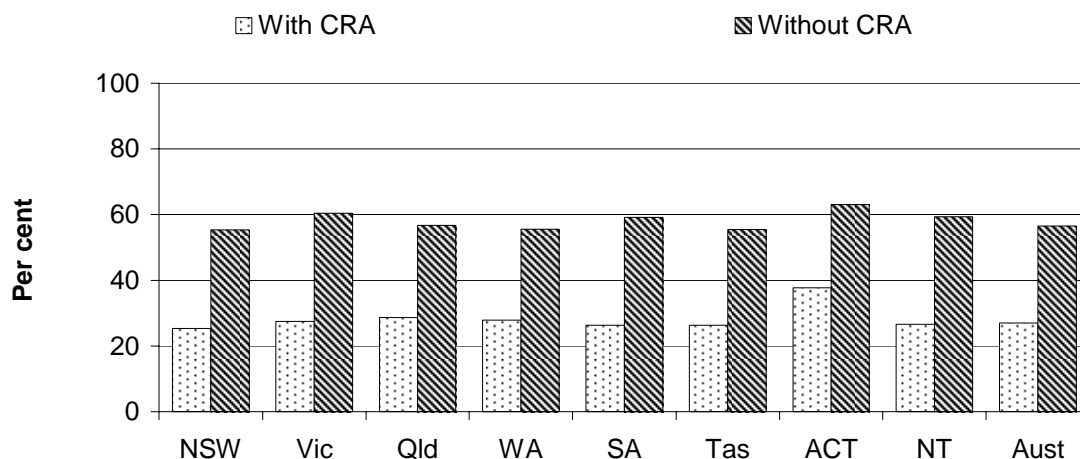
CRA is intended to improve affordability, not to achieve a particular benchmark. Program performance is best judged by trends over a number of years.

Data reported for this indicator are comparable.

Information on the proportion of income spent on rent (with and without CRA) by Australians living in State capital cities and rest of State regions, income units where one or more members’ self-identify as Indigenous Australians and income units where one or more members receive a Disability Support Pension is presented in tables 16A.27–16A.28 and in 2009 Report, tables 16A.68 and 16A.70.

Nationally, if CRA were not payable, then 56.6 per cent of the Indigenous income units receiving CRA would have spent more than 30 per cent of income on rent at 6 June 2008. Taking CRA into account, this proportion falls to 27.0 per cent (figure 16.9). Similarly, if CRA were not payable, then 20.1 per cent of Indigenous income units across Australia would have spent more than 50 per cent of income on rent at 6 June 2008. Accounting for CRA payments this proportion decreases to 6.6 per cent (table 16A.28).

Figure 16.9 **Indigenous income units receiving CRA paying more than 30 per cent of income on rent, with and without CRA, 2008<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in table 16A.27.

Source: FaHCSIA (unpublished); table 16A.27; 2009 Report, figure 16.23, p. 16.84.

## Future directions in performance reporting

### *Further developing indicators and data*

Improved reporting on housing provision to Indigenous Australians continues to be a priority. All states, territories and the Australian Government have committed to improve reporting against the NRF, the nationally endorsed performance indicator framework for Indigenous housing. Jurisdictions have implemented action plans to improve the availability and reliability of data on Indigenous Australians accessing mainstream housing assistance.

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## Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within this chapter are contained in the attachment to the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'A' suffix (for example, table 16A.3 is table 3 in the housing attachment). The tables included in the attachment are listed below.

### Public housing

**Table 16A.1** Descriptive data - public housing

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**Table 16A.2** Descriptive data - State owned and managed Indigenous housing

**Table 16A.3** New low income households as a proportion of all new households (per cent)

**Table 16A.4** Proportion of new tenancies allocated to households with special needs (per cent)

**Table 16A.5** Greatest need allocations as a proportion of all new allocations (per cent)

**Table 16A.6** Net recurrent cost per dwelling (2007-08 dollars)

**Table 16A.7** Occupancy rates as at 30 June (per cent)

**Table 16A.8** Average turnaround times for vacant stock (days)

**Table 16A.9** Total rent actually collected as a proportion of total rent charged (per cent)

**Table 16A.10** State owned and managed Indigenous housing satisfaction survey, 2007

**Table 16A.11** Average weekly subsidy per rebated household and proportion of rebated households spending less than 30 per cent of their income in rent

**Table 16A.12** Proportion of households with overcrowding at 30 June (per cent)

### Community housing

**Table 16A.13** Descriptive data - community housing

### Indigenous community housing

**Table 16A.14** Descriptive data - Indigenous community housing

**Table 16A.15** Proportion of permanent dwellings not connected to an organised water supply (per cent)

**Table 16A.16** Proportion of permanent dwellings not connected to an organised sewerage supply (per cent)

**Table 16A.17** Proportion of permanent dwellings not connected to an organised electricity supply (per cent)

**Table 16A.18** Dwelling condition, (per cent), 2006

**Table 16A.19** Net recurrent cost per dwelling (2006-07 dollars)

**Table 16A.20** Occupancy rates (per cent)

**Table 16A.21** Rent collection rate (per cent)

**Table 16A.22** Proportion of low income households paying 25 per cent or more of their income on rent (per cent)

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| <b>Table 16A.23</b> | Proportion of Indigenous community housing households that are overcrowded (per cent)   |
| <b>CRA</b>          |   |
| <b>Table 16A.24</b> | Number of Indigenous income units receiving CRA, 2008 (no.)   |
| <b>Table 16A.25</b> | Proportion of Indigenous CRA recipients, 2008 (per cent)  |
| <b>Table 16A.26</b> | Income units receiving CRA, by Indigenous status, disability support pension and geographic location, 2008                                      |
| <b>Table 16A.27</b> | Proportion of Indigenous income units receiving CRA, spending over 30 per cent of income on rent, with and without CRA, 2003 to 2008 (per cent) |
| <b>Table 16A.28</b> | Proportion of income spent on rent with and without CRA, income units with more than 50 per cent of income spent on rent, 2008 (per cent)       |

#### **Descriptive Information**

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| <b>Table 16A.29</b> | Rebated State owned and managed Indigenous housing households paying assessable income on rent, by proportion of income (per cent) |
| <b>Table 16A.30</b> | Proportion of households in State owned and managed Indigenous housing with moderate overcrowding or underutilisation, (per cent)  |
| <b>Table 16A.31</b> | State owned and managed Indigenous housing, non-rebated and multiple family households excluded                                    |

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# A Statistical appendix

This appendix contains contextual information to assist the interpretation of the performance indicators presented in the Report. It also contains a discussion of the statistical concept of age standardisation and its application to Indigenous and all people's use of aged care services.

Most of the service areas covered by the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report) use population data from tables AA.1 and AA.2 (in the 2009 Report) for descriptive information (such as expenditure per person in the population) or performance indicators (such as participation rates for vocational education and training [VET]).

## **Indigenous data in the statistical appendix**

The statistical appendix in the 2009 Report contains the following data items on Indigenous people:

- persons by country of birth, August 2006 ('000)
- population profile, 30 June 2006
- proportion with weekly income of \$249 or less, August 2006
- proportion who had completed year 12 or equivalent, August 2006
- proportion who had attended higher education, August 2006
- crude and age standardised imprisonment rates, 2007-08
- deaths, main causes and standardised mortality ratios, 2001–2005.

### *Attachment tables*

Attachment tables for data within the statistical appendix of this compendium are contained in attachment A of the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'AA' suffix (for example, table AA.3 is table 3 in the statistical appendix attachment). As the data are directly sourced from the 2009 Report, the compendium also notes where the original table, figure or text in the 2009 Report can be found. For example, where the compendium refers to '2009 Report, p. A.15' this is page 15 of the statistical appendix of the 2009 Report,

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and '2009 Report, table AA.2' is attachment table 2 of the statistical appendix attachment of the 2009 Report.

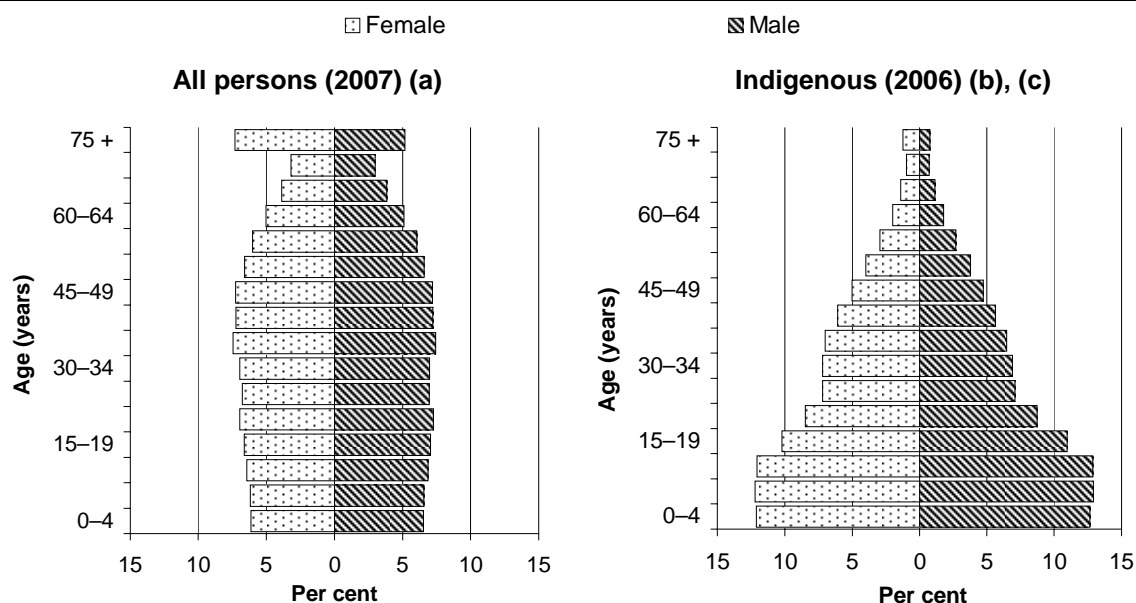
## Population

More than three quarters of Australia's 21.0 million people lived in the eastern mainland states as at 30 June 2007, with NSW, Victoria and Queensland accounting for 32.8 per cent, 24.8 per cent and 19.9 per cent, respectively, of the nation's population. Western Australia and SA accounted for a further 10.0 per cent and 7.5 per cent, respectively, of the population, while Tasmania, the ACT and the NT accounted for the remaining 2.3 per cent, 1.6 per cent and 1.0 per cent, respectively (2009 Report, table AA.1).

As in most other developed economies, greater life expectancy and declining fertility have contributed to an 'ageing' of Australia's population. However, the age distribution of Indigenous Australians is markedly different (figure A.1). At 30 June 2007, 9.3 per cent of Australia's population was aged 70 years or over, in contrast to 1.8 per cent of Australia's Indigenous population, as at 30 June 2006 (tables AA.3 and 2009 Report, tables AA.1). Across jurisdictions, the proportion of all people aged 70 years or over ranged from 11.1 per cent in SA to 2.7 per cent in the NT (2009 Report, tables AA.1).

Half of the population at June 2007 was female (50.3 per cent). This distribution was similar across all jurisdictions except the NT, which had a lower representation of women in its population (48.1 per cent) (2009 Report, table AA.1). The proportion of women in the population varies noticeably by age. Nationally, approximately 56.5 per cent of people aged 70 or over were female, compared with 48.7 per cent of people aged 14 years or younger (2009 Report, table AA.1).

Figure A.1 Population distribution, Australia, by age and sex, 30 June



**a** Totals may not add as a result of rounding. **b** Includes other territories. **c** Experimental estimates at 30 June 2006 are preliminary rebased estimates and are based on the 2006 Census of Population and Housing.

Source: ABS (2008), Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories, June 2002-2007, Cat. no. 3201.0; ABS (2007), Australian Demographic Statistics, March Quarter 2007, Cat. no. 3101.0; table AA3 and 2009 Report, table AA.1; 2009 Report, figure A.1, p. A.3.

## Population, by ethnicity and proficiency in English

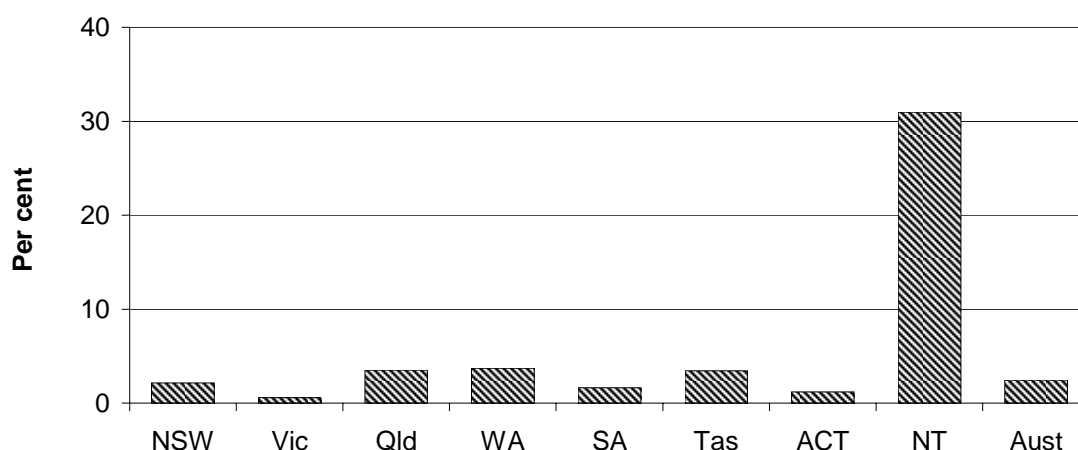
The most and least common languages other than English spoken in people's homes varied across jurisdictions in August 2006. The most extreme variation was in the NT, where 15.1 per cent of people spoke an Australian Indigenous language (65.3 per cent of the total persons in the NT who spoke a language other than English in their homes) (table AA.2).

## Indigenous population profile

There were an estimated 517 174 Indigenous people (259 693 female and 257 481 male) in Australia at 30 June 2006, accounting for approximately 2.5 per cent of the total population (table AA.3 and 2009 Report, table AA.2). The proportion of people who were Indigenous was significantly higher in the NT (31.0 per cent) than in any other jurisdiction. Across the other jurisdictions, the proportion ranged from 3.7 per cent in WA to 0.6 per cent in Victoria (figure A.2). Nationally, the Indigenous population is projected to grow to 528 645 people in 2009 (table AA.4).

The majority of Indigenous people (81.8 per cent) at August 2006 spoke only English at home, while a further 9.0 per cent spoke an Indigenous language and English very well or well. However, 2.2 per cent spoke English not well or not at all (up to 12.2 per cent in the NT). Nationally, 5.2 per cent of Indigenous people did not state their language proficiency (table AA.5).

Figure A.2 **Indigenous people as a proportion of the population, 30 June<sup>a, b, c</sup>**



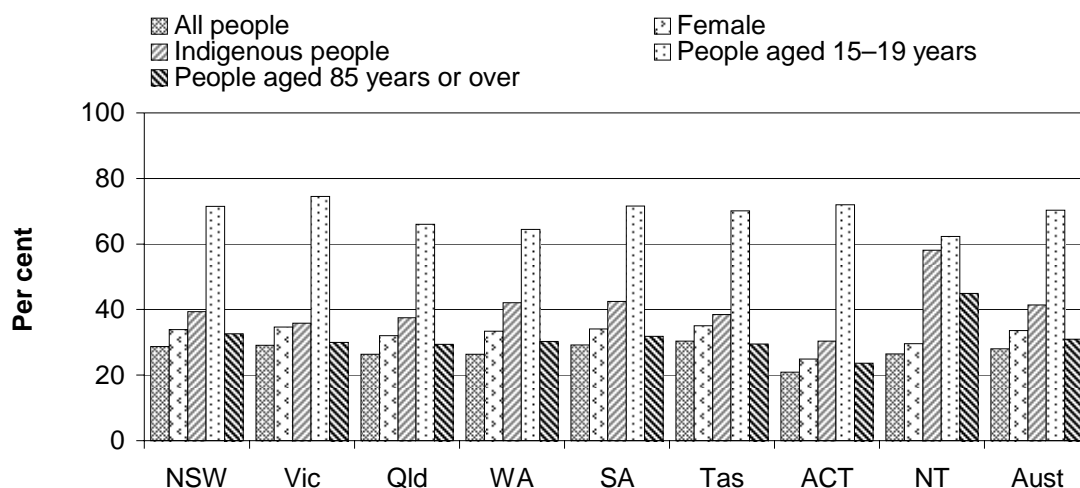
<sup>a</sup> 'Australia' includes other territories. <sup>b</sup> Experimental estimates of the Australian Indigenous population at 30 June 2006 are preliminary rebased estimates and are based on the *2006 Census of Population and Housing*. <sup>c</sup> The estimated resident population at 30 June 2007 is preliminary.

Source: ABS (2008), *Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2007*, Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (2007), *Australian Demographic Statistics, March Quarter 2007*, Cat. no. 3101.0; table AA.3 and 2009 Report, table AA.2; 2009 Report, figure A.5, p. A.7.

## Income

Nationally, 28.0 per cent of people aged 15 years or over in August 2006 had a relatively low weekly individual income of \$249 or less (2009 Report, table AA.16). The proportion was considerably higher for younger people (70.3 per cent for people aged 15–19 years), Indigenous people (41.4 per cent), females (33.5 per cent) but similar for older people (30.9 per cent for people aged 85 years or over) (figure A.3).

Figure A.3 **Weekly individual income of \$249 or less, by sex, Indigenous status and age, August 2006<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> 'Australia' includes other territories.

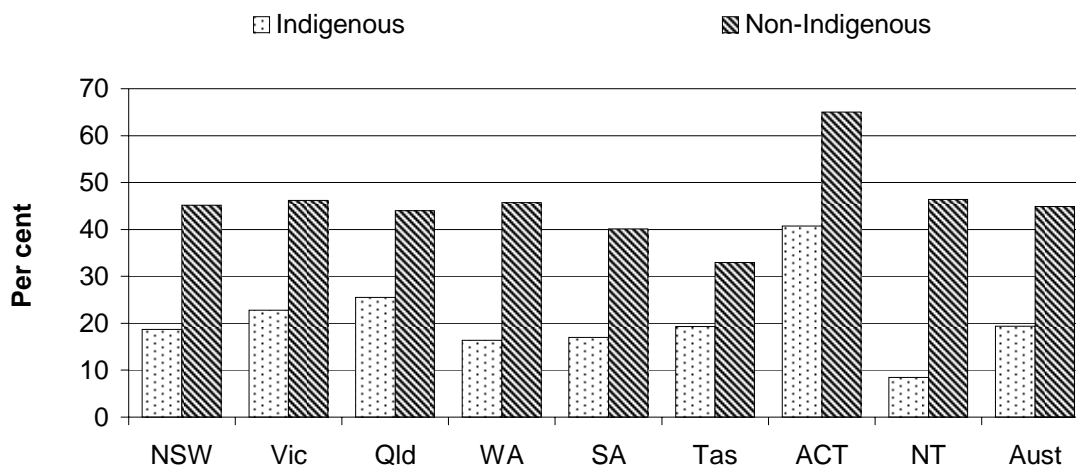
Source: ABS (2007), 2006 Census of Population and Housing, Cat. no. 2068.0; ABS (unpublished), derived from 2006 Census of Population and Housing; table AA.7 and 2009 Report, tables AA.16 and AA.18; 2009 Report, figure A.8, p. A.10.

## Educational attainment

Employment outcomes and income are closely linked to the education and skill levels of individuals. At August 2006, 42.2 per cent of people aged 15 years and over (approximately 6.7 million people) had completed year 12 or equivalent. A further 22.9 per cent (3.6 million people) had a highest level of schooling of year 10 or equivalent. Across jurisdictions, the proportion of people aged 15 years and over who had year 12 or equivalent schooling ranged from 62.1 per cent in the ACT to 31.3 per cent in Tasmania (2009 Report, figure A.10).

At August 2006, a much higher proportion of non-Indigenous people (44.9 per cent) aged 15 years or over had completed year 12 or equivalent as their highest year of school (this is the highest level of primary or secondary school a person has completed) than Indigenous people (19.4 per cent). Across jurisdictions, the proportion of Indigenous people aged 15 years or over who had completed year 12 or equivalent schooling ranged from 40.7 per cent in the ACT to 8.5 per cent in the NT. The proportion of non-Indigenous people who had completed year 12 or equivalent schooling was highest in the ACT (65.0 per cent) and lowest in Tasmania (33.0 per cent) (figure A.4).

**Figure A.4 People aged 15 years or over who had completed year 12 or equivalent as highest year of school, by Indigenous status, August 2006<sup>a</sup>**

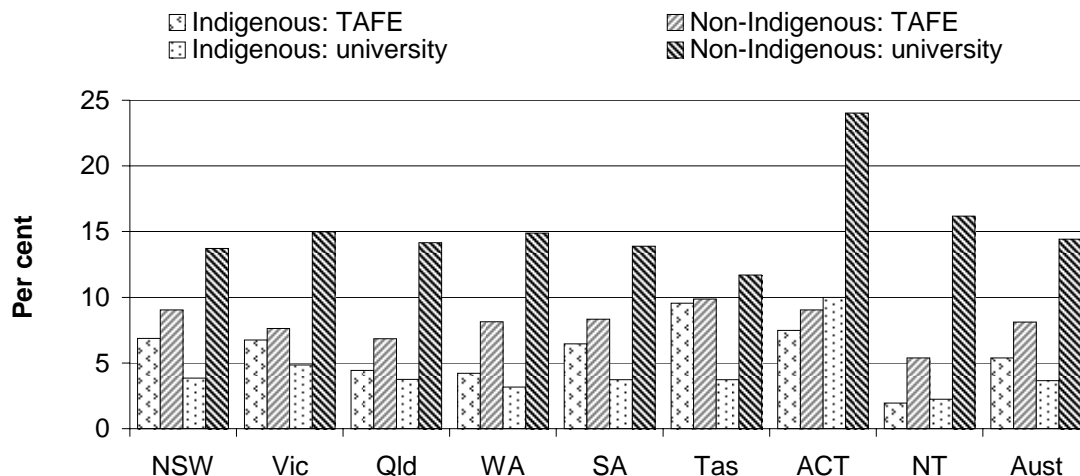


<sup>a</sup> 'Australia' includes other territories.

Source: ABS (2007), derived from 2006 Census of Population and Housing, Cat. no. 2068.0; table AA.8; 2009 Report, figure A.11, p. A.13.

In August 2006, the proportion of the Indigenous tertiary students who were attending TAFE was highest in Tasmania (9.5 per cent) and lowest in the NT (2.0 per cent). At August 2006, the proportion of non-Indigenous students (14.4 per cent) attending university was considerably higher than the proportion of Indigenous students (3.7 per cent). Across jurisdictions, the proportion of non-Indigenous students attending university ranged from 24.0 per cent in the ACT to 11.7 per cent in Tasmania. For Indigenous students the proportion ranged from 10.0 per cent in the ACT to 2.2 per cent in the NT (figure A.5).

Figure A.5 **Proportion of students attending tertiary education institutions, by Indigenous status, August 2006<sup>a, b, c</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> 'Australia' includes other territories. <sup>b</sup> Includes 'technical and further educational institution (including TAFE colleges)'. <sup>c</sup> Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (2007), *2006 Census of Population and Housing*, Cat. no. 2068.0; table AA.9; 2009 Report, figure A.13, p. A.14.

## Statistical concepts used in the Report — age standardisation of data

### *Rationale for age standardisation of data*

The age profile of Australians varies across jurisdictions, periods of time, geographic areas and/or population sub-groups (for example, between Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations). Variations in age profiles are important because they can affect the likelihood of using a particular service (such as a public hospital) or particular 'events' occurring (such as death, incidence of disease or incarceration). Using 'crude' (or unadjusted) rates across populations with different age profiles can lead to drawing erroneous conclusions about variables that are correlated with age. Age standardisation adjusts for the effect of variations in age profiles when comparing service usage, or rates, of particular events across different populations.

### *Calculating age standardised rates*

Age standardisation adjusts each of the comparison/study populations (for example, Indigenous or non-Indigenous) against a standard population (box A.1). The standard population generally used is the final 30 June estimated Australian resident

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total population for the most recent year ending in ‘1’ (for example, 1991 and 2001) (AIHW 2008). The result is a standardised estimate for each of the comparison/study populations.

The Review generally reports age-standardised rates that have been calculated using either one of two methods, as appropriate. The direct method is generally used for comparisons between study groups. The indirect method is recommended when the age-specific rates for the population being studied are not known (or are unreliable), but the total number of events is known (AIHW 2008).

- The *direct method* has three steps:

Step 1: Calculate the age-specific rate for each age group for the study/comparison group.

Step 2: Calculate the expected number of ‘events’ in each age group by multiplying the age-specific rates by the corresponding standard population.

Step 3: Sum the expected number of cases in each age group and divide by the total of the standard population (box A.1, equation A.1).

- The *indirect method* has four steps:

Step 1: Calculate the age-specific rates for each age group in the standard population.

Step 2: Apply the age-specific rates resulting from step 1 to the number in each age group of the study population and sum to derive the total ‘expected’ number of cases for the study population.

Step 3: Divide the observed number of events in the study population by the ‘expected’ number of cases for the study population derived in step 2.

Step 4: Multiply the result of step 3 by the crude rate in the standard population (box A.1, equation A.2.)



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**Box A.1 Technical concepts and formulas — direct and indirect age standardisation**

The formula for deriving the age standardised rate using the direct method is:

$$SR = \frac{\sum(r_i P_i)}{\sum P_i} \quad (\text{equation A.1})$$

The formula for deriving the age standardised rate using the indirect method is:

$$SR = \frac{C}{\sum(R_i p_i)} \times R \quad (\text{equation A.2})$$

The formula for deriving the age standardised ratio using the indirect method is:

$$SR_a = \frac{C}{\sum(R_i p_i)} \quad (\text{equation A.3})$$

Where:

$SR$  is the age-standardised rate for the population being studied

$SR_a$  is the standardised ratio for the population being studied

$r_i$  is the age-group specific rate for age group  $i$  in the population being studied

$P_i$  is the population of age group  $i$  in the standard population

$C$  is the observed number of events in the population being studied

$\sum(R_i p_i)$  is the expected number of events in the population being studied

$R_i$  is the age-group specific rate for age group  $i$  in the standard population

$p_i$  is the population for age group  $i$  in the population being studied

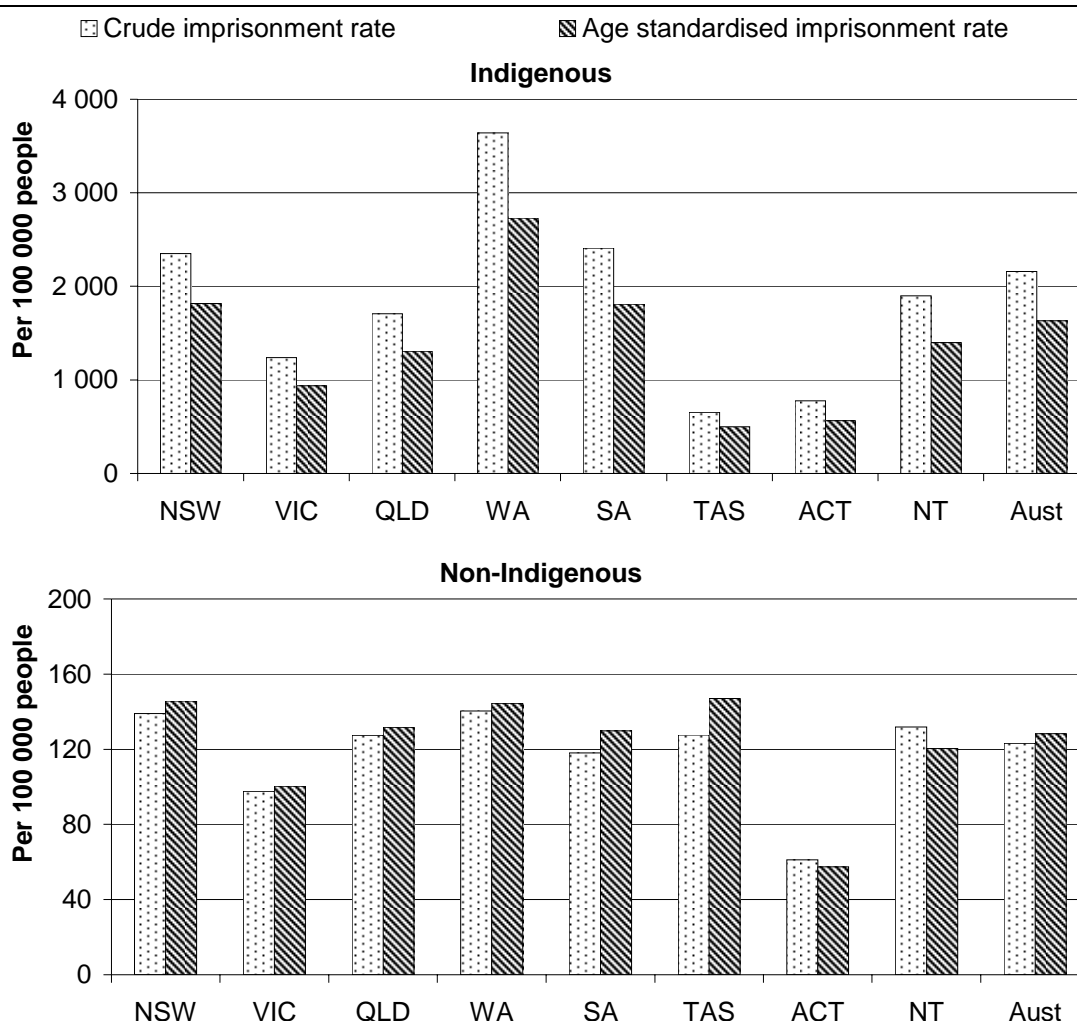
$R$  is the crude rate in the standard population.

Source: AIHW (2008).

Tables AA.12 and AA.13 in the attachment contain examples of the application of direct and indirect age standardisation, respectively. Standardised rates are generally multiplied by 1000 or 100 000 to avoid small decimal fractions. They are then reported as age standardised rates per 1000 or 100 000 population (AIHW 2008).

Figure A.6 compares crude imprisonment rates and imprisonment rates standardised against the age profile of the total Australian prisoner population for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Figure A.6 **Indigenous and non-Indigenous crude and age standardised imprisonment rates, 2007-08<sup>a, b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> For detailed notes relating to these figures, please see table 8A.3. <sup>b</sup> Rates are based on the indirect standardisation method, applying age-group imprisonment rates derived from Prison Census data.

Source: ABS (unpublished), derived from Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2007, Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (unpublished), derived from Experimental Projections Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, Cat. no. 3231.0; ABS (unpublished), derived from Prisoners in Australia, Cat. no. 4517.0; State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 8A.3; table AA.13; 2009 Report, figure A.17, p. A.29.

### Calculating age standardised ratios

A variation of the *indirect method* is used to calculate age standardised ratios (box A.1). These ratios express the overall experience of a study population in terms of a standard population, where the standard population is the population to which the study population is being compared.

### *Application of age standardised ratios*

Standardised Mortality Ratios (SMRs) have been used to compare death rates between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations (table A.1). The SMR is the ratio between the observed number of deaths in the Indigenous population and the expected number of deaths that would have occurred if the Indigenous population experienced the same age-specific death rates as the non-Indigenous population. If the SMR is greater than 1.0, there were more deaths than expected; if the ratio is less than 1.0, there were fewer deaths than expected (ABS and AIHW 2008).

**Table A.1 Indigenous deaths, main causes and standardised mortality ratios, 2001–2005<sup>a, b</sup>**

|   | Male        |             |            | Female      |             |            |
|---|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
|   | Observed    | Expected    | SMR        | Observed    | Expected    | SMR        |
| Diseases of the circulatory system  | 1 150       | 360         | 3.2        | 856         | 320         | 2.7        |
| External causes   | 851         | 292         | 2.9        | 369         | 105         | 3.5        |
| Neoplasms   | 592         | 406         | 1.5        | 547         | 351         | 1.6        |
| Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases   | 315         | 42          | 7.5        | 367         | 36          | 10.1       |
| Diabetes  | 281         | 26          | 10.8       | 319         | 22          | 14.5       |
| Diseases of the respiratory system  | 378         | 88          | 4.3        | 281         | 77          | 3.6        |
| Diseases of the digestive system  | 251         | 43          | 5.8        | 182         | 36          | 5.1        |
| Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified | 169         | 28          | 6.0        | 85          | 19          | 4.6        |
| Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period                                  | 126         | 44          | 2.9        | 82          | 36          | 2.3        |
| Diseases of the genitourinary system  | 79          | 16          | 4.8        | 119         | 20          | 6.0        |
| Diseases of the nervous system  | 122         | 42          | 2.9        | 69          | 44          | 1.6        |
| Certain infectious and parasitic diseases   | 102         | 20          | 5.1        | 72          | 14          | 5.0        |
| Mental and behavioural disorders  | 101         | 17          | 5.8        | 72          | 23          | 3.1        |
| <b>All causes</b>   | <b>4329</b> | <b>1438</b> | <b>3.0</b> | <b>3215</b> | <b>1123</b> | <b>2.9</b> |

SMR = Standardised Mortality Ratio. <sup>a</sup> Data for Qld, WA, SA and NT combined. Deaths are based on year of registration of death. Disease groupings are based on ICD-10 chapter. <sup>b</sup> Standardised mortality ratio is the observed Indigenous deaths divided by expected Indigenous deaths, based on the age, sex and cause-specific rates for non-Indigenous persons.

Source: ABS and AIHW (2008), *Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*, Cat. no. 4704.0, Canberra; 2009 Report, table A.3, p. A.31.

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## Attachment tables

Attachment tables for data within this chapter are contained in the attachment to the compendium. These tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by an 'AA' suffix (for example, table AA.3 is table 3 in the statistic appendix attachment). The tables included in the attachment are listed below.

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- Table AA.4** Experimental projection of the Indigenous population, 2000 to 2009 (number)
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### Family and household

- Table AA.6** Families and persons in families in occupied private dwellings by Indigenous status and family/household composition, August 2006

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- Table AA.7** Persons aged 15 years and over by weekly individual income and Indigenous status, August 2006
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### General economic indicators

- Table AA.10** Gross State Product, 2002-03 to 2006-07, (2006-07 dollars)
- Table AA.11** Gross Domestic Product price deflator (index)

### Statistical concepts

- Table AA.12** Age standardisation of data using the direct method
- Table AA.13** Age standardisation of data using the indirect method

## References

ABS and AIHW 2008, *Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*, Cat. no. 4704.0, Canberra.

AIHW 2008, Age-standardised rate, METeOR, <http://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/327276>, accessed 10 September 2008.

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## ATTACHMENT TABLES

# EPA Early childhood, education and training preface — attachment

Data in this Report are examined by the Children's Services, School Education and Vocational Education and Training (VET) Working Groups, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat.

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When adjustments have been made for inflation in the following tables the gross domestic product (GDP) index (table AA.11) has been used throughout the attachment.

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Table EPA.1

**Table EPA.1 Higher education participation by selected groups compared to share of total population, 2006 (a)**

|                  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>Disability</i> | <i>Regional</i> | <i>Indigenous</i> | <i>Low SES</i> |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Students         | %           | 4.0               | 19.0            | 1.2               | 14.7           |
| Total population | %           | 8.0               | 27.8            | 2.2               | 25.0           |

**Low SES** = low socio-economic status

(a) Refer publication for additional details.

Source: DEEWR (2007) *Higher Education Student Statistics, 2006*; DEEWR (unpublished); 2009 Report, table BA.23.



## 3A Children's services — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 3.6 of the chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report). Unsourced information was obtained from the Australian, State and Territory governments. Data in this Report are examined by the Children's Services Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat.

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Table 3A.1

## Table 3A.1 Early Childhood Education and Care in Australia, as at 30 June 2008

|            |  | CHILD CARE                                      |   |                        |   | PRESCHOOL  |                         |   |   |
|------------|--|---|---|------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|---|---|
|            |  | 2 years before Year One                         |   | 1 year before Year One |   |  |                         |   |   |
| Agency (a) | Program name                                       | Age of entry                                    | Agency (a)  | Program name           | Age of entry                                    | Agency (a)   | Program name            | Age of entry                                | Agency (a)  |
| NSW (b)    | Dept of Community Services Preschool               | generally 3 and 4 year olds                     | Dept of Community Services (licensing for all services, funding for community based services) | Kindergarten           | 5 by 31 July                                    | Dept of Education and Training                         | Kindergarten            | 5 by 31 July                                | Dept of Education and Training                    |
|            |  |   | Dept of Education & Training (funding for government run preschools)                          |                        |   |  |                         |   |   |
| Vic        | Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development  | 4 by 30 April                                   | Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development   | Kindergarten           | 4 by 30 April                                   | Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development      | Prep                    | 5 by 30 April                               | Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development |
| Qld        | Dept of Communities                                | 4 by 30 June                                    | Dept of Communities (licensing)   | Kindergarten           | 4 by 30 June                                    | Dept of Education, Training & the Arts                 | Preparatory Year (Prep) | 5 by 30 June                                | Dept of Education, Training & the Arts            |
|            |  |   | Dept of Education, Training & the Arts (funding to approved community kindergartens)          |                        |   |  |                         |   |   |
|            |  |   | Dept of Education, Training & the Arts (fund access across 35 Indigenous Communities)         |                        |   |  |                         |   |   |
| WA         | Dept for Communities                               | 4 by 30 June                                    | Dept of Education and Training  | Kindergarten           | 4 by 30 June                                    | Dept of Education and Training                         | Pre-primary             | 5 by 30 June                                | Dept of Education and Training                    |
| SA (c)     | Dept of Education and Children's Services          | entry after 4th birthday                        | Dept of Education and Children's Services   | Preschool Kindergarten | entry after 4th birthday                        | Dept of Education and Children's Services              | Reception               | entry after 5 <sup>th</sup> birthday        | Dept of Education and Children's Services         |
| Tas        | Dept of Education                                  | 4 by 1 January                                  | Dept of Education   | Kindergarten           | 4 by 1 January                                  | Dept of Education                                      | Preparatory             | 5 by 1 January                              | Dept of Education                                 |
| ACT (d)    | Dept of Disability, Housing and Community Services | 4 by 30 April                                   | Dept of Education and Training (government preschools)  | Preschool              | 4 by 30 April                                   | Dept of Education and Training (government preschools) | Kindergarten            | 5 by 30 April                               | Dept of Education and Training                    |
| NT (e)     | Dept of Health and Community Services              | continuous entry after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday | Dept of Employment, Education & Training  | Preschool              | continuous entry after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday | Dept of Employment, Education & Training               | Transition              | 5 but some schools 4.5. Trial: 5 by 30 June | Dept of Employment, Education & Training          |

Table 3A.1 Early Childhood Education and Care in Australia, as at 30 June 2008

| <b>CHILD CARE</b>              |   | <b>PRE-SCHOOL</b>             |              |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>2 years before Year One</b> |   | <b>1 year before Year One</b> |              |
| Agency (a)                     | Age of entry  | Program name                  | Age of entry |
| Agency (a)                     | Age of entry  | Program name                  | Agency (a)   |
| (a)                            | The responsibility of agencies varies between child care and preschool. Agency responsibility refers to licensing services for child care, licensing and/or funding services for preschool programs 2 years before Year One, and funding and/or providing services for preschool programs 1 year before Year One. |                               |              |
| (b)                            | In NSW, all licensed children's services for under 6 year olds (who have not commenced Kindergarten) are required to offer programs that meet children's educational and developmental needs.   |                               |              |
| (c)                            | In SA, exceptions include: Indigenous children and children under the guardianship of the Minister can enter from 3 years, children with additional needs (which includes gifted children) and those living in small rural communities may commence at 3 ½ years.   |                               |              |
| (d)                            | In the ACT, private preschools are licensed by Dept of Disability, Housing and Community Services.  |                               |              |
| (e)                            | In the NT, responsibility for child care will move to Dept of Employment, Education & Training from 1 July 2008.  |                               |              |

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 3A.1.

Table 3A.2

**Table 3A.2 Representation of special needs groups in attendees at Australian Government approved child care services, children aged 0–12 (per cent) (a), (b)**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Children from non-English speaking backgrounds (c) |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Representation in child care services              |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2002 (d)   | 16.3       | 12.3       | 5.9        | 7.2       | 6.4       | 2.4        | 11.0       | 6.3       | 10.8        |
| 2004 (d)   | 17.4       | 13.5       | 6.3        | 7.9       | 6.9       | 3.4        | 12.1       | 8.1       | 11.6        |
| 2006 (e)   | 17.0       | 12.8       | 5.1        | 6.4       | 8.0       | 2.5        | 9.7        | 8.5       | 10.9        |
| 2008   | na         | na         | na         | na        | na        | na         | na         | na        | na          |
| Representation in the community (f)                | 23.2       | 21.7       | 11.9       | 15.5      | 13.7      | 7.2        | 16.2       | 36.8      | 18.8        |
| Indigenous children (g)                            |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Representation in child care services              |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2002 (d)   | 1.5        | 0.5        | 2.7        | 1.7       | 1.4       | 1.2        | 0.7        | 9.8       | 1.7         |
| 2004 (d)   | 1.6        | 0.6        | 2.5        | 1.8       | 1.3       | 1.0        | 0.7        | 10.7      | 1.6         |
| 2006 (e)   | 1.6        | 0.7        | 2.2        | 2.1       | 2.1       | 1.4        | 0.7        | 11.1      | 1.7         |
| 2008   | na         | na         | na         | na        | na        | na         | na         | na        | na          |
| Representation in the community (f)                | 4.1        | 1.2        | 6.2        | 5.6       | 3.3       | 6.5        | 2.3        | 39.2      | 4.4         |
| Children from low-income families (h)              |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Representation in child care services              |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2002 (d)   | 29.1       | 29.0       | 35.2       | 34.3      | 35.4      | 33.6       | 13.7       | 19.1      | 31.2        |
| 2004 (d)   | 28.0       | 28.3       | 33.8       | 32.6      | 33.0      | 31.5       | 12.4       | 18.8      | 29.9        |
| 2006 (e)   | 25.2       | 26.5       | 28.6       | 27.6      | 29.3      | 29.1       | 10.4       | 17.5      | 26.6        |
| 2008   | na         | na         | na         | na        | na        | na         | na         | na        | na          |
| Representation in the community (i)                | 27.2       | 27.0       | 28.9       | 25.3      | 30.3      | 34.2       | 9.4        | 13.2      | 27.3        |
| Children with a disability (j)                     |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Representation in child care services              |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2002 (d)   | 2.3        | 2.3        | 2.1        | 1.6       | 3.3       | 2.5        | 2.1        | 2.0       | 2.3         |
| 2004 (d)   | 2.1        | 2.0        | 2.0        | 1.7       | 3.5       | 2.2        | 2.1        | 2.4       | 2.1         |
| 2006 (e)   | 3.1        | 2.4        | 2.2        | 2.5       | 3.8       | 2.3        | 1.8        | 3.7       | 2.7         |
| 2008   | na         | na         | na         | na        | na        | na         | na         | na        | na          |
| Representation in the community                    | 8.0        | 6.8        | 7.6        | 8.9       | 8.8       | 6.2        | 7.5        | np        | 7.7         |
| Children from regional and remote areas            |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Regional   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Representation in child care services              |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2002 (d)   | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..        | ..        | ..         | ..         | ..        | ..          |
| 2004 (d)   | 25.9       | 22.5       | 38.9       | 18.2      | 16.2      | 99.6       | –          | 74.0      | 28.8        |
| 2006 (e)   | 25.6       | 25.0       | 36.6       | 18.9      | 17.9      | 99.4       | 0.1        | 77.3      | 29.0        |
| 2008   | 25.0       | 23.5       | 30.9       | 17.2      | 17.2      | 96.4       | 0.2        | 81.1      | 27.0        |
| Representation in the community (f)                | 28.9       | 28.2       | 45.9       | 24.8      | 26.7      | 97.9       | 0.2        | 51.4      | 33.1        |

Table 3A.2

**Table 3A.2 Representation of special needs groups in attendees at Australian Government approved child care services, children aged 0–12 (per cent) (a), (b)**

|                                       | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Remote                                |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Representation in child care services |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2002 (d)                              | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..        | ..        | ..         | ..         | ..        | ..          |
| 2004 (d)                              | 0.4        | 0.1        | 1.6        | 5.0       | 2.0       | 0.4        | ..         | 26.0      | 1.4         |
| 2006 (e)                              | 0.3        | –          | 1.3        | 3.7       | 2.0       | 0.6        | ..         | 22.7      | 1.1         |
| 2008                                  | 0.2        | –          | 0.8        | 2.9       | 1.5       | 0.6        | ..         | 18.9      | 0.8         |
| Representation in the community (f)   | 0.7        | 0.1        | 4.4        | 8.6       | 4.4       | 2.0        | ..         | 50.7      | 3.0         |

- (a) Data for 2002, 2004 and 2006 are weighted from the AGCCCS, while data for 2008 are drawn from DEEWR administrative data collected through the Child Care Benefit (CCB) payments system. Data for 2008 are not comparable to previous years due to the change in the source for data collection.
- (b) Children attending approved services in 2002, 2004 and 2006 may be counted more than once if attending more than one service during the reference week. Children attending approved services in 2008 are counted once, even if attending more than one type of service during the reference week.
- (c) Children from non-English speaking backgrounds' are defined in the AGCCCS as children who speak, or whose parent/guardian speak a language other than English at home. The 'representation in the community' data refer to the proportion of children who do not speak English as their main language at home.
- (d) Data exclude children from multifunctional aboriginal children's services, multifunctional children's services, Aboriginal playgroups and enrichment programs and mobile and toy library services.
- (e) Excludes Aboriginal playgroups and enrichment programs.
- (f) Data for representation in the community are estimated from the ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing, except for 'children from low-income families' and 'children with a disability'.
- (g) 'Indigenous children' in the AGCCCS as children who child care services identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. The "representation in the community data" refer to children of an Indigenous descent who identify as being Indigenous.
- (h) Data relate to children aged 0-12 years from families with a gross annual parental income of less than the cut-off point for receiving the maximum amount of child care benefits. In May 2006, this cut-off was \$33 361.
- (i) The data showing representation children from low income families in the community were obtained from the ABS 2005-06 Survey of Income and Housing Costs. Data in italics have relative standard errors above 25 per cent, and need to be used with caution.
- (j) Children with a disability' are defined in the AGCCCS as children who child care services identify as having a continuing disability including intellectual, sensory or physical impairment. The 'representation in the community' data refer to children with any limitation, restriction or impairment, which has lasted, or is likely to last, for at least six months and restricts everyday activities. These data were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Due to the small sample size, data for the NT are not published.

**na** Not available. **..** Not applicable. **–** Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

*Source:* DEEWR (unpublished); FaCSIA (unpublished), derived from *Australian Government Census of Child Care Services 2002 and 2004*; DEEWR (unpublished), derived from *Australian Government Census of Child Care Services 2006*; ABS (unpublished), derived from *2006 Census of Population and Housing*; ABS (unpublished), derived from *Survey of Income and Housing Costs 2005-06*, ABS (unpublished), derived from *Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers 2003*; 2009 Report, table 3A.22.

Table 3A.3

**Table 3A.3 Representation of special needs groups in attendees at Australian Government approved child care services (per cent), by age group, 2008 (a), (b)**

|  |   | Unit | NSW  | Vic  | Qld  | WA   | SA   | Tas  | ACT  | NT   | Aust |
|--|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Children from non-English speaking backgrounds (c) |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Children aged 0–5 in child care services           | % | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Children aged 0–5 in the community                 | % | 24.6 | 23.2 | 12.8 | 16.8 | 14.8 | 8.1  | 17.8 | 37.0 | 20.1 |      |
| Children aged 6–12 in child care services          | % | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Children aged 6–12 in the community                | % | 22.1 | 20.5 | 11.2 | 14.5 | 12.8 | 6.5  | 14.9 | 36.5 | 17.7 |      |
| Indigenous children (d)                            |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Children aged 0–5 in child care services           | % | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Children aged 0–5 in the community (e)             | % | 4.1  | 1.2  | 6.4  | 5.6  | 3.4  | 6.6  | 2.2  | 38.9 | 4.4  |      |
| Children aged 6–12 in child care services          | % | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Children aged 6–12 in the community (e)            | % | 4.1  | 1.2  | 6.1  | 5.5  | 3.3  | 6.4  | 2.3  | 39.4 | 4.3  |      |
| Children from low-income families                  |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Children aged 0–5 in child care services (f)       | % | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Children aged 0–5 in the community (h)             | % | 23.9 | 27.2 | 29.0 | 27.7 | 25.8 | 32.7 | 7.7  | np   | 26.1 |      |
| Children aged 6–12 in child care services (f)      | % | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Children aged 6–12 in the community (g)            | % | 29.9 | 26.8 | 28.8 | 23.5 | 34.1 | 35.3 | 10.7 | np   | 28.2 |      |
| Children with a disability                         |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Children aged 0–5 in child care services           | % | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Children aged 0–5 in the community (h)             | % | 4.7  | 4.6  | 5.1  | 6.0  | 7.0  | 4.4  | 9.1  | np   | 5.2  |      |
| Children aged 6–12 in child care services          | % | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Children aged 6–12 in the community (h)            | % | 10.7 | 8.5  | 9.5  | 11.4 | 10.2 | 7.7  | 6.2  | np   | 9.8  |      |
| Children from regional areas (i)                   |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Children aged 0–5 in child care services           | % | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Children aged 0–5 in the community                 | % | 27.1 | 26.5 | 44.6 | 23.9 | 25.8 | 98.0 | 0.1  | 50.9 | 31.6 |      |
| Children aged 6–12 in child care services          | % | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Children aged 6–12 in the community                | % | 30.3 | 29.7 | 47.1 | 25.5 | 27.4 | 97.8 | 0.3  | 51.9 | 34.3 |      |
| Children from remote areas (j)                     |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Children aged 0–5 in child care services           | % | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Children aged 0–5 in the community                 | % | 0.7  | 0.1  | 4.6  | 8.9  | 4.3  | 2.0  | ..   | 50.6 | 3.1  |      |
| Children aged 6–12 in child care services          | % | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Children aged 6–12 in the community                | % | 0.7  | 0.1  | 4.3  | 8.4  | 4.4  | 2.1  | ..   | 50.7 | 3.0  |      |

(a) Data for representation in the community are estimated from the ABS 2006 *Census of Population and Housing*, except for 'children from low-income families' and 'children with a disability'.

(b) Australian Government data for 2008 for children aged 0–5 years and 6–12 years in child care services were not available at the time of publication. Data were previously sourced from the AGCCCS.

(c) 'Children from non-English speaking backgrounds' are defined as children who speak, or whose parent/guardian speak a language other than English at home. The 'representation in the community' data refer to the proportion of children who do not speak English as their main language at home.

(d) 'Indigenous children' as children who child care services identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. The 'representation in the community data' refer to children of an Indigenous descent who identify as being Indigenous.

**Table 3A.3 Representation of special needs groups in attendees at Australian Government approved child care services (per cent), by age group, 2008 (a), (b)**

|     | <i>Unit</i>  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (e) | The ABS Census Post Enumeration Survey has estimated an undercount of Indigenous people in the 2006 Census, and the estimates of the proportional representation in the community of Indigenous children should be treated with caution.   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (f) | Data relate to children from families with a gross annual household income that is less than or equal to the cut-off point for receiving the maximum amount of child care benefits.  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (g) | Data on 'children from low-income families' in the community were obtained from the ABS 2005-06 Survey of Income and Housing Costs. Data in italics have relative standard errors above 25 per cent, and need to be used with caution.   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (h) | 'Children with a disability' are defined by DEEWR as children who child care services identify as having a continuing disability including intellectual, sensory or physical impairment. The 'representation in the community' data refer to children with any limitation, restriction or impairment, which has lasted, or is likely to last, for at least six months and restricts everyday activities. These data were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Due to the small sample size, data for the NT are not published. Data in italics have relative standard errors above 25 per cent, and need to be used with caution. |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (i) | The data include Inner Regional and Outer Regional areas of Australia.   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (j) | The data include Remote and Very Remote areas of Australia.  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
|     | <b>na</b> Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero. <b>np</b> Not published.   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |

*Source:* DEEWR (unpublished); ABS (unpublished), derived from *2006 Census of Population and Housing*; ABS (unpublished), derived from *Survey of Income and Housing Costs 2005-06*; ABS (unpublished), derived from *Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers 2003*; 2009 Report, table 3A.23.



Table 3A.4

**Table 3A.4 Representation of special needs groups in attendees at State and Territory Government child care and preschools, children aged 0–12, 2007–08 (number) (a)**

|  | Unit                      | NSW         | Vic     | Qld     | WA     | SA     | Tas    | ACT   | NT     | Aust      |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|
|  |                           | (b)         | (c)     | (d)     | (e)    |        | (f)    | (g)   | (h)    | (i)       |
| <b>Number of children</b>  |                           |             |         |         |        |        |        |       |        |           |
| Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in: |                           |             |         |         |        |        |        |       |        |           |
|  | Child care services       | no. 12 341  | 405     | 150     | na     | 200    | 9      | na    | na     | 13 105    |
|  | Preschool services        | no. 6 435   | 10 466  | 810     | na     | 2 160  | na     | 307   | na     | 20 178    |
|  | The general community (j) | no. 259 780 | 177 501 | 82 731  | 52 871 | 32 876 | 5 804  | 8 625 | 15 229 | 635 676   |
| Representation of Indigenous children in:                            |                           |             |         |         |        |        |        |       |        |           |
|  | Child care services       | no. 3 181   | 3       | 154     | na     | 70     | 7      | na    | na     | 3 415     |
|  | Preschool services        | no. 2 341   | 612     | 1 326   | 2 494  | 1 280  | 310    | 102   | 1 477  | 9 942     |
|  | The general community (j) | no. 45 973  | 9 603   | 43 060  | 18 904 | 8 035  | 5 202  | 1 215 | 16 227 | 148 273   |
| Representation of children with disabilities in:                     |                           |             |         |         |        |        |        |       |        |           |
|  | Child care services       | no. 5 218   | 46      | 57      | na     | 280    | 15     | na    | na     | 5 616     |
|  | Preschool services        | no. 3 982   | 3 694   | 1 280   | 861    | 3 200  | na     | 166   | 181    | 13 364    |
|  | The general community (j) | no. 89 728  | 56 175  | 51 528  | 29 922 | 21 410 | 5 127  | 4 178 | np     | 259 937   |
| Representation of children from regional/remote areas:               |                           |             |         |         |        |        |        |       |        |           |
| <b>Regional</b>  |                           |             |         |         |        |        |        |       |        |           |
|  | Child care services       | no. 27 406  | na      | 610     | na     | 640    | 715    | na    | na     | 29 371    |
|  | Preschool services        | no. 19 946  | 17 381  | 15 432  | 6 492  | 5 990  | 5 887  | 38    | 1 545  | 72 711    |
|  | The general community (j) | no. 322 922 | 230 948 | 318 365 | 84 285 | 64 083 | 78 883 | 109   | 21 306 | 1 121 078 |
| <b>Remote</b>  |                           |             |         |         |        |        |        |       |        |           |
|  | Child care services       | no. 1 018   | na      | 457     | na     | 220    | 49     | na    | na     | 1 744     |
|  | Preschool services        | no. 807     | 86      | 1 816   | 2 399  | 1 190  | 103    | na    | 1 849  | 8 250     |
|  | The general community (j) | no. 8 273   | 793     | 30 770  | 29 373 | 10 548 | 1 652  | ..    | 20 988 | 102 888   |

Table 3A.4

**Table 3A.4 Representation of special needs groups in attendees at State and Territory Government child care and preschools, children aged 0–12, 2007-08 (number) (a)**

| Unit  | NSW | Vic  | Qld  | WA   | SA   | Tas  | ACT  | NT   | Aust |
|---|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|   | (b) | (c)  | (d)  | (e)  |      | (f)  | (g)  | (h)  | (i)  |
| <b>Proportion of children</b>   |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>Representation of children from non-English speaking backgrounds in:</b> |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Child care services   | %   | 12.0 | 32.7 | 10.1 | na   | 8.6  | 1.2  | na   | 12.0 |
| Preschool services  | %   | 10.1 | 17.1 | 4.7  | na   | 10.5 | na   | 8.1  | 9.9  |
| The general community (j)   | %   | 23.2 | 21.7 | 11.9 | 15.5 | 13.7 | 7.2  | 16.2 | 18.8 |
| <b>Representation of Indigenous children in:</b>                            |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Child care services   | %   | 3.1  | 0.2  | 10.3 | na   | 3.0  | 0.9  | na   | 3.1  |
| Preschool services  | %   | 3.7  | 1.0  | 7.7  | 9.1  | 6.2  | 5.2  | 2.7  | 4.9  |
| The general community (j)   | %   | 4.1  | 1.2  | 6.2  | 5.6  | 3.3  | 6.5  | 2.3  | 4.4  |
| <b>Representation of children with disabilities in:</b>                     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Child care services   | %   | 5.1  | 3.7  | 3.8  | na   | 12.1 | 2.0  | na   | 5.2  |
| Preschool services  | %   | 6.3  | 6.1  | 7.4  | 3.1  | 15.5 | na   | 4.4  | 6.6  |
| The general community (j)   | %   | 8.0  | 6.8  | 7.6  | 8.9  | 8.8  | 6.2  | 7.5  | 7.7  |
| <b>Representation of children from regional/remote areas:</b>               |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>Regional</b>   |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Child care services   | %   | 26.6 | na   | 40.9 | na   | 27.6 | 93.6 | na   | 26.9 |
| Preschool services  | %   | 31.4 | 28.5 | 89.5 | 23.6 | 29.0 | 98.3 | 1.0  | 35.8 |
| The general community (j)   | %   | 28.9 | 28.2 | 45.9 | 24.8 | 26.7 | 97.9 | 0.2  | 33.1 |
| <b>Remote</b>   |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Child care services   | %   | 1.0  | na   | 30.6 | na   | 9.5  | 6.4  | na   | 1.6  |
| Preschool services  | %   | 1.3  | 0.1  | 10.5 | 8.7  | 5.8  | 1.7  | na   | 4.1  |
| The general community (j)   | %   | 0.7  | 0.1  | 4.4  | 8.6  | 4.4  | 2.0  | ..   | 3.0  |

Table 3A.4

**Table 3A.4 Representation of special needs groups in attendees at State and Territory Government child care and preschools, children aged 0–12, 2007-08 (number) (a)**

| Unit | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA  | SA  | Tas | ACT | NT  | Aust |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
|      | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) | (g) | (h) | (i) | (i)  |

(a) Data for representation of special needs groups in the general community relate to children aged 0 to 12 years. In 2007-08, all data except for 'children with a disability' are estimated from the ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2002-03 to 2003-04 were sourced from the ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing and relate to 0 to 14 year olds. Data showing Indigenous and regional/remote representation in 2004-05 to 2005-06 were obtained from the ABS Estimated resident population. Data showing children with a disability were obtained from the ABS 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Due to the various data sources used in different years, caution should be used when making comparisons across the years.

(b) As NSW does not discriminate between child care and preschool services, special needs children counted in child care services includes the count of children accessing designated preschool services. Data are for children attending funded licensed services during the survey week in September 2007. In NSW, total special needs children using child care services and total special needs children using preschool services should not be added together as a total and should be interpreted with caution.

(c) As at 30 June 2008 the State Government funded 203 effective full time (EFT) Adult and Community Further Education (ACFE) places. An EFT is equal to 1920 hours of care. Victoria does not report on 540 'Take A Break' EFTs as the Commonwealth contributes 70 per cent of the funding for these places. Preschool services data refer to the number of children attending State funded kindergarten services, including those operating in centre-based long day care services. For children with disabilities in preschool services, data refers to children identified as having additional needs by the kindergarten staff.

(d) For Queensland, child care data are based on an annual voluntary census, and response rates are variable by service type and over time. The reduction in preschool figures for 2007-08 is due to the cessation of preschool at the end of 2006 and the introduction of the Preparatory Year from 2007. Preparatory Year data are included in data on School Education. 2007-08 includes Indigenous Community Pre-Preparatory and Creche and Kindergarten enrolments which are primarily in regional locations.

(e) For WA preschool services, it is assumed the ratio of disabled students and Indigenous students in the non government system is the same as in the government system.

(f) Tasmanian preschool services includes data for government preschools only.

(g) In the ACT there are no regions classified as remote.

(h) NT preschools data for 2006-07 and 2007-08 include Catholic Mission Schools.

(i) Data for Australia are calculated as the sum of the states and territories for which data were available.

(j) Representation of children in the general community are children aged 0-12 years.

na Not available. np Not published. .. Not applicable.

Table 3A.4

**Table 3A.4 Representation of special needs groups in attendees at State and Territory Government child care and preschools, children aged 0–12, 2007-08 (number) (a)**

| <i>Unit</i> | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA  | SA  | Tas | ACT | NT  | Aust |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
|             | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) | (g) | (h) | (i) | (i)  |

*Source:* State and Territory governments (unpublished); ABS (unpublished), derived from 2006 *Census of Population and Housing*; ABS (unpublished), 2001 *Census of Population and Housing*; ABS Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009 (cat. no. 3238.0); ABS (unpublished), derived from 2003 *Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers*; ABS (unpublished), derived from *Australian Demographic Statistics*, Cat. no. 3101.0; 2009 Report, table 3A.24.

Table 3A.5

Table 3A.5 Children absent from non-government preschools, 2007 (a), (b), (c)

|  | Unit | NSW    | Vic    | Qld    | WA    | SA    | Tas   | ACT (e) | NT   | Aust (f) |
|--|------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|------|----------|
| All children enrolled                      | no.  | 58 137 | 74 530 | 17 120 | 6 151 | 3 285 | 1 638 | 407     | 275  | 161 543  |
| Number of all children absent              | no.  | 7 921  | 13 621 | 3 060  | 1 362 | 482   | 232   | 89      | 160  | 26 927   |
| Proportion all children absent             | %    | 13.6   | 18.3   | 17.9   | 22.1  | 14.7  | 14.2  | 21.9    | 58.2 | 16.7     |
| Total Indigenous children enrolled         | no.  | 2 276  | 589    | 792    | 289   | 89    | 48    | np      | 150  | 4 233    |
| Number of Indigenous children absent       | no.  | 669    | 184    | 295    | 127   | 44    | 9     | np      | 131  | 1 459    |
| Proportion Indigenous children absent      | %    | 29.4   | 31.2   | 37.2   | 43.9  | 49.4  | 18.8  | np      | 87.3 | 34.5     |
| Total non-Indigenous children enrolled (d) | no.  | 55 861 | 73 941 | 16 328 | 5 862 | 3 196 | 1 590 | np      | 125  | 157 310  |
| Number of non-Indigenous children absent   | no.  | 7 252  | 13 437 | 2 765  | 1 235 | 438   | 223   | np      | 29   | 25 468   |
| Proportion non-Indigenous children absent  | %    | 13.0   | 18.2   | 16.9   | 21.1  | 13.7  | 14.0  | np      | 23.2 | 16.2     |

(a) Data on attendance are limited to non-government preschools, and excludes government preschools. At the national level, around 70 per cent of children are in preschools considered to be 'non-government', though this percentage varies across jurisdictions.

(b) Attendance measured during the Census week of 30 July to 3 August 2007. Children are counted as absent if they miss one or more of the sessions that they were enrolled in during this week. Absences due to illness may be higher during winter than at other times of the year.

(c) Preschool attendance is not compulsory.

(d) Non-Indigenous children' derived by subtracting 'Indigenous children' from 'all children'.

(e) Data are suppressed for the ACT due to the small number of Indigenous children enrolled in non-government preschools.

(f) The Australian totals include jurisdictions for which data are published only.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero. np Not published.

Source: DEEWR (unpublished), derived from *National Preschool Census, 2007*; 2009 Report, table 3A.25.

## 4A School education — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 4.6 of the chapter of the chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report). Data in this Report are examined by the School Education Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat. Unsourced information was obtained from the Australian, State and Territory governments.

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|                                    | Unit          | NSW              | Vic              | Qld              | WA             | SA             | Tas            | ACT            | NT             | Aust             |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Government schools                 |               |                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                  |
| General recurrent                  | \$'000        | 586 310          | 426 447          | 369 044          | 181 917        | 129 190        | 47 230         | 28 039         | 22 099         | 1 790 276        |
| Targeted                           | \$'000        | 156 211          | 96 275           | 69 876           | 35 658         | 38 379         | 10 471         | 4 191          | 7 951          | 419 011          |
| Indigenous programs                | \$'000        | 47 751           | 6 456            | 40 630           | 26 528         | 9 718          | 4 170          | 1 350          | 27 214         | 163 817          |
| <i>Total recurrent</i>             | \$'000        | 790 272          | 529 178          | 479 550          | 244 103        | 177 287        | 61 871         | 33 580         | 57 264         | 2 373 104        |
| Capital                            | \$'000        | 192 086          | 198 431          | 125 978          | 63 280         | 63 270         | 15 807         | 8 223          | 6 748          | 673 823          |
| <b>Total recurrent and capital</b> | <b>\$'000</b> | <b>982 358</b>   | <b>727 609</b>   | <b>605 528</b>   | <b>307 383</b> | <b>240 557</b> | <b>77 678</b>  | <b>41 803</b>  | <b>64 012</b>  | <b>3 046 927</b> |
| Non-government schools             |               |                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                  |
| General recurrent                  | \$'000        | 1 637 312        | 1 295 127        | 995 345          | 499 724        | 400 575        | 105 035        | 101 681        | 40 755         | 5 075 554        |
| Targeted                           | \$'000        | 82 404           | 63 430           | 32 613           | 18 305         | 17 773         | 3 949          | 3 213          | 2 684          | 224 371          |
| Indigenous programs (b)            | \$'000        | 6                | —                | —                | —              | —              | —              | —              | —              | 6                |
| <i>Total recurrent</i>             | \$'000        | 1 719 722        | 1 358 557        | 1 027 958        | 518 029        | 418 348        | 108 984        | 104 894        | 43 439         | 5 299 931        |
| Capital                            | \$'000        | 66 470           | 52 248           | 36 661           | 19 684         | 15 410         | 4 090          | 4 461          | 6 546          | 205 570          |
| <b>Total recurrent and capital</b> | <b>\$'000</b> | <b>1 786 192</b> | <b>1 410 805</b> | <b>1 064 619</b> | <b>537 713</b> | <b>433 758</b> | <b>113 074</b> | <b>109 355</b> | <b>49 985</b>  | <b>5 505 501</b> |
| Joint programs                     |               |                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                  |
| <i>Total</i>                       | \$'000        | 1 791            | 3 964            | 1 709            | 130            | 298            | 7              | 265            | 194            | 8 359            |
| All schools (c)                    |               |                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                  |
| <i>Total recurrent</i>             | \$'000        | 2 511 785        | 1 891 699        | 1 509 217        | 762 262        | 595 933        | 170 862        | 138 739        | 100 897        | 7 681 394        |
| <b>Total recurrent and capital</b> | <b>\$'000</b> | <b>2 770 341</b> | <b>2 142 378</b> | <b>1 671 856</b> | <b>845 226</b> | <b>674 613</b> | <b>190 759</b> | <b>151 423</b> | <b>114 191</b> | <b>8 560 787</b> |

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Table 4A.1 Australian Government specific purpose payments for schools, 2006-07 (a)

|  | Unit | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|--|------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|
|--|------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|

(a) Data include actual payments provided under the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Assistance) Act 2000* and the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000*. Additional Australian Government funding is provided through annual appropriations and non-programme items. Figures reported are based on accrual expenditure.

(b) From 2004-05, the non-government element of the IESIP programme is no longer classified as an SPP, but has been included here for consistency with earlier Reports.

(c) Includes total recurrent expenditure on government schools, non-government schools and joint programs.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 4A.11.

Table 4A.2

Table 4A.2 Indigenous full time students, 2007

| Unit  | NSW | Vic       | Qld     | WA      | SA      | Tas     | ACT    | NT     | Aust   |           |
|---|-----|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Total Indigenous students                           |     |           |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |           |
| Government schools                                  | no. | 37 967    | 7 586   | 37 586  | 18 758  | 7 517   | 4 449  | 904    | 12 546 | 127 313   |
| Non-government schools                              | no. | 5 001     | 923     | 5 755   | 3 595   | 881     | 679    | 262    | 2 772  | 19 868    |
| All schools   | no. | 42 968    | 8 509   | 43 341  | 22 353  | 8 398   | 5 128  | 1 166  | 15 318 | 147 181   |
| Total students                                      |     |           |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |           |
| Government schools                                  | no. | 737 637   | 535 883 | 478 883 | 229 611 | 163 904 | 58 926 | 34 617 | 28 916 | 2 268 377 |
| Non-government schools                              | no. | 371 566   | 297 970 | 219 020 | 114 977 | 87 545  | 22 933 | 24 780 | 9 355  | 1 148 146 |
| All schools   | no. | 1 109 203 | 833 853 | 697 903 | 344 588 | 251 449 | 81 859 | 59 397 | 38 271 | 3 416 523 |
| Indigenous students as a proportion of all students |     |           |         |         |         |         |        |        |        |           |
| Government schools                                  | %   | 5.1       | 1.4     | 7.8     | 8.2     | 4.6     | 7.6    | 2.6    | 43.4   | 5.6       |
| Non-government schools                              | %   | 1.3       | 0.3     | 2.6     | 3.1     | 1.0     | 3.0    | 1.1    | 29.6   | 1.7       |
| All schools   | %   | 3.9       | 1.0     | 6.2     | 6.5     | 3.3     | 6.3    | 2.0    | 40.0   | 4.3       |

Source: ABS 2008, Schools Australia 2007, Cat. no. 4221.0; 2009 Report, table 4A.22.

Table 4A.3

Table 4A.3 **Student body mix, government schools (per cent)**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 2003   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| LBOTE (a)                                    | na         | na         | na         | na        | na        | na         | na         | na        |
| Indigenous students                          | 4.5        | 1.1        | 6.9        | 7.2       | 3.9       | 7.2        | 2.3        | 40.0      |
| Students with disabilities (b)               | 4.8        | 4.0        | 3.4        | 3.1       | 7.5       | 4.8        | 4.2        | 16.0      |
| Seniority profile (c)                        | 10.6       | 11.7       | 12.0       | 11.7      | 11.2      | 11.0       | 16.0       | 9.1       |
| Government students as % of all students (d) | 67.7       | 65.4       | 70.7       | 68.9      | 67.5      | 74.2       | 60.8       | 76.9      |
| 2004   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| LBOTE (a)                                    | na         | na         | na         | na        | na        | na         | na         | na        |
| Indigenous students                          | 4.7        | 1.2        | 7.0        | 7.4       | 4.1       | 7.4        | 2.5        | 40.2      |
| Students with disabilities (b)               | 5.0        | 4.3        | 3.5        | 3.2       | 7.8       | 4.8        | 4.5        | 15.0      |
| Seniority profile (c)                        | 10.5       | 11.7       | 11.9       | 11.7      | 11.2      | 9.8        | 15.7       | 9.9       |
| Government students as % of all students (d) | 67.2       | 65.2       | 70.2       | 68.4      | 66.7      | 73.9       | 59.9       | 76.5      |
| 2005   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| LBOTE (a)                                    | na         | na         | na         | na        | na        | na         | na         | na        |
| Indigenous students                          | 4.9        | 1.3        | 7.3        | 7.6       | 4.2       | 7.6        | 2.6        | 41.2      |
| Students with disabilities (b)               | 5.2        | 4.6        | 3.8        | 3.1       | 8.3       | 4.9        | 4.7        | 12.6      |
| Seniority profile (c)                        | 10.4       | 11.7       | 11.9       | 5.6       | 11.5      | 10.7       | 15.8       | 9.6       |
| Government students as % of all students (d) | 66.8       | 65.0       | 69.7       | 67.6      | 66.0      | 73.5       | 59.3       | 76.4      |
| 2006   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| LBOTE (a)                                    | 23.6       | 21.3       | 11.7       | 14.1      | 12.7      | 4.7        | 19.7       | 26.1      |
| Indigenous students                          | 5.0        | 1.3        | 7.6        | 8.0       | 4.4       | 7.6        | 2.6        | 42.0      |
| Students with disabilities (b)               | 5.5        | 5.2        | 4.0        | 3.3       | 8.8       | 5.0        | 4.8        | 12.6      |
| Seniority profile (c)                        | 10.5       | 11.6       | 12.2       | 12.1      | 11.7      | 10.8       | 16.2       | 10.4      |
| Government students as % of all students (d) | 66.7       | 64.6       | 69.3       | 67.2      | 65.6      | 72.8       | 58.9       | 75.9      |
| 2007   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| LBOTE (a)                                    | na         | na         | na         | na        | na        | na         | na         | na        |
| Indigenous students                          | 5.1        | 1.4        | 7.8        | 8.2       | 4.6       | 7.6        | 2.6        | 43.4      |
| Students with disabilities (b)               | 5.7        | 5.3        | 4.1        | 3.4       | 9.0       | 5.1        | 4.9        | 12.4      |
| Seniority profile (c)                        | 10.7       | 11.8       | 11.9       | 11.8      | 11.7      | 10.9       | 16.3       | 10.2      |
| Government students as % of all students (d) | 66.5       | 64.3       | 68.6       | 66.6      | 65.2      | 72.0       | 58.3       | 75.6      |

(a) Refer to footnotes for 2009 Report, table 4A.23. LBOTE data only available for 2006 in this table.

(b) Refer to footnotes for 2009 Report, table 4A.24.

(c) Proportion of students in years 11 and 12.

(d) Proportion relates to full time students only and does not include the impact of part time enrolments.

Source: ABS 2004, *Schools Australia 2003*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2005, *Schools Australia 2004*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2006, *Schools Australia 2005*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2007, *Schools Australia 2006*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2008, *Schools Australia 2007*, Cat. no. 4221.0; DEEWR (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 4A.25.

Table 4A.4

Table 4A.4 **Student body mix, non-government schools (per cent)**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 2003   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| LBOTE (a)                                    | na         | na         | na         | na        | na        | na         | na         | na        |
| Indigenous students                          | 1.0        | 0.2        | 2.5        | 3.3       | 0.8       | 2.4        | 0.8        | 27.2      |
| Students with disabilities (b)               | 2.7        | 2.0        | 1.4        | 1.4       | 3.1       | 1.5        | 1.3        | 1.7       |
| Seniority profile (c)                        | 13.7       | 15.7       | 18.1       | 16.4      | 15.1      | 14.0       | 24.9       | 7.3       |
| Non-government students as % of all students | 32.3       | 34.6       | 29.3       | 31.1      | 32.5      | 25.8       | 39.2       | 23.1      |
| 2004   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| LBOTE (a)                                    | na         | na         | na         | na        | na        | na         | na         | na        |
| Indigenous students                          | 1.0        | 0.2        | 2.5        | 3.2       | 0.9       | 2.5        | 0.9        | 27.3      |
| Students with disabilities (b)               | 2.8        | 2.2        | 1.5        | 1.5       | 3.1       | 1.5        | 1.3        | 1.9       |
| Seniority profile (c)                        | 13.7       | 15.8       | 17.9       | 16.7      | 14.9      | 13.4       | 13.4       | 8.0       |
| Non-government students as % of all students | 32.8       | 34.8       | 29.8       | 31.6      | 33.3      | 26.1       | 40.1       | 23.5      |
| 2005   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| LBOTE (a)                                    | na         | na         | na         | na        | na        | na         | na         | na        |
| Indigenous students                          | 1.1        | 0.3        | 2.6        | 3.3       | 1.0       | 2.6        | 0.7        | 28.3      |
| Students with disabilities (b)               | 2.9        | 2.4        | 1.6        | 1.6       | 3.0       | 1.6        | 1.3        | 2.0       |
| Seniority profile (c)                        | 14.0       | 15.9       | 17.7       | 16.8      | 15.2      | 13.0       | 14.0       | 8.1       |
| Non-government students as % of all students | 33.2       | 35.0       | 30.3       | 32.4      | 34.0      | 26.5       | 40.7       | 23.6      |
| 2006   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| LBOTE (a)                                    | 27.9       | 28.6       | 14.9       | 21.5      | 18.3      | 9.3        | 18.6       | 24.9      |
| Indigenous students                          | 1.2        | 0.3        | 2.6        | 3.2       | 1.0       | 2.7        | 0.9        | 29.3      |
| Students with disabilities (b)               | 3.1        | 2.4        | 1.8        | 1.7       | 3.0       | 1.7        | 1.4        | 2.4       |
| Seniority profile (c)                        | 14.3       | 15.9       | 17.4       | 16.8      | 15.6      | 13.0       | 13.8       | 8.3       |
| Non-government students as % of all students | 33.3       | 35.4       | 30.7       | 32.8      | 34.4      | 27.2       | 41.1       | 24.1      |
| 2007   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| LBOTE (a)                                    | na         | na         | na         | na        | na        | na         | na         | na        |
| Indigenous students                          | 1.3        | 0.3        | 2.6        | 3.1       | 1.0       | 3.0        | 1.1        | 29.6      |
| Students with disabilities (b)               | 3.3        | 2.6        | 1.9        | 1.9       | 3.1       | 1.7        | 1.6        | 2.5       |
| Seniority profile (c)                        | 14.3       | 16.1       | 16.8       | 16.5      | 15.8      | 13.6       | 13.8       | 9.1       |
| Non-government students as % of all students | 33.5       | 35.7       | 31.4       | 33.4      | 34.8      | 28.0       | 41.7       | 24.4      |

(a) Refer to footnotes for 2009 Report, table 4A.23. LBOTE data only available for 2006 in this table.

(b) Refer to footnotes for 2009 Report, table 4A.24.

(c) Proportion of students in years 11 and 12.

Source: ABS 2004, *Schools Australia 2003*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2005, *Schools Australia 2004*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2006, *Schools Australia 2005*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2007, *Schools Australia 2006*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2008, *Schools Australia 2007*, Cat. no. 4221.0; DEEWR (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 4A.26.

Table 4A.5

Table 4A.5 **Student body mix, all schools (per cent)**

|                                | NSW  | Vic  | Qld  | WA   | SA   | Tas  | ACT  | NT   |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2003                           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| LBOTE (a)                      | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Indigenous students            | 3.4  | 0.8  | 5.6  | 6.0  | 2.9  | 6.0  | 1.7  | 37.1 |
| Students with disabilities (b) | 4.1  | 3.3  | 2.8  | 2.6  | 6.1  | 4.0  | 3.0  | 12.7 |
| Seniority profile (c)          | 11.6 | 13.1 | 13.8 | 13.2 | 12.5 | 11.8 | 19.5 | 8.7  |
| 2004                           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| LBOTE (a)                      | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Indigenous students            | 3.5  | 0.9  | 5.7  | 6.1  | 3.0  | 6.1  | 1.8  | 37.2 |
| Students with disabilities (b) | 4.3  | 3.6  | 2.9  | 2.6  | 6.2  | 4.0  | 3.2  | 11.9 |
| Seniority profile (c)          | 11.6 | 13.1 | 13.7 | 13.2 | 12.5 | 10.8 | 14.8 | 9.5  |
| 2005                           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| LBOTE (a)                      | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Indigenous students            | 3.6  | 0.9  | 5.9  | 6.2  | 3.1  | 6.3  | 1.8  | 38.1 |
| Students with disabilities (b) | 4.4  | 3.8  | 3.1  | 2.6  | 6.5  | 4.0  | 3.3  | 10.1 |
| Seniority profile (c)          | 11.6 | 13.2 | 13.7 | 9.2  | 12.8 | 11.3 | 15.1 | 9.2  |
| 2006                           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| LBOTE (a)                      | 25.0 | 23.9 | 12.7 | 16.5 | 14.6 | 6.0  | 19.2 | 25.8 |
| Indigenous students            | 3.7  | 1.0  | 6.1  | 6.5  | 3.2  | 6.3  | 1.9  | 38.9 |
| Students with disabilities (b) | 4.7  | 4.2  | 3.3  | 2.7  | 6.8  | 4.1  | 3.4  | 10.1 |
| Seniority profile (c)          | 11.8 | 13.1 | 13.8 | 13.7 | 13.0 | 11.4 | 15.2 | 9.9  |
| 2007                           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| LBOTE (a)                      | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   | na   |
| Indigenous students            | 3.9  | 1.0  | 6.2  | 6.5  | 3.3  | 6.3  | 2.0  | 40.0 |
| Students with disabilities (b) | 4.9  | 4.3  | 3.4  | 2.9  | 7.0  | 4.1  | 3.6  | 10.0 |
| Seniority profile (c)          | 11.9 | 13.4 | 13.5 | 13.4 | 13.2 | 11.6 | 15.3 | 9.9  |

(a) Refer to footnotes for 2009 Report, table 4A.23. LBOTE data only available for 2006 in this table.

(b) Refer to footnotes for 2009 Report, table 4A.24.

(c) Proportion of students in years 11 and 12.

**na** Not available.

Source: ABS 2004, *Schools Australia 2003*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2005, *Schools Australia 2004*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2006, *Schools Australia 2005*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2007, *Schools Australia 2006*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2008, *Schools Australia 2007*, Cat. no. 4221.0; DEEWR (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 4A.27.



Table 4A.6

Table 4A.6 **Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2004 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)<br>2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | Male students | Female students | Indigenous students (f) | LBOTE students (f) |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| NSW   | 92.2 ± 1.8   | 90.6 ± 2.1    | 93.9 ± 1.4      | 80.4 ± 4.4              | 91.7 ± 1.7         |
| 1. 8 years, 9 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Victoria                                      | 90.5 ± 1.9   | 88.2 ± 2.3    | 92.8 ± 1.6      | 76.6 ± 5.2              | 86.7 ± 2.5         |
| 1. 9 years, 0 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Queensland                                    | 97.0 ± 0.5   | 96.3 ± 0.6    | 97.7 ± 0.4      | 94.6 ± 1.3              | 94.2 ± 0.5         |
| 1. 8 years, 4 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 2 years, 8 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| WA  | 95.6 ± 1.4   | 94.8 ± 1.7    | 96.4 ± 1.3      | 84.1 ± 5.0              | 95.0 ± 1.8         |
| 1. 8 years, 2 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 2 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| SA  | 90.9 ± 1.7   | 88.9 ± 2.0    | 92.9 ± 1.5      | 73.3 ± 6.4              | 89.4 ± 2.1         |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Tasmania                                      | 96.5 ± 0.7   | 95.8 ± 0.9    | 97.1 ± 0.7      | 93.7 ± 3.0              | 91.5 ± 2.5         |
| 1. 9 years, 1 month                           |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| ACT   | 95.2 ± 0.9   | 94.0 ± 1.4    | 96.4 ± 0.8      | 94.6 ± 5.3              | 88.1 ± 1.8         |
| 1. 8 years, 10 months                         |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 6 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| NT  | 76.0 ± 3.0   | 73.7 ± 3.7    | 78.4 ± 3.2      | 44.7 ± 4.9              | 46.9 ± 4.9         |
| 1. 8 years, 8 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Australia                                     | 93.0 ± 1.5   | 91.5 ± 1.8    | 94.6 ± 1.2      | 82.9 ± 3.6              | 90.0 ± 1.8         |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent). 2009 Report, Table 4A.32 contains details of test populations in all states and territories.

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.9. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred as a result of state equating processes and may not reflect improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing (expressed in years and months).

(e) The typical average time that students had spent in schooling at the time of testing (expressed in years and months).

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and LBOTE students varied across jurisdictions. The two categories are not mutually exclusive. Definitions can be found at 2009 Report, section 4.6. Table 4A.9 contains more information.

Source: MCEETYA 2007a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2004: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.29.

Table 4A.7

**Table 4A.7 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2004 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| <i>1 Average age (d)</i>        |                     | <i>Male</i>     | <i>Female</i>   | <i>Indigenous</i>   | <i>LBOTE</i>        |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>2 Years of schooling (e)</i> | <i>All students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students (f)</i> | <i>students (f)</i> |
| NSW                             | 90.9 ± 1.0          | 88.6 ± 1.2      | 93.3 ± 0.8      | 75.7 ± 2.8          | 89.3 ± 1.2          |
| 1. 10yrs 9mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Victoria                        | 87.6 ± 2.1          | 85.3 ± 2.4      | 89.9 ± 1.8      | 71.4 ± 5.6          | 83.1 ± 2.7          |
| 1. 10yrs 11mths                 |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Queensland                      | 83.4 ± 2.3          | 81.4 ± 2.5      | 85.6 ± 2.1      | 65.0 ± 4.2          | 80.1 ± 2.8          |
| 1. 10yrs 4mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| WA                              | 93.7 ± 1.0          | 92.4 ± 1.2      | 95.0 ± 0.9      | 74.2 ± 3.9          | 91.7 ± 1.8          |
| 1. 10yrs 2mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| SA                              | 90.0 ± 1.2          | 87.8 ± 1.5      | 92.2 ± 1.1      | 60.3 ± 5.2          | 86.6 ± 2.0          |
| 1. 10yrs 6mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Tasmania                        | 94.0 ± 1.0          | 92.9 ± 1.3      | 95.2 ± 0.9      | 88.1 ± 3.9          | 88.3 ± 3.7          |
| 1. 11yrs 1mth                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| ACT                             | 96.5 ± 0.6          | 95.6 ± 0.9      | 97.3 ± 0.7      | 86.7 ± 7.0          | 92.0 ± 2.5          |
| 1. 10yrs 10mths                 |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 6mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| NT                              | 77.2 ± 2.5          | 74.1 ± 3.3      | 80.5 ± 2.9      | 47.1 ± 4.5          | 44.8 ± 4.6          |
| 1. 10yrs 8mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Australia                       | 88.7 ± 1.6          | 86.6 ± 1.8      | 90.9 ± 1.4      | 69.4 ± 3.8          | 86.2 ± 1.9          |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent). 2009 Report, Table 4A.32 contains details of test populations in all states and territories.

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.9. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred as a result of state equating processes and may not reflect improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing (expressed in years and months).

(e) The typical average time that students had spent in schooling at the time of testing (expressed in years and months).

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and LBOTE students varied across jurisdictions. The two categories are not mutually exclusive. Definitions can be found at 2009 Report, section 4.6. Table 4A.9 contains more information.

**Table 4A.7 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2004 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

Source: MCEETYA 2007a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2004: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.30.

Table 4A.8

**Table 4A.8 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2004 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| <i>1 Average age (d)</i>        |                     | <i>Male</i>     | <i>Female</i>   | <i>Indigenous</i>   | <i>LBOTE</i>        |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>2 Years of schooling (e)</i> | <i>All students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students (f)</i> | <i>students (f)</i> |
| NSW                             | 88.1 ± 0.8          | 85.7 ± 0.9      | 90.6 ± 0.7      | 68.5 ± 2.1          | 86.2 ± 1.0          |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 7yrs 2mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Victoria                        | 93.1 ± 0.5          | 91.5 ± 0.6      | 94.8 ± 0.5      | 77.0 ± 4.1          | 89.8 ± 0.9          |
| 1. 13yrs 0mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Queensland                      | 94.5 ± 0.7          | 93.1 ± 0.8      | 95.9 ± 0.6      | 85.5 ± 2.1          | 92.0 ± 1.3          |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 6yrs 8mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| WA                              | 88.9 ± 1.1          | 86.6 ± 1.4      | 91.4 ± 1.1      | 57.6 ± 3.9          | 84.1 ± 2.0          |
| 1. 12yrs 2mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 6yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| SA                              | 92.5 ± 0.6          | 91.0 ± 0.8      | 94.0 ± 0.6      | 69.2 ± 4.2          | 89.1 ± 1.4          |
| 1. 12yrs 6mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Tasmania                        | 88.9 ± 1.0          | 85.7 ± 1.5      | 92.2 ± 1.1      | 75.7 ± 5.7          | 80.1 ± 5.3          |
| 1. 13yrs 1mth                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| ACT                             | 95.0 ± 0.7          | 93.4 ± 1.1      | 96.7 ± 0.9      | 81.6 ± 7.8          | 85.0 ± 4.9          |
| 1. 12yrs 10mths                 |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 7yrs 6mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| NT                              | 73.9 ± 1.9          | 72.1 ± 2.7      | 75.7 ± 2.7      | 38.8 ± 4.3          | 39.7 ± 4.0          |
| 1. 12yrs 8mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Australia                       | 91.0 ± 0.7          | 89.1 ± 0.9      | 93.0 ± 0.7      | 71.0 ± 2.8          | 86.9 ± 1.2          |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent). 2009 Report, Table 4A.32 contains details of test populations in all states and territories.

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.9. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred as a result of state equating processes and may not reflect improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing (expressed in years and months).

(e) The typical average time that students had spent in schooling at the time of testing (expressed in years and months).

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and LBOTE students varied across jurisdictions. The two categories are not mutually exclusive. Definitions can be found at 2009 Report, section 4.6. Table 4A.9 contains more information.

**Table 4A.8 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2004 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

Source: MCEETYA 2007a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2004: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.31.

Table 4A.9

Table 4A.9 Exemptions, absences and participation of equity groups in reading testing, 2004 (per cent)

|            | Students exempted (a) |     |        |      |        |      | Students absent or withdrawn (a) |      |        |      |        |      | Indigenous students (b) |      |        |      |        |  | Assessed students (b) |  |        |  |        |  |
|------------|-----------------------|-----|--------|------|--------|------|----------------------------------|------|--------|------|--------|------|-------------------------|------|--------|------|--------|--|-----------------------|--|--------|--|--------|--|
|            | Year 3                |     | Year 5 |      | Year 7 |      | Year 3                           |      | Year 5 |      | Year 7 |      | Year 3                  |      | Year 5 |      | Year 7 |  | Year 3                |  | Year 5 |  | Year 7 |  |
|            |                       |     |        |      |        |      |                                  |      |        |      |        |      |                         |      |        |      |        |  |                       |  |        |  |        |  |
| NSW        | 1.2                   | 1.1 | 1.0    | 4.8  | 4.5    | 4.1  | 4.2                              | 4.1  | 4.9    | 4.9  | 27.3   | 26.1 | 25.6                    | 95.2 | 95.5   | 95.4 |        |  |                       |  |        |  |        |  |
| Victoria   | 2.5                   | 2.4 | 1.0    | 6.8  | 6.5    | 7.7  | 0.8                              | 0.9  | 1.0    | 1.0  | 18.1   | 18.8 | 18.5                    | 93.2 | 93.5   | 89.9 |        |  |                       |  |        |  |        |  |
| Queensland | 2.0                   | 2.0 | 1.7    | 2.6  | 2.5    | 2.5  | 6.3                              | 6.3  | 6.1    | 6.1  | 7.0    | 6.6  | 6.1                     | 97.2 | 97.2   | 97.2 |        |  |                       |  |        |  |        |  |
| WA         | 0.5                   | 0.4 | 0.5    | 7.4  | 7.0    | 7.1  | 5.3                              | 5.1  | 4.9    | 4.9  | 9.6    | 10.0 | 9.9                     | 92.6 | 93.1   | 92.2 |        |  |                       |  |        |  |        |  |
| SA         | 2.8                   | 2.7 | 2.5    | 3.6  | 3.1    | 3.9  | 3.0                              | 2.7  | 2.9    | 2.9  | 11.5   | 11.6 | 11.3                    | 96.4 | 96.9   | 96.7 |        |  |                       |  |        |  |        |  |
| Tasmania   | 1.0                   | 0.8 | 0.5    | 4.5  | 4.8    | 6.9  | 6.1                              | 6.4  | 5.8    | 5.8  | 4.1    | 3.8  | 3.7                     | 95.5 | 95.2   | 92.9 |        |  |                       |  |        |  |        |  |
| ACT        | 2.1                   | 1.8 | 1.3    | 6.0  | 4.7    | 5.9  | 1.7                              | 1.8  | 1.6    | 1.6  | 12.5   | 11.5 | 4.6                     | 94.0 | 95.3   | 92.5 |        |  |                       |  |        |  |        |  |
| NT (c)     | 0.3                   | 0.3 | 0.5    | 12.5 | 9.8    | 12.0 | 23.5                             | 27.7 | 27.9   | 27.9 | 21.1   | 21.9 | 24.0                    | 81.1 | 85.7   | 86.0 |        |  |                       |  |        |  |        |  |
| Aust       | 1.7                   | 1.6 | 1.2    | 5.1  | 4.8    | 5.1  | 4.1                              | 4.1  | 4.3    | 4.3  | 17.2   | 16.9 | 16.3                    | 94.8 | 95.1   | 94.1 |        |  |                       |  |        |  |        |  |

(a) The percentage of students who were exempted, and absent or who were withdrawn by parents/caregivers, from the testing program. Exempted students are reported as not achieving the benchmark. Absent and withdrawn students are not included in the benchmark calculations. The percentage of exempted, and absent or withdrawn, students is calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on NSSC data, together with the non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs.

(b) The percentage of assessed Indigenous and LBOTE students respectively. The percentages of Indigenous and LBOTE students include exempted students and are calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on data from the NSSC and non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs. The specific ways in which Indigenous and LBOTE student information was collected and/or categorised varied across jurisdictions.

(c) NSSC figures have been used for the total number of students in calculation of the participation rates. In the NT, students are tested at years 3, 5 and 7 in urban schools. In remote schools, students are tested at ages 8, 10 and 12, not at year level. This may result in percentages for NT not adding to 100.

Source: MCEETYA 2007a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2004: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.33.

Table 4A.10

**Table 4A.10 Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2004 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)<br>2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | Male students | Female students | Indigenous students (f) | LBOTE students (f) |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| NSW   | 95.8 ± 0.8   | 94.5 ± 1.1    | 97.1 ± 0.6      | 86.9 ± 2.7              | 94.8 ± 0.9         |
| 1. 8 years, 9 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Victoria                                      | 97.1 ± 0.1   | 96.3 ± 0.2    | 98.1 ± 0.1      | 93.5 ± 1.2              | 94.5 ± 0.1         |
| 1. 9 years, 0 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Queensland                                    | 88.4 ± 3.2   | 85.1 ± 3.9    | 92.0 ± 2.5      | 75.0 ± 5.7              | 87.0 ± 3.2         |
| 1. 8 years, 4 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 2 years, 8 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| WA  | 85.5 ± 2.9   | 81.9 ± 3.4    | 89.3 ± 2.5      | 56.9 ± 5.4              | 84.5 ± 3.2         |
| 1. 8 years, 2 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 2 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| SA  | 90.0 ± 2.3   | 87.1 ± 2.7    | 93.0 ± 1.9      | 62.1 ± 6.0              | 86.4 ± 2.5         |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Tasmania                                      | 91.4 ± 1.5   | 88.3 ± 2.0    | 94.7 ± 1.4      | 86.2 ± 3.9              | 89.5 ± 3.1         |
| 1. 9 years, 1 month                           |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| ACT   | 95.5 ± 0.9   | 94.6 ± 1.3    | 96.5 ± 0.9      | 95.9 ± 4.6              | 88.4 ± 2.2         |
| 1. 8 years, 10 months                         |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 6 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| NT  | 83.8 ± 2.5   | 81.7 ± 3.7    | 86.1 ± 2.6      | 56.7 ± 5.3              | 58.5 ± 5.2         |
| 1. 8 years, 8 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Australia                                     | 92.9 ± 1.5   | 90.9 ± 1.8    | 95.0 ± 1.2      | 76.8 ± 4.3              | 92.5 ± 1.2         |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.13. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students with a language background other than English (LBOTE) varied between jurisdictions, as outlined in the explanatory notes.

Source: MCEETYA 2007a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2004: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.34.

Table 4A.11

**Table 4A.11 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2004 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 95.9 ± 1.4   | 94.6 ± 1.9 | 97.3 ± 1.0 | 87.4 ± 4.2   | 94.9 ± 1.4   |
| 1. 10yrs 9mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 93.4 ± 0.7   | 91.1 ± 0.9 | 95.9 ± 0.5 | 82.2 ± 4.2   | 92.3 ± 0.7   |
| 1. 10yrs 11mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 97.1 ± 0.4   | 96.2 ± 0.5 | 98.1 ± 0.2 | 92.6 ± 1.4   | 94.3 ± 0.4   |
| 1. 10yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 87.4 ± 1.9   | 83.5 ± 2.4 | 91.4 ± 1.5 | 59.2 ± 4.6   | 86.0 ± 2.3   |
| 1. 10yrs 2mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 92.7 ± 1.4   | 90.3 ± 1.8 | 95.3 ± 1.1 | 69.7 ± 5.8   | 90.1 ± 1.7   |
| 1. 10yrs 6mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 91.6 ± 1.6   | 88.6 ± 2.2 | 94.9 ± 1.4 | 83.0 ± 4.7   | 86.6 ± 4.4   |
| 1. 11yrs 1mth            |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 92.8 ± 2.4   | 90.8 ± 3.3 | 94.7 ± 1.9 | 78.7 ± 9.4   | 88.1 ± 3.5   |
| 1. 10yrs 10mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 6mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 81.1 ± 1.9   | 77.8 ± 2.8 | 84.4 ± 2.2 | 49.5 ± 4.2   | 47.1 ± 4.3   |
| 1. 10yrs 8mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 94.2 ± 1.1   | 92.3 ± 1.4 | 96.2 ± 0.8 | 81.7 ± 3.5   | 92.6 ± 1.3   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80 per cent ± 2.7 per cent.

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies considerably across jurisdictions as shown in table 4A.13. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some of the movements in the results over time may have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time that students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and language background other than English (LBOTE) students varied across jurisdictions, as outlined in the explanatory notes.

Source: MCEETYA 2007a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2004: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.35.



Table 4A.12

**Table 4A.12 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2004 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 93.7 ± 2.0   | 91.8 ± 2.5 | 95.8 ± 1.5 | 81.8 ± 4.9   | 93.2 ± 2.3   |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 2mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 96.0 ± 0.7   | 94.2 ± 1.1 | 97.9 ± 0.4 | 87.1 ± 3.4   | 95.7 ± 0.8   |
| 1. 13yrs 0mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 97.3 ± 0.4   | 96.4 ± 0.6 | 98.3 ± 0.2 | 92.3 ± 1.7   | 95.4 ± 0.5   |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 6yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 86.6 ± 1.4   | 81.8 ± 1.9 | 91.7 ± 1.2 | 58.2 ± 3.9   | 84.2 ± 2.2   |
| 1. 12yrs 2mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 6yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 88.0 ± 2.1   | 84.1 ± 2.7 | 92.1 ± 1.7 | 59.4 ± 6.3   | 85.7 ± 2.4   |
| 1. 12yrs 6mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 86.5 ± 1.9   | 80.2 ± 2.6 | 92.7 ± 1.5 | 75.2 ± 6.2   | 82.6 ± 6.5   |
| 1. 13yrs 1mth            |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 93.1 ± 2.1   | 90.4 ± 3.0 | 96.0 ± 1.4 | 79.7 ± 9.4   | 81.2 ± 5.2   |
| 1. 12yrs 10mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 6mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 79.4 ± 1.9   | 76.3 ± 2.6 | 82.7 ± 2.5 | 42.4 ± 4.2   | 43.0 ± 4.4   |
| 1. 12yrs 8mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 93.6 ± 1.3   | 91.3 ± 1.7 | 95.9 ± 0.9 | 78.8 ± 3.8   | 92.3 ± 1.8   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80 per cent ± 2.7 per cent.

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies considerably across jurisdictions as shown in as shown in table 4A.13. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some of the movements in the results over time may have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time that students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and language background other than English (LBOTE) students varied across jurisdictions.

Source: MCEETYA 2007a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2004: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.36.

Table 4A.13

Table 4A.13 Exemptions, absences and participation of equity groups in writing testing, 2004 (per cent)

|            | Students exempted (a) |        |        | Students absent or withdrawn (a) |        |        | Indigenous students (b) |        |        | Assessed students (b) |        |        |      |      |      |
|------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------|--------|--------|------|------|------|
|            | Year 3                | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                           | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                  | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                | Year 5 | Year 7 |      |      |      |
|            |                       |        |        |                                  |        |        |                         |        |        |                       |        |        |      |      |      |
| NSW        | 1.1                   | 1.0    | 0.7    | 5.3                              | 4.9    | 4.0    | 4.2                     | 4.4    | 4.9    | 26.6                  | 25.7   | 25.6   | 94.7 | 95.1 | 95.4 |
| Victoria   | 2.5                   | 2.4    | 1.0    | 7.1                              | 7.0    | 8.2    | 0.8                     | 0.9    | 1.0    | 18.0                  | 18.7   | 18.4   | 92.9 | 93.0 | 89.3 |
| Queensland | 2.0                   | 2.0    | 1.7    | 2.7                              | 2.6    | 2.7    | 6.3                     | 6.3    | 6.1    | 7.0                   | 6.6    | 6.1    | 97.1 | 97.1 | 97.0 |
| WA         | 0.5                   | 0.4    | 0.5    | 8.4                              | 7.9    | 7.9    | 5.0                     | 4.9    | 4.7    | 9.4                   | 9.8    | 9.7    | 91.6 | 92.1 | 91.6 |
| SA         | 2.7                   | 2.7    | 2.5    | 3.7                              | 3.4    | 4.0    | 2.6                     | 2.7    | 2.9    | 11.4                  | 11.6   | 11.3   | 96.3 | 96.6 | 96.6 |
| Tasmania   | 1.0                   | 0.8    | 0.6    | 5.8                              | 6.0    | 8.8    | 6.0                     | 6.1    | 5.4    | 4.0                   | 3.7    | 3.6    | 94.2 | 94.0 | 90.6 |
| ACT        | 2.0                   | 1.8    | 1.3    | 6.0                              | 5.6    | 6.5    | 1.7                     | 1.8    | 1.6    | 12.5                  | 11.4   | 4.6    | 94.0 | 94.4 | 92.0 |
| NT (c)     | 0.3                   | 0.3    | 0.5    | 19.8                             | 14.0   | 16.4   | 17.5                    | 24.2   | 24.0   | 15.8                  | 18.6   | 20.5   | 73.9 | 81.8 | 81.3 |
| Aust       | 1.7                   | 1.6    | 1.1    | 5.6                              | 5.3    | 5.4    | 3.9                     | 4.1    | 4.2    | 16.8                  | 16.6   | 16.2   | 94.3 | 94.6 | 93.8 |

(a) The percentage of students who were exempted, and absent or who were withdrawn by parents/caregivers, from the testing program. Exempted students are reported as not achieving the benchmark. Absent and withdrawn students are not included in the benchmark calculations. The percentage of exempted, and absent or withdrawn, students is calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on NSSC data, together with the non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs.

(b) The percentage of assessed Indigenous and LBOTE students respectively. The percentages of Indigenous and LBOTE students include exempted students and are calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on data from the NSSC and non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs. The specific ways in which Indigenous and LBOTE student information was collected and/or categorised varied across jurisdictions.

(c) NSSC figures have been used for the total number of students in calculation of the participation rates. In the NT, students are tested at year 3, 5, and 7 in urban schools. In remote schools, students are tested ages 8, 10 and 12, not at year level. This may result in percentages for NT not adding to 100.

Source: MCEETYA 2007a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2004: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.38.

Table 4A.14

**Table 4A.14 Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2004 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 95.8 ± 0.8   | 95.4 ± 0.8 | 96.2 ± 0.7 | 89.5 ± 2.4   | 94.7 ± 0.8   |
| 1. 8 years, 9 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 96.0 ± 0.5   | 95.4 ± 0.4 | 96.6 ± 0.6 | 88.2 ± 2.5   | 92.8 ± 0.7   |
| 1. 9 years, 0 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 90.5 ± 1.9   | 90.6 ± 1.7 | 90.5 ± 2.1 | 74.3 ± 4.2   | 87.2 ± 2.3   |
| 1. 8 years, 4 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 2 years, 8 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 89.9 ± 2.6   | 89.5 ± 2.6 | 90.3 ± 2.8 | 68.1 ± 6.8   | 88.7 ± 2.9   |
| 1. 8 years, 2 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 2 years, 7 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 91.5 ± 1.8   | 90.6 ± 1.8 | 92.4 ± 1.9 | 68.0 ± 6.4   | 87.5 ± 2.4   |
| 1. 8 years, 8 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 6 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 93.7 ± 1.4   | 93.0 ± 1.7 | 94.5 ± 1.4 | 89.1 ± 4.4   | 87.4 ± 4.8   |
| 1. 9 years, 1 month      |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 95.3 ± 1.2   | 94.9 ± 1.6 | 95.8 ± 1.3 | 91.8 ± 7.7   | 88.3 ± 2.2   |
| 1. 8 years, 10 months    |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 6 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 88.0 ± 2.5   | 88.0 ± 2.8 | 88.0 ± 2.8 | 69.0 ± 5.7   | 69.4 ± 5.7   |
| 1. 8 years, 8 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 93.7 ± 1.2   | 93.3 ± 1.2 | 94.1 ± 1.3 | 79.2 ± 4.1   | 92.3 ± 1.2   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing were not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.17. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students with a language background other than English (LBOTE) varied between jurisdictions, as outlined in the explanatory notes.

Source: MCEETYA 2007a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2004: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3 and 5*; 2009 Report, table 4A.39.

Table 4A.15

**Table 4A.15 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2004 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)<br>2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | Male students | Female students | Indigenous students (f) | LBOTE students (f) |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| NSW   | 92.2 ± 1.2   | 91.9 ± 1.1    | 92.5 ± 1.3      | 77.0 ± 3.6              | 91.0 ± 1.2         |
| 1. 10yrs 9mths                                |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Victoria                                      | 94.7 ± 0.7   | 94.3 ± 0.7    | 95.2 ± 0.8      | 85.8 ± 3.4              | 92.4 ± 0.9         |
| 1. 10yrs 11mths                               |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Queensland                                    | 89.3 ± 1.6   | 89.3 ± 1.5    | 89.2 ± 1.7      | 71.7 ± 3.6              | 86.2 ± 1.9         |
| 1. 10yrs 4mths                                |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| WA  | 87.1 ± 1.6   | 86.9 ± 1.7    | 87.3 ± 1.6      | 56.6 ± 4.2              | 82.8 ± 2.2         |
| 1. 10yrs 2mths                                |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| SA  | 90.0 ± 1.3   | 89.6 ± 1.3    | 90.5 ± 1.4      | 62.4 ± 5.4              | 87.6 ± 2.1         |
| 1. 10yrs 6mths                                |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Tasmania                                      | 89.2 ± 1.5   | 89.2 ± 1.7    | 89.2 ± 1.8      | 81.9 ± 5.0              | 82.0 ± 5.1         |
| 1. 11yrs 1mth                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| ACT   | 92.1 ± 1.2   | 91.6 ± 1.5    | 92.6 ± 1.5      | 72.0 ± 10.6             | 85.3 ± 3.0         |
| 1. 10yrs 10mths                               |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 5yrs 6mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| NT  | 71.5 ± 2.5   | 70.5 ± 3.0    | 72.6 ± 3.1      | 38.8 ± 3.8              | 36.5 ± 4.0         |
| 1. 10yrs 8mths                                |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Australia                                     | 91.2 ± 1.2   | 91.0 ± 1.2    | 91.5 ± 1.3      | 69.4 ± 3.9              | 89.3 ± 1.4         |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80 per cent ± 2.7 per cent.

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies considerably across jurisdictions as shown in table 4A.17. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some of the movements in the results over time may have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time that students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and language background other than English (LBOTE) students varied across jurisdictions.

Source: MCEETYA 2007a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2004: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.40.

Table 4A.16

**Table 4A.16 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2004 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)<br>2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | Male students | Female students | Indigenous students (f) | LBOTE students (f) |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| NSW (g)<br>1. 12yrs 6mths<br>2. 7yrs 4mths    | 76.1 ± 0.9   | 75.5 ± 1.0    | 76.8 ± 1.0      | 46.6 ± 2.1              | 75.8 ± 1.1         |
| Victoria<br>1. 13yrs 0mths<br>2. 7yrs 7mths   | 85.8 ± 0.7   | 86.1 ± 0.7    | 85.5 ± 0.8      | 62.9 ± 4.5              | 82.0 ± 1.1         |
| Queensland<br>1. 12yrs 4mths<br>2. 6yrs 8mths | 84.6 ± 0.6   | 84.9 ± 0.6    | 84.3 ± 0.7      | 60.6 ± 2.1              | 82.3 ± 1.3         |
| WA<br>1. 12yrs 2mths<br>2. 6yrs 7mths         | 84.6 ± 0.8   | 83.7 ± 1.0    | 85.6 ± 0.8      | 47.8 ± 2.8              | 79.4 ± 1.7         |
| SA<br>1. 12yrs 6mths<br>2. 7yrs 3mths         | 87.3 ± 1.0   | 87.6 ± 1.2    | 87.1 ± 1.1      | 59.1 ± 5.6              | 84.6 ± 1.9         |
| Tasmania<br>1. 13yrs 1mth<br>2. 7yrs 7mths    | 80.9 ± 1.3   | 79.1 ± 1.7    | 82.6 ± 1.6      | 67.9 ± 5.0              | 70.6 ± 6.1         |
| ACT<br>1. 12yrs 10mths<br>2. 7yrs 6mths       | 87.7 ± 1.1   | 87.0 ± 1.6    | 88.5 ± 1.5      | 65.0 ± 10.8             | 76.3 ± 5.7         |
| NT<br>1. 12yrs 8mths<br>2. 7yrs 3mths         | 66.1 ± 2.1   | 66.6 ± 3.0    | 65.5 ± 2.7      | 26.8 ± 3.7              | 30.9 ± 4.0         |
| Australia                                     | 82.1 ± 0.8   | 81.9 ± 0.9    | 82.3 ± 0.9      | 51.9 ± 2.8              | 77.9 ± 1.3         |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80 per cent ± 2.7 per cent.

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies considerably across jurisdictions as shown in table 4A.17. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some of the movements in the results over time may have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time that students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and language background other than English (LBOTE) students varied across jurisdictions.

(g) NSW considers that the year 7 results for NSW are anomalous. The national numeracy benchmark results show that:

**Table 4A.16 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2004 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

(i) a lower proportion of year 7 students are meeting the minimum numeracy benchmark than are meeting the reading and writing benchmarks

(ii) a lower proportion of students are meeting the numeracy benchmark in year 7 than in year 3 and year 5.

National benchmarks represent the minimum standard of performance a student must achieve to be able to progress through his/her schooling. The national benchmark results show that NSW students in years 3 and 5 are consistently performing at or above the national average for reading, writing and numeracy. The NSW results for year 7 reading and writing are also fairly consistent with the national average.

Source: MCEETYA 2007a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2004: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.41.

Table 4A.17

**Table 4A.17 Exemptions, absences and participation of equity groups in numeracy testing, 2004 (per cent)**

|            | Students              |        |        |        |        |        |                                  |        |        |        |        |        |                   |        |        |        |        |        |
|------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|            | Students exempted (a) |        |        |        |        |        | Students absent or withdrawn (a) |        |        |        |        |        | Assessed students |        |        |        |        |        |
|            | Year 3                | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                           | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3            | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 7 |
| NSW        | 1.2                   | 1.1    | 0.6    | 4.8    | 4.5    | 5.8    | 4.2                              | 4.1    | 4.4    | 27.3   | 26.1   | 25.1   | 95.2              | 95.5   | 93.3   |        |        |        |
| Victoria   | 2.5                   | 2.4    | 1.0    | 6.5    | 6.4    | 7.6    | 0.8                              | 0.9    | 1.0    | 18.1   | 18.8   | 18.5   | 93.5              | 93.6   | 90.0   |        |        |        |
| Queensland | 2.0                   | 2.0    | 1.7    | 2.0    | 1.8    | 1.9    | 6.4                              | 6.5    | 6.3    | 7.1    | 6.7    | 6.2    | 97.8              | 98.0   | 97.9   |        |        |        |
| WA         | 0.5                   | 0.4    | 0.5    | 6.9    | 6.5    | 6.8    | 5.6                              | 5.3    | 5.1    | 9.7    | 10.1   | 10.0   | 93.1              | 93.5   | 92.7   |        |        |        |
| SA         | 2.5                   | 2.7    | 2.5    | 4.2    | 3.8    | 4.6    | 2.9                              | 2.5    | 2.7    | 11.4   | 11.4   | 11.1   | 95.8              | 96.2   | 95.6   |        |        |        |
| Tasmania   | 1.0                   | 0.8    | 0.5    | 4.2    | 4.3    | 6.8    | 6.2                              | 6.4    | 5.5    | 4.1    | 3.9    | 3.8    | 95.8              | 95.7   | 92.9   |        |        |        |
| ACT        | 2.0                   | 1.8    | 1.3    | 4.6    | 3.8    | 5.5    | 1.8                              | 1.9    | 1.6    | 12.7   | 11.7   | 4.8    | 95.4              | 96.2   | 92.6   |        |        |        |
| NT (c)     | 0.3                   | 0.3    | 0.3    | 8.4    | 6.9    | 9.5    | 27.4                             | 30.6   | 30.2   | 24.7   | 24.4   | 26.0   | 85.1              | 88.6   | 88.9   |        |        |        |
| Aust       | 1.7                   | 1.6    | 1.1    | 4.8    | 4.6    | 5.5    | 4.2                              | 4.1    | 4.1    | 17.3   | 16.9   | 16.2   | 95.0              | 95.3   | 93.7   |        |        |        |

(a) The percentage of students who were exempted, and absent or who were withdrawn by parents/caregivers, from the testing program. Exempted students are reported as not achieving the benchmark. Absent and withdrawn students are not included in the benchmark calculations. The percentage of exempted, and absent or withdrawn, students is calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on NSSC data, together with the non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs.

(b) The percentage of assessed Indigenous and LBOTE students respectively. The percentages of Indigenous and LBOTE students include exempted students and are calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on data from the NSSC and non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs. The specific ways in which Indigenous and LBOTE student information was collected and/or categorised varied across jurisdictions.

(c) NSSC figures have been used for the total number of students in calculation of the participation rates. In the NT, students are tested at year 3, 5, and 7 in urban schools. In remote schools, students are tested ages 8, 10 and 12, not at year level. This may result in percentages for NT not adding to 100.

Source: MCEETYA 2007a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2004: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.43.

Table 4A.18

**Table 4A.18 Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2005 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 93.3 ± 1.6   | 92.0 ± 1.8 | 94.7 ± 1.3 | 81.8 ± 3.9   | 92.7 ± 1.5   |
| 1. 8yrs 9mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 91.7 ± 1.9   | 90.0 ± 2.3 | 93.7 ± 1.6 | 83.6 ± 5.1   | 93.3 ± 2.2   |
| 1. 9yrs 0mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 93.7 ± 1.2   | 92.1 ± 1.5 | 95.5 ± 1.0 | 83.2 ± 3.9   | 91.2 ± 1.3   |
| 1. 8yrs 4mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 2yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 93.6 ± 1.7   | 92.3 ± 2.0 | 95.0 ± 1.5 | 73.8 ± 6.6   | 91.4 ± 2.4   |
| 1. 8yrs 5mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 91.1 ± 1.6   | 89.2 ± 1.8 | 93.1 ± 1.4 | 71.0 ± 4.8   | 93.8 ± 2.1   |
| 1. 8yrs 6mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 94.9 ± 1.5   | 93.5 ± 1.9 | 96.3 ± 1.3 | 87.4 ± 5.0   | 93.5 ± 2.8   |
| 1. 9yrs 1mth             |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 96.3 ± 0.8   | 95.2 ± 1.1 | 97.4 ± 0.7 | 95.3 ± 4.5   | 93.6 ± 1.3   |
| 1. 8yrs 10mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3yrs 6mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 70.4 ± 2.7   | 67.3 ± 3.5 | 73.6 ± 3.1 | 40.1 ± 4.4   | 41.5 ± 4.4   |
| 1. 8yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 92.7 ± 1.6   | 91.2 ± 1.9 | 94.4 ± 1.3 | 78.0 ± 4.3   | 92.0 ± 1.8   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.21. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and language background other than English (LBOTE) students varied across jurisdictions.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2005: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.44.



Table 4A.19

**Table 4A.19 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2005 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 89.7 ± 1.6   | 87.9 ± 1.8 | 91.5 ± 1.5 | 72.3 ± 3.5   | 87.2 ± 1.9   |
| 1. 10yrs 9mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 88.7 ± 1.8   | 86.4 ± 2.0 | 91.2 ± 1.6 | 73.7 ± 5.5   | 89.3 ± 2.1   |
| 1. 10yrs 11mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 79.7 ± 2.4   | 75.7 ± 2.6 | 83.9 ± 2.1 | 52.2 ± 4.2   | 74.8 ± 2.9   |
| 1. 10yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 91.6 ± 1.5   | 89.6 ± 1.8 | 93.7 ± 1.3 | 64.7 ± 4.8   | 89.3 ± 2.0   |
| 1. 10yrs 2mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 89.0 ± 1.2   | 86.7 ± 1.5 | 91.4 ± 1.1 | 63.9 ± 4.7   | 87.1 ± 2.0   |
| 1. 10yrs 6mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 92.8 ± 1.1   | 90.9 ± 1.5 | 94.9 ± 1.0 | 87.3 ± 3.7   | 87.3 ± 3.1   |
| 1. 11yrs 1mth            |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 94.9 ± 0.8   | 93.8 ± 1.2 | 96.2 ± 0.9 | 85.2 ± 6.5   | 92.9 ± 1.6   |
| 1. 10yrs 10mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 6mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 73.1 ± 2.0   | 71.2 ± 2.6 | 75.2 ± 2.5 | 40.7 ± 3.7   | 40.0 ± 3.8   |
| 1. 10yrs 8mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 87.5 ± 1.8   | 85.1 ± 2.0 | 90.1 ± 1.6 | 62.8 ± 4.1   | 86.2 ± 2.1   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80 per cent ± 2.7 per cent.

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies considerably across jurisdictions as shown in table 4A.21. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some of the movements in the results over time may have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time that students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and language background other than English (LBOTE) students varied across jurisdictions.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2005: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.45.

Table 4A.20

**Table 4A.20 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2005 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 88.1 ± 0.8   | 85.4 ± 0.9 | 91.0 ± 0.8 | 69.4 ± 2.2   | 86.8 ± 1.1   |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 2mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 95.1 ± 0.5   | 93.8 ± 0.6 | 96.5 ± 0.4 | 85.0 ± 3.3   | 94.3 ± 0.8   |
| 1. 13yrs 0mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 88.1 ± 1.1   | 85.6 ± 1.3 | 90.9 ± 0.9 | 64.9 ± 2.9   | 83.2 ± 1.7   |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 6yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 85.6 ± 0.8   | 83.3 ± 1.0 | 88.0 ± 0.9 | 46.8 ± 3.0   | 81.4 ± 1.9   |
| 1. 12yrs 2mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 6yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 93.8 ± 0.6   | 92.4 ± 0.8 | 95.2 ± 0.7 | 69.4 ± 4.7   | 90.5 ± 1.5   |
| 1. 12yrs 6mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 88.3 ± 0.9   | 85.4 ± 1.3 | 91.2 ± 1.2 | 78.0 ± 4.2   | 80.0 ± 4.6   |
| 1. 13yrs 1mth            |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 93.5 ± 0.8   | 92.4 ± 1.3 | 94.7 ± 0.9 | 76.9 ± 10.6  | 89.0 ± 2.4   |
| 1. 12yrs 10mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 6mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 71.6 ± 1.9   | 66.7 ± 2.8 | 76.5 ± 2.6 | 36.8 ± 3.4   | 36.0 ± 3.5   |
| 1. 12yrs 8mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 89.8 ± 0.8   | 87.6 ± 1.0 | 92.2 ± 0.8 | 63.8 ± 2.9   | 87.9 ± 1.2   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80 per cent ± 2.7 per cent.

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies considerably across jurisdictions as shown in table 4A.21. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some of the movements in the results over time may have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time that students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and language background other than English (LBOTE) students varied across jurisdictions.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2005: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.46.

Table 4A.21

Table 4A.21 Exemptions, absences and participation by equity group in reading testing, 2005 (per cent)

|            | Students exempted (a) |        |        | Students absent or withdrawn (a) |        |        | Indigenous students (b) |        |        | Assessed students   |        |        | All students |        |        |
|------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|
|            | Year 3                | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                           | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                  | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3              | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3       | Year 5 | Year 7 |
|            |                       |        |        | absent or withdrawn (a)          |        |        | Indigenous students (b) |        |        | LBO TE students (b) |        |        |              |        |        |
| NSW        | 1.0                   | 0.9    | 0.7    | 5.5                              | 5.0    | 4.4    | 4.1                     | 4.3    | 4.8    | 27.6                | 26.3   | 26.2   | 94.5         | 95.0   | 95.6   |
| Victoria   | 2.3                   | 2.0    | 0.9    | 8.5                              | 8.0    | 8.4    | 0.9                     | 0.9    | 0.8    | 22.7                | 22.0   | 21.5   | 91.5         | 92.0   | 91.6   |
| Queensland | 2.0                   | 1.9    | 2.0    | 3.3                              | 3.0    | 3.2    | 6.4                     | 6.5    | 6.1    | 7.1                 | 6.8    | 6.4    | 96.7         | 96.9   | 96.8   |
| WA         | 0.7                   | 0.7    | 0.6    | 7.2                              | 6.8    | 4.2    | 5.6                     | 5.1    | 5.5    | 8.5                 | 9.5    | 8.7    | 92.8         | 93.2   | 95.8   |
| SA         | 3.3                   | 2.7    | 2.7    | 2.7                              | 2.5    | 2.8    | 3.0                     | 2.9    | 3.1    | 11.1                | 11.2   | 11.1   | 97.3         | 97.5   | 97.2   |
| Tasmania   | 0.8                   | 1.0    | 0.7    | 4.6                              | 4.7    | 7.0    | 5.5                     | 6.5    | 6.0    | 4.9                 | 4.5    | 4.0    | 95.4         | 95.3   | 93.0   |
| ACT        | 2.2                   | 2.2    | 1.4    | 6.7                              | 5.1    | 8.2    | 1.8                     | 2.2    | 1.7    | 19.8                | 15.8   | 11.7   | 93.3         | 94.9   | 91.8   |
| NT (c)     | 0.7                   | 1.2    | 0.8    | 12.5                             | 10.3   | 10.1   | 27.8                    | 29.9   | 28.8   | 24.0                | 26.4   | 24.0   | 84.8         | 88.5   | 86.6   |
| Aust       | 1.7                   | 1.5    | 1.2    | 5.8                              | 5.4    | 5.2    | 4.1                     | 4.2    | 4.3    | 18.9                | 17.8   | 17.3   | 94.2         | 94.1   | 94.8   |

(a) The percentage of students who were exempted, and absent or who were withdrawn by parents/caregivers, from the testing program. Exempted students are reported as not achieving the benchmark. Absent and withdrawn students are not included in the benchmark calculations. The percentage of exempted, and absent or withdrawn, students is calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on NSSC data, together with the non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs.

(b) The percentage of assessed Indigenous and LBO TE students respectively. The percentages of Indigenous and LBO TE students include exempted students and are calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on data from the NSSC and non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs. The specific ways in which Indigenous and LBO TE student information was collected and/or categorised varied across jurisdictions.

(c) NSSC figures have been used for the total number of students in calculation of the participation rates. In the NT, students are tested at year 3, 5, and 7 in urban schools. In remote schools, students are tested ages 8, 10 and 12, not at year level. This may result in percentages for NT not adding to 100.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2005: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.49.

Table 4A.22

**Table 4A.22 Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2005 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| <i>1 Average age (d)</i><br><i>2 Years of schooling (e)</i> | <i>All students</i> | <i>Male students</i> | <i>Female students</i> | <i>Indigenous students (f)</i> | <i>LBOTE students (f)</i> |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| NSW   | 93.6 ± 1.9          | 91.7 ± 2.3           | 95.6 ± 1.4             | 80.6 ± 4.9                     | 92.5 ± 1.9                |
| 1. 8 years, 9 months  |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months  |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| Victoria (g)  | 97.5 ± 0.1          | 97.1 ± 0.1           | 98.2 ± 0.0             | 98.6 ± 0.4                     | 99.5 ± 0.1                |
| 1. 9 years, 0 months  |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months  |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| Queensland  | 89.3 ± 2.6          | 85.7 ± 3.3           | 93.1 ± 2.0             | 74.6 ± 5.0                     | 88.4 ± 2.3                |
| 1. 8 years, 4 months  |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| 2. 2 years, 8 months  |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| WA  | 86.8 ± 1.6          | 82.9 ± 2.0           | 91.1 ± 1.3             | 56.1 ± 4.4                     | 84.6 ± 2.5                |
| 1. 8 years, 5 months  |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months  |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| SA  | 91.8 ± 2.7          | 89.5 ± 3.2           | 94.3 ± 2.3             | 71.7 ± 6.8                     | 94.9 ± 3.1                |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months  |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months  |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| Tasmania  | 91.9 ± 1.4          | 88.8 ± 1.9           | 95.2 ± 1.1             | 85.5 ± 5.1                     | 91.9 ± 2.7                |
| 1. 9 years, 1 month   |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months  |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| ACT   | 94.0 ± 1.4          | 91.8 ± 2.0           | 96.3 ± 1.0             | 87.6 ± 11.3                    | 92.0 ± 1.9                |
| 1. 8 years, 10 months                                       |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| 2. 3 years, 6 months  |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| NT  | 73.5 ± 2.6          | 70.2 ± 3.4           | 77.0 ± 3.0             | 40.3 ± 4.3                     | 40.4 ± 4.2                |
| 1. 8 years, 8 months  |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months  |                     |                      |                        |                                |                           |
| Australia   | 92.8 ± 1.6          | 90.7 ± 2.0           | 95.1 ± 1.3             | 74.0 ± 4.7                     | 93.4 ± 1.5                |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.25. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students with a language background other than English (LBOTE) varied between jurisdictions, as outlined in the explanatory notes.

(g) Victoria has advised that the increase in 2005 (and 2004) in the percentage of students reaching the Writing benchmark in Victoria was due to changes in the marking instructions.

**Table 4A.22 Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2005 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2005: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.50.

Table 4A.23

**Table 4A.23 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2005 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| <i>1 Average age (d)</i>        |                     | <i>Male</i>     | <i>Female</i>   | <i>Indigenous</i>   | <i>LBOTE</i>        |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>2 Years of schooling (e)</i> | <i>All students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students (f)</i> | <i>students (f)</i> |
| NSW                             | 94.3 ± 1.9          | 92.6 ± 2.4      | 96.0 ± 1.4      | 81.5 ± 5.5          | 93.0 ± 1.9          |
| 1. 10yrs 9mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Victoria (g)                    | 97.4 ± 0.1          | 96.7 ± 0.1      | 98.4 ± 0.1      | 95.8 ± 1.6          | 99.0 ± 0.1          |
| 1. 10yrs 11mths                 |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Queensland                      | 92.0 ± 1.5          | 89.3 ± 1.9      | 94.8 ± 1.1      | 79.0 ± 3.4          | 88.9 ± 1.5          |
| 1. 10yrs 4mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| WA                              | 86.8 ± 1.7          | 83.1 ± 2.2      | 90.6 ± 1.3      | 56.4 ± 4.0          | 85.7 ± 2.0          |
| 1. 10yrs 2mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| SA                              | 92.1 ± 1.4          | 89.8 ± 1.8      | 94.6 ± 1.1      | 73.2 ± 4.8          | 93.7 ± 1.8          |
| 1. 10yrs 6mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Tasmania                        | 90.1 ± 1.4          | 86.4 ± 1.9      | 94.0 ± 1.3      | 82.0 ± 4.3          | 87.0 ± 2.9          |
| 1. 11yrs 1mth                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| ACT                             | 92.6 ± 2.3          | 90.5 ± 2.9      | 94.9 ± 1.9      | 80.4 ± 9.9          | 91.0 ± 3.1          |
| 1. 10yrs 10mths                 |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 6mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| NT                              | 72.4 ± 2.3          | 69.4 ± 3.2      | 75.8 ± 2.5      | 36.1 ± 3.7          | 35.5 ± 3.8          |
| 1. 10yrs 8mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Australia                       | 93.3 ± 1.3          | 91.3 ± 1.7      | 95.4 ± 1.0      | 74.3 ± 4.3          | 93.1 ± 1.4          |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80 per cent ± 2.7 per cent.

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies considerably across jurisdictions as shown in table 4A.25. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some of the movements in the results over time may have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time that students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and language background other than English (LBOTE) students varied across jurisdictions, as outlined in the explanatory notes.

(g) Victoria has advised that the increase in 2005 (and 2004) in the percentage of students reaching the Writing benchmark in Victoria was due to changes in the marking instructions.

**Table 4A.23 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2005 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2005: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.51.

Table 4A.24

Table 4A.24 **Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2005 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)<br>2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | Male students | Female students | Indigenous students (f) | LBOTE students (f) |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| NSW   | 92.1 ± 2.2   | 89.3 ± 2.9    | 95.0 ± 1.6      | 75.3 ± 5.6              | 92.1 ± 2.4         |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths                                |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 7yrs 2mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Victoria (g)                                  | 94.7 ± 0.5   | 92.1 ± 0.8    | 97.4 ± 0.3      | 83.9 ± 3.6              | 95.7 ± 0.6         |
| 1. 13yrs 0mths                                |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Queensland                                    | 95.0 ± 0.6   | 93.1 ± 0.9    | 97.1 ± 0.4      | 83.8 ± 2.1              | 92.1 ± 0.9         |
| 1. 12yrs 8mths                                |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 6yrs 8mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| WA  | 87.7 ± 1.6   | 83.7 ± 2.0    | 91.9 ± 1.2      | 56.7 ± 4.9              | 86.3 ± 2.1         |
| 1. 12yrs 2mths                                |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 6yrs 7mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| SA  | 87.7 ± 2.9   | 84.1 ± 3.6    | 91.5 ± 2.2      | 60.3 ± 6.3              | 85.8 ± 3.2         |
| 1. 12yrs 6mths                                |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Tasmania                                      | 83.6 ± 2.2   | 77.4 ± 2.9    | 89.8 ± 1.8      | 74.6 ± 5.5              | 76.5 ± 5.2         |
| 1. 13yrs 1mth                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| ACT   | 92.1 ± 2.7   | 89.5 ± 3.6    | 94.9 ± 2.0      | 78.9 ± 12.7             | 89.6 ± 4.0         |
| 1. 12yrs 10mths                               |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 7yrs 6mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| NT  | 72.6 ± 2.0   | 67.3 ± 2.9    | 78.0 ± 2.6      | 34.6 ± 3.6              | 32.2 ± 3.9         |
| 1. 12yrs 8mths                                |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths                                 |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Australia                                     | 92.2 ± 1.5   | 89.3 ± 2.0    | 95.2 ± 1.1      | 72.3 ± 4.3              | 91.6 ± 1.8         |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80 per cent ± 2.7 per cent.

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies considerably across jurisdictions as shown in table 4A.25. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some of the movements in the results over time may have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time that students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and language background other than English (LBOTE) students varied across jurisdictions.

(g) Victoria has advised that the increase in 2005 (and 2004) in the percentage of students reaching the Writing benchmark in Victoria was due to changes in the marking instructions.



**Table 4A.24 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2005 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male students | Female students | Indigenous students (f) | LBOTE students (f) |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students |               |                 |                         |                    |

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2005: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.52.

Table 4A.25

Table 4A.25 Exemptions, absences and participation by equity group in writing testing, 2005 (per cent)

|            | Students exempted (a) |        |        | Students absent or withdrawn (a) |        |        | Assessed students |        |        |                         |        |        |                     |        |        |              |        |        |
|------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|
|            | Year 3                |        |        | Year 5                           |        |        | Year 7            |        |        | Indigenous students (b) |        |        | LBO TE students (b) |        |        | All students |        |        |
|            | Year 3                | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                           | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3            | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                  | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3              | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3       | Year 5 | Year 7 |
| NSW        | 1.0                   | 0.9    | 0.7    | 5.5                              | 5.0    | 4.4    | 4.2               | 4.3    | 4.8    | 27.6                    | 26.3   | 26.2   | 94.5                | 95.0   | 95.6   |              |        |        |
| Victoria   | 2.2                   | 2.0    | 0.9    | 8.8                              | 8.4    | 8.7    | 0.9               | 0.8    | 0.8    | 22.6                    | 22.0   | 21.4   | 91.3                | 91.6   | 91.3   |              |        |        |
| Queensland | 2.0                   | 1.9    | 2.0    | 3.3                              | 3.1    | 3.2    | 6.4               | 6.5    | 6.1    | 7.1                     | 6.8    | 6.3    | 96.7                | 96.9   | 96.7   |              |        |        |
| WA         | 0.7                   | 0.7    | 0.6    | 8.1                              | 7.4    | 8.5    | 5.4               | 5.0    | 4.6    | 8.4                     | 9.4    | 8.3    | 91.9                | 92.6   | 91.5   |              |        |        |
| SA         | 3.2                   | 2.7    | 2.7    | 2.7                              | 2.7    | 3.1    | 2.7               | 3.0    | 3.1    | 11.0                    | 11.2   | 11.1   | 97.3                | 97.3   | 96.9   |              |        |        |
| Tasmania   | 0.8                   | 1.0    | 0.7    | 5.0                              | 5.8    | 8.3    | 5.4               | 6.4    | 5.9    | 4.9                     | 4.5    | 3.9    | 95.0                | 94.2   | 91.7   |              |        |        |
| ACT        | 2.2                   | 2.2    | 1.4    | 7.3                              | 5.5    | 7.9    | 1.8               | 2.2    | 1.6    | 19.6                    | 19.0   | 13.7   | 92.7                | 94.5   | 92.1   |              |        |        |
| NT (c)     | 0.8                   | 1.2    | 0.7    | 9.5                              | 9.2    | 9.7    | 28.3              | 28.8   | 28.1   | 24.2                    | 25.3   | 23.6   | 85.1                | 86.8   | 85.1   |              |        |        |
| Aust       | 1.7                   | 1.5    | 1.2    | 5.9                              | 5.6    | 5.8    | 4.1               | 4.2    | 4.2    | 18.8                    | 17.8   | 17.3   | 94.1                | 94.4   | 94.3   |              |        |        |

(a) The percentage of students who were exempted, and absent or who were withdrawn by parents/caregivers, from the testing program. Exempted students are reported as not achieving the benchmark. Absent and withdrawn students are not included in the benchmark calculations. The percentage of exempted, and absent or withdrawn, students is calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on NSSC data, together with the non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs.

(b) The percentage of assessed Indigenous and LBO TE students respectively. The percentages of Indigenous and LBO TE students include exempted students and are calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on data from the NSSC and non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs. The specific ways in which Indigenous and LBO TE student information was collected and/or categorised varied across jurisdictions.

(c) NSSC figures have been used for the total number of students in calculation of the participation rates. In the NT, students are tested at year 3, 5, and 7 in urban schools. In remote schools, students are tested ages 8, 10 and 12, not at year level. This may result in percentages for NT not adding to 100.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2005: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.55.

Table 4A.26

**Table 4A.26 Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2005 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 95.4 ± 0.9   | 94.9 ± 1.0 | 95.9 ± 0.9 | 87.6 ± 2.6   | 94.2 ± 1.0   |
| 1. 8 years, 9 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 95.5 ± 0.6   | 95.1 ± 0.6 | 96.1 ± 0.6 | 91.8 ± 3.0   | 97.3 ± 0.7   |
| 1. 9 years, 0 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 92.7 ± 1.4   | 92.1 ± 1.4 | 93.4 ± 1.5 | 78.9 ± 3.9   | 89.5 ± 1.8   |
| 1. 8 years, 4 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 2 years, 8 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 90.2 ± 2.0   | 89.6 ± 2.1 | 91.0 ± 2.1 | 64.8 ± 5.7   | 86.6 ± 3.0   |
| 1. 8 years, 5 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 92.6 ± 0.9   | 91.7 ± 0.9 | 93.4 ± 1.0 | 74.5 ± 4.1   | 95.4 ± 1.6   |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 91.2 ± 2.0   | 90.0 ± 2.2 | 92.5 ± 2.0 | 82.4 ± 5.1   | 86.8 ± 4.1   |
| 1. 9 years, 1 month      |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 94.6 ± 1.2   | 93.5 ± 1.4 | 95.7 ± 1.2 | 92.8 ± 6.5   | 91.8 ± 1.9   |
| 1. 8 years, 10 months    |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 6 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 86.2 ± 2.5   | 85.5 ± 2.9 | 87.2 ± 2.8 | 68.0 ± 5.6   | 66.7 ± 5.5   |
| 1. 8 years, 8 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 94.1 ± 1.1   | 93.5 ± 1.1 | 94.7 ± 1.1 | 80.4 ± 3.8   | 94.0 ± 1.2   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing were not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.29. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students with a language background other than English (LBOTE) varied between jurisdictions, as outlined in the explanatory notes.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2005: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.56.

Table 4A.27

**Table 4A.27 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2005 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 91.7 ± 1.1   | 91.1 ± 1.1 | 92.3 ± 1.1 | 75.4 ± 3.1   | 90.1 ± 1.2   |
| 1. 10yrs 9mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 95.4 ± 0.7   | 94.8 ± 0.7 | 96.1 ± 0.7 | 89.5 ± 3.3   | 96.3 ± 0.9   |
| 1. 10yrs 11mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 88.1 ± 1.9   | 88.0 ± 1.9 | 88.4 ± 2.0 | 65.8 ± 4.3   | 84.0 ± 2.3   |
| 1. 10yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 85.9 ± 1.8   | 86.4 ± 1.8 | 85.4 ± 2.0 | 51.6 ± 4.7   | 83.4 ± 2.4   |
| 1. 10yrs 2mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 90.1 ± 1.3   | 90.5 ± 1.3 | 89.7 ± 1.5 | 69.8 ± 5.2   | 89.1 ± 2.0   |
| 1. 10yrs 6mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 89.1 ± 1.5   | 89.1 ± 1.6 | 89.1 ± 1.7 | 78.7 ± 4.8   | 84.0 ± 3.7   |
| 1. 11yrs 1mth            |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 93.2 ± 1.2   | 92.9 ± 1.4 | 93.4 ± 1.5 | 81.4 ± 8.2   | 91.7 ± 1.9   |
| 1. 10yrs 10mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 6mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 69.6 ± 2.4   | 69.8 ± 2.9 | 69.4 ± 2.9 | 35.1 ± 3.6   | 35.2 ± 3.6   |
| 1. 10yrs 8mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 90.8 ± 1.3   | 90.5 ± 1.3 | 91.2 ± 1.4 | 66.5 ± 3.9   | 90.0 ± 1.4   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80 per cent ± 2.7 per cent.

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies considerably across jurisdictions as shown in table 4A.29. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some of the movements in the results over time may have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time that students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and language background other than English (LBOTE) students varied across jurisdictions.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2005: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.57.

Table 4A.28

**Table 4A.28 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2005 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW (g)                  | 75.8 ± 1.1   | 75.7 ± 1.2 | 75.9 ± 1.2 | 44.5 ± 2.3   | 75.2 ± 1.2   |
| 1. 12yrs 6mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 4mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 86.9 ± 0.6   | 86.6 ± 0.6 | 87.3 ± 0.8 | 66.5 ± 4.5   | 85.9 ± 0.9   |
| 1. 13yrs 0mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 83.2 ± 0.6   | 82.7 ± 0.7 | 83.9 ± 0.7 | 54.5 ± 2.4   | 79.8 ± 1.6   |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 6yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 84.3 ± 0.8   | 84.9 ± 0.8 | 83.6 ± 1.0 | 46.8 ± 2.9   | 81.8 ± 1.6   |
| 1. 12yrs 2mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 6yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 85.7 ± 1.2   | 86.6 ± 1.2 | 84.9 ± 1.3 | 55.8 ± 5.3   | 82.5 ± 1.9   |
| 1. 12yrs 6mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 80.5 ± 1.2   | 80.4 ± 1.6 | 80.5 ± 1.7 | 66.4 ± 4.9   | 75.4 ± 5.8   |
| 1. 13yrs 1mth            |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 88.1 ± 1.2   | 88.0 ± 1.5 | 88.3 ± 1.8 | 62.6 ± 11.4  | 84.4 ± 2.6   |
| 1. 12yrs 10mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 6mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 64.8 ± 2.0   | 62.7 ± 2.8 | 66.9 ± 2.6 | 24.9 ± 3.3   | 24.8 ± 3.2   |
| 1. 12yrs 8mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 81.8 ± 0.9   | 81.6 ± 0.9 | 82.0 ± 1.0 | 48.8 ± 2.9   | 78.8 ± 1.3   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals, for example, 80 per cent ± 2.7 per cent.

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies considerably across jurisdictions as shown in table 4A.29. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some of the movements in the results over time may have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time that students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and language background other than English (LBOTE) students varied across jurisdictions.

(g) NSW considers that the year 7 results for NSW are anomalous. The national numeracy benchmark results show that:

**Table 4A.28 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2005 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

(i) a lower proportion of year 7 students are meeting the minimum numeracy benchmark than are meeting the reading and writing benchmarks

(ii) a lower proportion of students are meeting the numeracy benchmark in year 7 than in year 3 and year 5.

National benchmarks represent the minimum standard of performance a student must achieve to be able to progress through his/her schooling. The national benchmark results show that NSW students in years 3 and 5 are consistently performing at or above the national average for reading, writing and numeracy. The NSW results for year 7 reading and writing are also fairly consistent with the national average.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2005: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.58.

Table 4A.29

Table 4A.29 Exemptions, absences and participation by equity group in numeracy testing, 2005 (per cent)

|            | Students     |        |        |                         |        |        |        | Assessed students       |        |        |                    |        |        |        |              |        |        |        |
|------------|--------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
|            | exempted (a) |        |        | absent or withdrawn (a) |        |        |        | Indigenous students (b) |        |        | LBOTE students (b) |        |        |        | All students |        |        |        |
|            | Year 3       | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                  | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3 | Year 5                  | Year 7 | Year 3 | Year 5             | Year 7 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 7       | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 7 |
| NSW        | 1.0          | 0.9    | 0.7    | 5.5                     | 5.0    | 5.6    | 4.2    | 4.3                     | 4.3    | 4.3    | 27.6               | 26.3   | 25.9   | 94.5   | 95.0         | 94.4   |        |        |
| Victoria   | 2.2          | 2.0    | 0.9    | 8.0                     | 7.6    | 8.3    | 0.9    | 0.9                     | 0.8    | 0.8    | 22.8               | 22.1   | 21.4   | 92.0   | 92.4         | 91.7   |        |        |
| Queensland | 2.0          | 2.0    | 2.0    | 2.9                     | 2.7    | 2.9    | 6.5    | 6.6                     | 6.1    | 6.1    | 7.1                | 6.8    | 6.3    | 97.1   | 97.2         | 97.1   |        |        |
| WA         | 0.7          | 0.7    | 0.6    | 6.7                     | 5.9    | 5.7    | 5.9    | 5.4                     | 5.2    | 5.2    | 8.6                | 9.6    | 8.6    | 93.3   | 94.1         | 94.3   |        |        |
| SA         | 3.2          | 2.8    | 2.7    | 2.7                     | 2.5    | 2.8    | 3.0    | 2.9                     | 2.8    | 2.8    | 11.1               | 11.2   | 11.1   | 97.3   | 97.5         | 97.2   |        |        |
| Tasmania   | 0.8          | 1.0    | 0.7    | 3.9                     | 4.3    | 6.3    | 5.6    | 6.6                     | 6.1    | 6.1    | 4.9                | 4.5    | 3.9    | 96.1   | 95.7         | 93.7   |        |        |
| ACT        | 2.3          | 2.2    | 1.4    | 4.8                     | 4.5    | 7.3    | 1.9    | 2.1                     | 1.6    | 1.6    | 20.0               | 19.1   | 13.9   | 95.2   | 95.5         | 92.7   |        |        |
| NT (c)     | 0.7          | 1.2    | 0.7    | 9.7                     | 9.1    | 9.0    | 31.0   | 31.1                    | 29.7   | 29.7   | 26.7               | 27.6   | 24.7   | 88.4   | 89.8         | 87.8   |        |        |
| Aust       | 1.7          | 1.5    | 1.1    | 5.4                     | 5.1    | 5.6    | 4.2    | 4.3                     | 4.1    | 4.1    | 18.9               | 17.9   | 17.2   | 94.6   | 94.9         | 94.6   |        |        |

(a) The percentage of students who were exempted, and absent or who were withdrawn by parents/caregivers, from the testing program. Exempted students are reported as not achieving the benchmark. Absent and withdrawn students are not included in the benchmark calculations. The percentage of exempted, and absent or withdrawn, students is calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on NSSC data, together with the non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs.

(b) The percentage of assessed Indigenous and LBOTE students respectively. The percentages of Indigenous and LBOTE students include exempted students and are calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on data from the NSSC and non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs. The specific ways in which Indigenous and LBOTE student information was collected and/or categorised varied across jurisdictions.

(c) NSSC figures have been used for the total number of students in calculation of the participation rates. In the NT, students are tested at year 3, 5, and 7 in urban schools. In remote schools, students are tested ages 8, 10 and 12, not at year level. This may result in percentages for NT not adding to 100.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2005: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.61.

Table 4A.30

**Table 4A.30 Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| <i>1 Average age (d)</i>        |                     | <i>Male</i>     | <i>Female</i>   | <i>Indigenous</i>   | <i>LBOTE</i>        |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>2 Years of schooling (e)</i> | <i>All students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students (f)</i> | <i>students (f)</i> |
| NSW                             | 93.1 ± 1.7          | 91.2 ± 2.2      | 95.2 ± 1.2      | 81.6 ± 4.3          | 93.0 ± 1.7          |
| 1. 8 years, 9 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Victoria                        | 91.5 ± 2.0          | 89.3 ± 2.4      | 93.8 ± 1.6      | 81.5 ± 5.1          | 90.1 ± 2.2          |
| 1. 9 years, 0 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Queensland                      | 94.5 ± 1.3          | 93.3 ± 1.6      | 96.1 ± 1.0      | 88.5 ± 3.3          | 90.6 ± 1.4          |
| 1. 8 years, 4 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 2 years, 8 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| WA                              | 94.0 ± 1.6          | 93.0 ± 1.9      | 95.1 ± 1.4      | 75.7 ± 5.8          | 92.6 ± 1.7          |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| SA                              | 93.1 ± 1.8          | 91.6 ± 2.1      | 94.5 ± 1.6      | 75.2 ± 6.3          | 92.2 ± 2.5          |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Tasmania                        | 94.1 ± 1.3          | 92.5 ± 1.8      | 95.8 ± 1.2      | 88.5 ± 3.5          | 89.9 ± 2.3          |
| 1. 9 years, 1 month             |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| ACT                             | 96.4 ± 0.8          | 95.7 ± 1.0      | 97.1 ± 0.7      | 90.7 ± 6.1          | 93.7 ± 1.2          |
| 1. 8 years, 10 months           |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 6 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| NT                              | 70.8 ± 2.6          | 69.5 ± 3.3      | 72.2 ± 3.0      | 39.6 ± 4.0          | 40.3 ± 4.0          |
| 1. 8 years, 8 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Australia                       | 93.0 ± 1.7          | 91.3 ± 2.0      | 94.8 ± 1.3      | 79.7 ± 4.3          | 91.0 ± 1.9          |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.34. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Revised definitions and standards for the collection and reporting of student socioeconomic background information (sex, Indigenous status, socioeconomic background and language background) were introduced in 2005 through the school enrolment processes for all schools to ensure greater national consistency in reporting against characteristics from 2006.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.



**Table 4A.30 Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2006: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.62.

Table 4A.31

**Table 4A.31 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 90.3 ± 1.1   | 87.9 ± 1.3 | 92.8 ± 1.0 | 73.6 ± 3.0   | 89.4 ± 1.3   |
| 1. 10yrs 9mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 89.9 ± 1.4   | 87.7 ± 1.7 | 92.1 ± 1.2 | 69.7 ± 4.9   | 87.6 ± 1.7   |
| 1. 11yrs 0mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 81.2 ± 3.1   | 78.5 ± 3.4 | 84.3 ± 2.8 | 60.7 ± 5.7   | 77.5 ± 3.5   |
| 1. 10yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 92.6 ± 1.4   | 91.1 ± 1.6 | 94.1 ± 1.2 | 70.8 ± 4.9   | 93.0 ± 1.5   |
| 1. 10yrs 2mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 88.0 ± 1.4   | 85.4 ± 1.7 | 90.8 ± 1.3 | 58.8 ± 5.0   | 87.1 ± 2.2   |
| 1. 10yrs 6mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 94.1 ± 1.0   | 92.6 ± 1.3 | 95.6 ± 1.2 | 90.3 ± 3.4   | 89.1 ± 2.6   |
| 1. 11yrs 1mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 95.6 ± 0.6   | 94.2 ± 1.1 | 96.9 ± 0.7 | 89.7 ± 6.4   | 92.8 ± 1.6   |
| 1. 10yrs 10mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 6mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 74.5 ± 2.0   | 71.7 ± 2.8 | 77.6 ± 2.6 | 39.7 ± 3.8   | 38.5 ± 3.7   |
| 1. 10yrs 8mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 88.4 ± 1.6   | 86.0 ± 1.9 | 90.8 ± 1.5 | 66.3 ± 4.4   | 87.2 ± 1.7   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.34. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Revised definitions and standards for the collection and reporting of student socioeconomic background information (sex, Indigenous status, socioeconomic background and language background) were introduced in 2005 through the school enrolment processes for all schools to ensure greater national consistency in reporting against characteristics from 2006.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

**Table 4A.31 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2006: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.63.

Table 4A.32

**Table 4A.32 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| <i>1 Average age (d)</i>        |                     | <i>Male</i>     | <i>Female</i>   | <i>Indigenous</i>   | <i>LBOTE</i>        |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>2 Years of schooling (e)</i> | <i>All students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students (f)</i> | <i>students (f)</i> |
| NSW                             | 88.4 ± 0.9          | 86.0 ± 1.0      | 90.9 ± 0.8      | 68.4 ± 2.4          | 85.7 ± 1.2          |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 7yrs 2mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Victoria                        | 94.9 ± 0.5          | 93.6 ± 0.6      | 96.2 ± 0.5      | 80.7 ± 3.8          | 93.2 ± 0.8          |
| 1. 13yrs 0mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Queensland                      | 85.6 ± 1.0          | 84.2 ± 1.1      | 87.2 ± 1.0      | 63.6 ± 2.7          | 81.9 ± 1.6          |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 6yrs 8mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| WA                              | 84.4 ± 0.8          | 81.4 ± 1.0      | 87.7 ± 0.9      | 47.0 ± 3.1          | 83.8 ± 1.8          |
| 1. 12yrs 2mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 6yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| SA                              | 93.3 ± 0.4          | 91.7 ± 0.6      | 94.9 ± 0.4      | 71.4 ± 3.7          | 87.4 ± 1.1          |
| 1. 12yrs 6mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Tasmania                        | 86.5 ± 1.1          | 84.2 ± 1.5      | 89.0 ± 1.4      | 72.2 ± 4.7          | 83.4 ± 4.2          |
| 1. 13yrs 1mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| ACT                             | 94.2 ± 0.9          | 92.5 ± 1.4      | 95.8 ± 1.2      | 76.4 ± 10.2         | 92.2 ± 2.1          |
| 1. 12yrs 10mths                 |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 7yrs 6mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| NT                              | 72.3 ± 2.0          | 70.4 ± 2.8      | 74.1 ± 2.8      | 38.6 ± 3.7          | 36.4 ± 3.8          |
| 1. 12yrs 8mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Australia                       | 89.2 ± 0.8          | 87.2 ± 1.0      | 91.2 ± 0.8      | 63.2 ± 3.0          | 87.0 ± 1.2          |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.34 Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Revised definitions and standards for the collection and reporting of student socioeconomic background information (sex, Indigenous status, socioeconomic background and language background) were introduced in 2005 through the school enrolment processes for all schools to ensure greater national consistency in reporting against characteristics from 2006.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

**Table 4A.32 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2006: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.64.

Table 4A.33

Table 4A.33 Proportion of year 3, 5 and 7 students achieving the reading benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

|                     | NSW               | Vic               | Qld               | WA                | SA                | Tas               | ACT               | NT                | Aust              |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Year 3              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 82.1 ± 4.5        | 84.1 ± 5.4        | 90.7 ± 3.0        | 84.5 ± 5.5        | 84.7 ± 6.5        | 86.4 ± 7.0        | 90.7 ± 6.1        | ..                | 86.1 ± 4.3        |
| Provincial          | 82.2 ± 4.3        | 78.8 ± 7.0        | 90.3 ± 3.3        | 79.4 ± 7.0        | 70.1 ± 8.9        | 91.9 ± 4.0        | ..                | 68.0 ± 6.3        | 83.3 ± 4.7        |
| Remote              | 71.1 ± 12.2       | np                | 80.7 ± 6.4        | 72.8 ± 8.0        | np                | np                | ..                | 43.8 ± 7.4        | 68.0 ± 7.9        |
| Very remote         | 61.3 ± 20.0       | ..                | 82.4 ± 6.3        | 60.0 ± 9.3        | 51.4 ± 15.0       | np                | ..                | 20.1 ± 4.4        | 53.8 ± 7.1        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>81.6 ± 4.3</b> | <b>81.5 ± 5.1</b> | <b>88.5 ± 3.3</b> | <b>75.7 ± 5.8</b> | <b>75.2 ± 6.3</b> | <b>88.5 ± 3.5</b> | <b>90.7 ± 6.1</b> | <b>39.6 ± 4.0</b> | <b>79.7 ± 4.3</b> |
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 93.7 ± 1.5        | 92.0 ± 1.9        | 94.8 ± 1.2        | 95.2 ± 1.3        | 94.3 ± 1.7        | 94.3 ± 1.4        | 96.4 ± 0.8        | ..                | 93.8 ± 1.5        |
| Provincial          | 91.6 ± 2.2        | 90.2 ± 2.4        | 94.8 ± 1.4        | 93.5 ± 2.0        | 90.3 ± 2.4        | 93.9 ± 1.6        | ..                | 82.7 ± 2.9        | 92.0 ± 2.0        |
| Remote              | 84.7 ± 5.5        | 90.6 ± 10.1       | 91.2 ± 3.0        | 89.6 ± 3.2        | 93.0 ± 3.5        | 93.9 ± 6.6        | ..                | 72.0 ± 4.4        | 87.9 ± 3.7        |
| Very remote         | 79.6 ± 9.0        | ..                | 87.3 ± 4.3        | 78.6 ± 5.6        | 71.1 ± 10.5       | np                | ..                | 40.5 ± 4.2        | 71.4 ± 5.3        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>93.1 ± 1.7</b> | <b>91.5 ± 2.0</b> | <b>94.5 ± 1.3</b> | <b>94.0 ± 1.6</b> | <b>93.1 ± 1.8</b> | <b>94.1 ± 1.3</b> | <b>96.4 ± 0.8</b> | <b>70.8 ± 2.6</b> | <b>93.0 ± 1.7</b> |
| Year 5              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 75.6 ± 3.2        | 74.8 ± 6.1        | 65.5 ± 6.0        | 80.3 ± 5.5        | 67.6 ± 6.1        | 91.1 ± 7.1        | 89.7 ± 6.4        | ..                | 72.6 ± 5.3        |
| Provincial          | 67.0 ± 3.2        | 65.1 ± 6.8        | 63.0 ± 5.9        | 73.7 ± 6.3        | 56.9 ± 8.2        | 91.3 ± 3.9        | ..                | 73.9 ± 6.8        | 67.8 ± 5.6        |
| Remote              | 62.3 ± 10.1       | np                | 52.2 ± 9.2        | 65.7 ± 7.9        | np                | np                | ..                | 56.4 ± 8.5        | 58.9 ± 8.3        |
| Very remote         | 32.0 ± 16.9       | ..                | 42.3 ± 8.4        | 53.5 ± 7.8        | 24.6 ± 12.0       | np                | ..                | 16.5 ± 4.1        | 34.7 ± 7.2        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>73.6 ± 3.0</b> | <b>69.7 ± 4.9</b> | <b>60.7 ± 5.7</b> | <b>70.8 ± 4.9</b> | <b>58.8 ± 5.0</b> | <b>90.3 ± 3.4</b> | <b>89.7 ± 6.4</b> | <b>39.7 ± 3.8</b> | <b>66.3 ± 4.4</b> |

Table 4A.33

Table 4A.33 Proportion of year 3, 5 and 7 students achieving the reading benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

|                     | NSW               | Vic               | Qld               | WA                | SA                | Tas               | ACT                | NT                | Aust              |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 91.0 ± 1.1        | 90.3 ± 1.4        | 82.6 ± 3.0        | 94.0 ± 1.2        | 89.8 ± 1.3        | 94.5 ± 1.3        | 95.6 ± 0.6         | ..                | 89.5 ± 1.6        |
| Provincial          | 88.6 ± 1.3        | 88.6 ± 1.7        | 80.1 ± 3.3        | 91.6 ± 1.8        | 84.7 ± 2.0        | 93.8 ± 1.3        | ..                 | 88.0 ± 2.1        | 86.8 ± 2.0        |
| Remote              | 77.5 ± 4.7        | 92.1 ± 9.7        | 72.2 ± 5.0        | 86.6 ± 3.0        | 79.8 ± 4.2        | 91.9 ± 7.8        | ..                 | 80.6 ± 4.2        | 80.0 ± 4.2        |
| Very remote         | 70.6 ± 10.0       | ..                | 57.1 ± 6.6        | 73.4 ± 5.0        | 55.7 ± 8.7        | 85.7 ± 12.2       | ..                 | 38.7 ± 4.2        | 57.5 ± 5.8        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>90.3 ± 1.1</b> | <b>89.9 ± 1.4</b> | <b>81.2 ± 3.1</b> | <b>92.6 ± 1.4</b> | <b>88.0 ± 1.4</b> | <b>94.1 ± 1.0</b> | <b>95.6 ± 0.6</b>  | <b>74.5 ± 2.0</b> | <b>88.4 ± 1.6</b> |
| Year 7              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 70.5 ± 2.8        | 83.0 ± 4.5        | 69.5 ± 3.0        | 57.4 ± 4.6        | 78.6 ± 4.3        | 69.0 ± 8.8        | 76.4 ± 10.2        | ..                | 70.1 ± 3.5        |
| Provincial          | 67.6 ± 3.2        | 77.8 ± 5.8        | 65.6 ± 3.7        | 51.7 ± 5.2        | 71.5 ± 5.9        | 74.3 ± 5.9        | ..                 | 70.6 ± 6.8        | 67.1 ± 4.2        |
| Remote              | 45.2 ± 10.4       | np                | 47.7 ± 7.3        | 45.9 ± 8.1        | np                | np                | ..                 | 42.0 ± 6.8        | 45.2 ± 7.9        |
| Very remote         | np                | ..                | 42.2 ± 5.7        | 19.2 ± 5.1        | 38.6 ± 12.8       | np                | ..                 | 16.4 ± 4.0        | 27.7 ± 5.4        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>68.4 ± 2.4</b> | <b>80.7 ± 3.8</b> | <b>63.6 ± 2.7</b> | <b>47.0 ± 3.1</b> | <b>71.4 ± 3.7</b> | <b>72.2 ± 4.7</b> | <b>76.4 ± 10.2</b> | <b>38.6 ± 3.7</b> | <b>63.2 ± 3.0</b> |
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 89.1 ± 0.9        | 95.2 ± 0.5        | 86.8 ± 1.0        | 86.5 ± 0.8        | 93.7 ± 0.5        | 87.9 ± 1.4        | 94.2 ± 0.9         | ..                | 90.3 ± 0.8        |
| Provincial          | 86.7 ± 1.1        | 94.0 ± 0.7        | 84.7 ± 1.2        | 82.2 ± 1.5        | 92.9 ± 0.8        | 85.5 ± 1.6        | ..                 | 85.7 ± 2.2        | 87.8 ± 1.1        |
| Remote              | 68.1 ± 5.9        | 91.7 ± 7.6        | 76.5 ± 3.1        | 78.6 ± 2.9        | 93.3 ± 1.6        | 78.8 ± 14.4       | ..                 | 69.3 ± 4.0        | 78.3 ± 3.3        |
| Very remote         | 77.3 ± 11.6       | ..                | 62.1 ± 4.1        | 49.9 ± 4.4        | 67.3 ± 8.1        | 86.6 ± 13.3       | ..                 | 40.8 ± 4.2        | 54.3 ± 4.8        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>88.4 ± 0.9</b> | <b>94.9 ± 0.5</b> | <b>85.6 ± 1.0</b> | <b>84.4 ± 0.8</b> | <b>93.3 ± 0.4</b> | <b>86.5 ± 1.1</b> | <b>94.2 ± 0.9</b>  | <b>72.3 ± 2.0</b> | <b>89.2 ± 0.8</b> |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent + 2.7 per cent).

(b) Geolocation data are based on the MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification and represent school location.

(c) Insufficient or no students in an area of geographic classification are tabulated as not published.

.. Not applicable. np Not published.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2006: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.65.

Table 4A.34

Table 4A.34 Exemptions, absences and participation by equity group in reading testing, 2006 (per cent)

|            | Students exempted (a) |        |        | Students absent or withdrawn (a) |        |        | Indigenous students (b) |        |        | Assessed students (b) |        |        | All students |        |        |
|------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|
|            | Year 3                | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                           | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                  | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3       | Year 5 | Year 7 |
|            |                       |        |        | absent or withdrawn (a)          |        |        | Indigenous students (b) |        |        | Assessed students (b) |        |        | All students |        |        |
| NSW        | 1.1                   | 1.1    | 0.7    | 5.2                              | 4.5    | 4.1    | 4.1                     | 4.4    | 4.8    | 28.0                  | 26.4   | 22.6   | 94.8         | 95.5   | 95.9   |
| Victoria   | 1.9                   | 1.5    | 0.7    | 9.4                              | 9.4    | 9.7    | 0.9                     | 0.9    | 1.1    | 22.7                  | 23.0   | 21.4   | 90.6         | 90.6   | 90.3   |
| Queensland | 2.3                   | 2.2    | 2.2    | 3.0                              | 2.9    | 3.1    | 6.9                     | 6.9    | 6.6    | 7.9                   | 7.8    | 6.8    | 96.3         | 96.9   | 96.8   |
| WA         | 0.7                   | 0.7    | 0.6    | 7.0                              | 6.5    | 5.8    | 5.4                     | 5.6    | 5.2    | 11.6                  | 11.6   | 11.1   | 93.3         | 93.9   | 94.7   |
| SA         | 4.5                   | 3.5    | 3.1    | 4.3                              | 4.0    | 5.3    | 3.3                     | 3.0    | 2.6    | 9.8                   | 10.2   | 9.8    | 95.7         | 96.0   | 94.7   |
| Tasmania   | 1.2                   | 1.0    | 0.8    | 4.1                              | 4.1    | 6.2    | 6.8                     | 6.9    | 6.5    | 5.2                   | 4.9    | 4.1    | 95.9         | 95.9   | 93.8   |
| ACT        | 1.7                   | 1.9    | 1.1    | 5.2                              | 4.6    | 6.4    | 2.1                     | 1.7    | 1.4    | 18.7                  | 18.6   | 12.7   | 94.8         | 95.4   | 93.6   |
| NT (c)     | 0.8                   | 0.6    | 0.6    | –                                | –      | –      | 29.9                    | 29.5   | 30.0   | 26.4                  | 26.0   | 23.8   | 87.9         | 89.9   | 89.9   |
| Aust       | 1.7                   | 1.5    | 1.2    | 5.8                              | 5.5    | 5.6    | 4.3                     | 4.4    | 4.4    | 19.0                  | 18.4   | 16.3   | 94.0         | 94.4   | 94.4   |

(a) The percentage of students who were exempted, and absent or who were withdrawn by parents/categories, from the testing program. Exempted students are reported as not achieving the benchmark. Absent and withdrawn students are not included in the benchmark calculations. The percentage of exempted, and absent or withdrawn, students is calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on NSSC data, together with the non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs.

(b) The percentage of assessed Indigenous and LBOTE students respectively. The percentages of Indigenous and LBOTE students include exempted students and are calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on data from the NSSC and non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs. The specific ways in which Indigenous and LBOTE student information was collected and/or categorised varied across jurisdictions.

(c) NSSC figures have been used for the total number of students in calculation of the participation rates. In the NT, students are tested at year 3, 5, and 7 in urban schools. In remote Indigenous community schools, students are tested ages 8, 10 and 12, not at year level. This may result in percentages for NT not adding to 100.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2006: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.67.



Table 4A.35

**Table 4A.35 Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| <i>1 Average age (d)</i>        |                     | <i>Male</i>     | <i>Female</i>   | <i>Indigenous</i>   | <i>LBOTE</i>        |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>2 Years of schooling (e)</i> | <i>All students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students (f)</i> | <i>students (f)</i> |
| NSW                             | 93.8 ± 1.9          | 92.0 ± 2.4      | 95.6 ± 1.4      | 80.8 ± 5.0          | 93.5 ± 1.9          |
| 1. 8 years, 9 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Victoria                        | 96.6 ± 0.5          | 95.2 ± 0.8      | 98.0 ± 0.3      | 91.8 ± 2.9          | 96.1 ± 0.5          |
| 1. 9 years, 0 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Queensland                      | 95.3 ± 0.6          | 93.9 ± 0.8      | 97.3 ± 0.4      | 89.7 ± 2.0          | 92.2 ± 0.7          |
| 1. 8 years, 4 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 2 years, 8 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| WA                              | 90.2 ± 1.4          | 87.0 ± 1.8      | 93.5 ± 1.1      | 63.1 ± 4.2          | 89.2 ± 1.6          |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| SA                              | 92.2 ± 2.4          | 89.6 ± 3.0      | 94.8 ± 1.8      | 71.1 ± 6.6          | 90.2 ± 3.0          |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Tasmania                        | 90.8 ± 1.6          | 87.0 ± 2.2      | 94.7 ± 1.3      | 83.6 ± 4.3          | 86.7 ± 3.0          |
| 1. 9 years, 1 month             |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| ACT                             | 93.8 ± 1.8          | 91.9 ± 2.4      | 95.7 ± 1.6      | 85.4 ± 7.4          | 90.9 ± 2.4          |
| 1. 8 years, 10 months           |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 6 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| NT                              | 66.6 ± 3.6          | 62.7 ± 4.0      | 70.7 ± 4.3      | 33.5 ± 4.7          | 35.1 ± 4.7          |
| 1. 8 years, 8 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Australia                       | 93.9 ± 1.3          | 92.0 ± 1.7      | 96.0 ± 1.0      | 77.9 ± 3.8          | 92.7 ± 1.5          |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.39. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Revised definitions and standards for the collection and reporting of student socioeconomic background information (sex, Indigenous status, socioeconomic background and language background) were introduced in 2005 through the school enrolment processes for all schools to ensure greater national consistency in reporting against characteristics from 2006.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

**Table 4A.35 Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2006: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.68.

Table 4A.36

**Table 4A.36 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| <i>1 Average age (d)</i>        |                     | <i>Male</i>     | <i>Female</i>   | <i>Indigenous</i>   | <i>LBOTE</i>        |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>2 Years of schooling (e)</i> | <i>All students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students (f)</i> | <i>students (f)</i> |
| NSW                             | 93.9 ± 2.0          | 92.1 ± 2.5      | 95.8 ± 1.4      | 80.7 ± 5.8          | 93.3 ± 2.0          |
| 1. 10yrs 9mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Victoria                        | 97.6 ± 0.1          | 96.7 ± 0.2      | 98.6 ± 0.1      | 93.5 ± 1.7          | 97.0 ± 0.2          |
| 1. 11yrs 0mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Queensland                      | 96.0 ± 0.4          | 94.8 ± 0.6      | 97.6 ± 0.2      | 90.8 ± 1.5          | 93.4 ± 0.5          |
| 1. 10yrs 4mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| WA                              | 84.7 ± 2.3          | 79.8 ± 2.8      | 89.8 ± 1.8      | 53.0 ± 4.8          | 87.0 ± 2.2          |
| 1. 10yrs 2mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| SA                              | 92.7 ± 2.8          | 90.6 ± 3.6      | 94.9 ± 1.9      | 75.6 ± 7.7          | 94.7 ± 2.5          |
| 1. 10yrs 6mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Tasmania                        | 87.5 ± 1.8          | 82.7 ± 2.4      | 92.5 ± 1.6      | 79.0 ± 4.7          | 83.7 ± 3.7          |
| 1. 11yrs 1mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| ACT                             | 95.5 ± 1.2          | 94.4 ± 1.8      | 96.6 ± 0.9      | 85.8 ± 8.1          | 93.3 ± 1.7          |
| 1. 10yrs 10mths                 |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 6mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| NT                              | 66.1 ± 3.1          | 61.6 ± 3.8      | 71.0 ± 3.6      | 29.5 ± 4.1          | 30.6 ± 3.9          |
| 1. 10yrs 8mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Australia                       | 93.8 ± 1.3          | 91.9 ± 1.7      | 95.8 ± 0.9      | 77.0 ± 4.0          | 93.0 ± 1.4          |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.39. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Revised definitions and standards for the collection and reporting of student socioeconomic background information (sex, Indigenous status, socioeconomic background and language background) were introduced in 2005 through the school enrolment processes for all schools to ensure greater national consistency in reporting against characteristics from 2006.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

**Table 4A.36 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2006: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.69.

Table 4A.37

**Table 4A.37 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 93.0 ± 2.1   | 90.4 ± 2.8 | 95.7 ± 1.4 | 77.5 ± 5.4   | 92.0 ± 2.4   |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 2mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 95.4 ± 0.5   | 93.2 ± 0.8 | 97.7 ± 0.3 | 83.3 ± 3.9   | 95.3 ± 0.6   |
| 1. 13yrs 0mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 96.0 ± 0.3   | 94.8 ± 0.4 | 97.5 ± 0.2 | 88.6 ± 1.3   | 93.8 ± 0.6   |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 6yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 85.5 ± 1.6   | 80.4 ± 2.0 | 90.9 ± 1.2 | 54.2 ± 3.7   | 87.5 ± 1.9   |
| 1. 12yrs 2mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 6yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 87.7 ± 5.0   | 83.5 ± 6.3 | 92.1 ± 3.7 | 59.3 ± 10.2  | 84.0 ± 4.4   |
| 1. 12yrs 6mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 81.7 ± 2.0   | 75.5 ± 2.7 | 88.4 ± 1.7 | 69.4 ± 5.4   | 77.2 ± 5.2   |
| 1. 13yrs 1mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 91.4 ± 2.9   | 87.5 ± 4.1 | 95.1 ± 2.0 | 75.6 ± 10.6  | 90.3 ± 3.7   |
| 1. 12yrs 10mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 6mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 61.6 ± 2.7   | 56.0 ± 3.4 | 67.4 ± 3.1 | 25.9 ± 3.5   | 26.1 ± 3.7   |
| 1. 12yrs 8mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 92.4 ± 1.5   | 89.8 ± 2.0 | 95.3 ± 1.1 | 73.8 ± 3.9   | 91.4 ± 1.8   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.39. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Revised definitions and standards for the collection and reporting of student socioeconomic background information (sex, Indigenous status, socioeconomic background and language background) were introduced in 2005 through the school enrolment processes for all schools to ensure greater national consistency in reporting against characteristics from 2006.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

**Table 4A.37 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2006: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.70.

Table 4A.38

Table 4A.38 Proportion of year 3, 5 and 7 students achieving the writing benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

| Year 3              | NSW               | Vic               | Qld               | WA                | SA                | Tas               | ACT               | NT                | Aust              |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 82.8 ± 5.0        | 91.8 ± 3.3        | 90.9 ± 1.8        | 71.6 ± 5.7        | 79.1 ± 7.1        | 80.0 ± 8.8        | 85.4 ± 7.4        | ..                | 84.9 ± 4.1        |
| Provincial          | 80.5 ± 5.4        | 91.7 ± 4.1        | 91.5 ± 2.5        | 71.1 ± 7.5        | 75.1 ± 9.6        | 84.8 ± 5.2        | ..                | 62.9 ± 8.6        | 82.6 ± 5.0        |
| Remote              | 70.3 ± 10.3       | np                | 82.4 ± 5.1        | 61.8 ± 6.9        | np                | np                | ..                | 39.5 ± 8.3        | 64.4 ± 7.2        |
| Very remote         | 41.5 ± 19.1       | ..                | 84.6 ± 5.6        | 42.6 ± 7.0        | 27.3 ± 12.7       | np                | ..                | 13.1 ± 4.2        | 46.0 ± 6.2        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>80.8 ± 5.0</b> | <b>91.8 ± 2.9</b> | <b>89.7 ± 2.0</b> | <b>63.1 ± 4.2</b> | <b>71.1 ± 6.6</b> | <b>83.6 ± 4.3</b> | <b>85.4 ± 7.4</b> | <b>33.5 ± 4.7</b> | <b>77.9 ± 3.8</b> |
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 94.3 ± 1.7        | 96.8 ± 0.5        | 95.6 ± 0.5        | 91.8 ± 1.3        | 93.2 ± 2.2        | 91.4 ± 1.5        | 93.9 ± 1.8        | ..                | 94.8 ± 1.2        |
| Provincial          | 92.5 ± 2.4        | 95.9 ± 0.8        | 95.7 ± 0.7        | 89.3 ± 1.9        | 90.7 ± 3.0        | 90.2 ± 2.1        | ..                | 78.8 ± 4.3        | 93.2 ± 1.6        |
| Remote              | 82.6 ± 4.7        | 94.1 ± 7.2        | 92.8 ± 1.7        | 84.3 ± 2.8        | 90.9 ± 3.8        | 94.2 ± 5.4        | ..                | 70.7 ± 4.9        | 86.1 ± 3.2        |
| Very remote         | 74.4 ± 9.5        | ..                | 89.1 ± 3.5        | 66.1 ± 4.5        | 62.3 ± 9.7        | np                | ..                | 33.3 ± 5.2        | 65.8 ± 4.9        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>93.8 ± 1.9</b> | <b>96.6 ± 0.5</b> | <b>95.3 ± 0.6</b> | <b>90.2 ± 1.4</b> | <b>92.2 ± 2.4</b> | <b>90.8 ± 1.6</b> | <b>93.8 ± 1.8</b> | <b>66.6 ± 3.6</b> | <b>93.9 ± 1.3</b> |
| Year 5              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 83.6 ± 5.3        | 94.4 ± 2.1        | 93.8 ± 1.4        | 63.0 ± 7.4        | 79.5 ± 6.9        | 78.2 ± 8.2        | 85.8 ± 8.1        | ..                | 85.1 ± 6.8        |
| Provincial          | 74.2 ± 6.0        | 92.6 ± 3.0        | 90.0 ± 1.9        | 57.0 ± 6.7        | 81.0 ± 9.6        | 80.9 ± 5.1        | ..                | 62.3 ± 7.3        | 78.5 ± 6.9        |
| Remote              | 67.3 ± 12.1       | np                | 85.8 ± 5.6        | 50.6 ± 7.8        | np                | np                | ..                | 42.7 ± 8.7        | 62.4 ± 6.0        |
| Very remote         | 43.7 ± 21.9       | ..                | 84.3 ± 4.1        | 31.3 ± 6.5        | 41.1 ± 17.8       | np                | ..                | 7.8 ± 3.5         | 41.9 ± 5.7        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>80.7 ± 5.8</b> | <b>93.5 ± 1.7</b> | <b>90.8 ± 1.5</b> | <b>53.0 ± 4.8</b> | <b>75.6 ± 7.7</b> | <b>79.0 ± 4.7</b> | <b>85.8 ± 8.1</b> | <b>29.5 ± 4.1</b> | <b>77.0 ± 4.0</b> |

Table 4A.38

Table 4A.38 Proportion of year 3, 5 and 7 students achieving the writing benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

|                     | NSW               | Vic               | Qld               | WA                | SA                 | Tas               | ACT                | NT                | Aust              |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 94.5 ± 1.7        | 97.7 ± 0.1        | 96.3 ± 0.4        | 87.1 ± 2.1        | 93.2 ± 2.4         | 89.0 ± 1.7        | 95.5 ± 1.2         | ..                | 94.7 ± 1.2        |
| Provincial          | 92.5 ± 2.6        | 97.4 ± 0.3        | 96.1 ± 0.5        | 82.0 ± 2.9        | 92.4 ± 3.5         | 86.6 ± 2.3        | ..                 | 79.5 ± 3.7        | 93.0 ± 1.6        |
| Remote              | 82.0 ± 6.0        | 98.4 ± 4.0        | 94.1 ± 1.6        | 75.7 ± 3.8        | 90.4 ± 4.8         | 84.8 ± 9.7        | ..                 | 70.1 ± 5.3        | 83.5 ± 3.8        |
| Very remote         | 76.2 ± 10.6       | ..                | 89.8 ± 2.5        | 57.7 ± 4.8        | 69.7 ± 11.7        | 70.6 ± 17.2       | ..                 | 31.5 ± 4.2        | 63.0 ± 4.7        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>93.9 ± 2.0</b> | <b>97.6 ± 0.1</b> | <b>96.0 ± 0.4</b> | <b>84.7 ± 2.3</b> | <b>92.7 ± 2.8</b>  | <b>87.5 ± 1.8</b> | <b>95.5 ± 1.2</b>  | <b>66.1 ± 3.1</b> | <b>93.8 ± 1.3</b> |
| Year 7              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 80.8 ± 5.2        | 87.0 ± 4.2        | 92.0 ± 1.5        | 65.2 ± 5.0        | 67.9 ± 10.6        | 62.0 ± 9.0        | 75.6 ± 10.6        | ..                | 82.1 ± 4.3        |
| Provincial          | 75.6 ± 5.9        | 78.6 ± 6.0        | 89.3 ± 1.6        | 57.5 ± 6.0        | 59.3 ± 12.2        | 73.7 ± 5.9        | ..                 | 53.5 ± 8.1        | 76.3 ± 5.0        |
| Remote              | 50.4 ± 12.2       | np                | 80.5 ± 5.9        | 53.1 ± 8.3        | np                 | np                | ..                 | 27.6 ± 6.5        | 53.1 ± 7.7        |
| Very remote         | np                | ..                | 77.6 ± 4.7        | 27.3 ± 6.2        | 22.3 ± 14.0        | np                | ..                 | 6.2 ± 2.7         | 39.3 ± 4.9        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>77.5 ± 5.4</b> | <b>83.3 ± 3.9</b> | <b>88.6 ± 1.3</b> | <b>54.2 ± 3.7</b> | <b>59.3 ± 10.2</b> | <b>69.4 ± 5.4</b> | <b>75.6 ± 10.6</b> | <b>25.9 ± 3.5</b> | <b>73.8 ± 3.9</b> |
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 93.8 ± 1.9        | 96.0 ± 0.5        | 96.5 ± 0.3        | 87.9 ± 1.5        | 89.0 ± 4.3         | 82.5 ± 2.2        | 91.4 ± 2.9         | ..                | 93.7 ± 1.4        |
| Provincial          | 91.0 ± 2.6        | 93.7 ± 0.8        | 95.7 ± 0.4        | 81.7 ± 2.2        | 85.4 ± 6.7         | 81.2 ± 2.4        | ..                 | 73.9 ± 3.4        | 90.8 ± 1.9        |
| Remote              | 74.3 ± 7.1        | 95.5 ± 4.7        | 93.6 ± 1.6        | 80.2 ± 3.1        | 85.0 ± 7.8         | 72.9 ± 17.3       | ..                 | 55.2 ± 4.8        | 80.8 ± 4.1        |
| Very remote         | 83.6 ± 9.9        | ..                | 86.4 ± 2.8        | 54.7 ± 5.3        | 52.5 ± 11.5        | 84.3 ± 15.2       | ..                 | 35.1 ± 4.2        | 62.4 ± 4.8        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>93.0 ± 2.1</b> | <b>95.4 ± 0.5</b> | <b>96.0 ± 0.3</b> | <b>85.5 ± 1.6</b> | <b>87.7 ± 5.0</b>  | <b>81.7 ± 2.0</b> | <b>91.4 ± 2.9</b>  | <b>61.6 ± 2.7</b> | <b>92.4 ± 1.5</b> |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent + 2.7 per cent).

(b) Geolocation data are based on the MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification and represent school location.

(c) Insufficient or no students in an area of geographic classification are tabulated as not published.

.. Not applicable. np Not published.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2006: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.71.



Table 4A.39

Table 4A.39 Exemptions, absences and participation by equity group in writing testing, 2006 (per cent)

|            | Students     |        |        |                     |        |        |        | Assessed students       |        |        |                    |        |        |        |              |        |        |        |
|------------|--------------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
|            | exempted (a) |        |        | absent or withdrawn |        |        |        | Indigenous students (b) |        |        | LBOTE students (b) |        |        |        | All students |        |        |        |
|            | Year 3       | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3              | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3 | Year 5                  | Year 7 | Year 3 | Year 5             | Year 7 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 7       | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 7 |
| NSW        | 1.1          | 1.1    | 0.7    | 5.0                 | 4.5    | 4.1    | 4.2    | 4.4                     | 4.8    | 28.1   | 26.4               | 22.6   | 28.1   | 26.4   | 22.6         | 95.0   | 95.5   | 95.9   |
| Victoria   | 1.9          | 1.5    | 0.7    | 9.6                 | 10.4   | 10.3   | 0.9    | 0.9                     | 1.0    | 22.7   | 22.8               | 21.3   | 22.7   | 22.8   | 21.3         | 90.4   | 89.6   | 89.7   |
| Queensland | 2.3          | 2.2    | 2.2    | 3.1                 | 3.0    | 3.2    | 6.9    | 6.9                     | 6.6    | 7.9    | 7.8                | 6.8    | 7.9    | 7.8    | 6.8          | 96.3   | 96.8   | 96.7   |
| WA         | 0.7          | 0.7    | 0.6    | 7.4                 | 7.2    | 6.4    | 5.3    | 5.5                     | 5.0    | 11.6   | 11.6               | 11.1   | 11.6   | 11.6   | 11.1         | 92.8   | 93.2   | 94.0   |
| SA         | 4.4          | 3.5    | 3.1    | 4.5                 | 4.2    | 5.5    | 3.3    | 3.0                     | 2.6    | 9.8    | 10.2               | 9.7    | 9.8    | 10.2   | 9.7          | 95.5   | 95.8   | 94.5   |
| Tasmania   | 1.1          | 1.0    | 0.8    | 4.7                 | 5.1    | 7.3    | 6.8    | 6.8                     | 6.4    | 5.2    | 4.9                | 4.1    | 5.2    | 4.9    | 4.1          | 95.3   | 94.9   | 92.7   |
| ACT        | 1.7          | 1.9    | 1.1    | 6.4                 | 5.4    | 7.2    | 2.0    | 1.6                     | 1.4    | 18.4   | 18.5               | 12.7   | 18.4   | 18.5   | 12.7         | 93.6   | 94.7   | 92.8   |
| NT (c)     | 0.8          | 0.6    | 0.8    | –                   | –      | –      | 30.2   | 29.3                    | 29.2   | 26.6   | 25.7               | 23.0   | 26.6   | 25.7   | 23.0         | 88.0   | 90.0   | 88.8   |
| Aust       | 1.7          | 1.5    | 1.2    | 5.9                 | 5.9    | 5.9    | 4.3    | 4.4                     | 4.3    | 19.0   | 18.4               | 16.3   | 19.0   | 18.4   | 16.3         | 93.8   | 94.0   | 94.0   |

(a) The percentage of students who were exempted, and absent or who were withdrawn by parents/caregivers, from the testing program. Exempted students are reported as not achieving the benchmark. Absent and withdrawn students are not included in the benchmark calculations. The percentage of exempted, and absent or withdrawn, students is calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on NSSC data, together with the non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs.

(b) The percentage of assessed Indigenous and LBOTE students respectively. The percentages of Indigenous and LBOTE students include exempted students and are calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on data from the NSSC and non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs. The specific ways in which Indigenous and LBOTE student information was collected and/or categorised varied across jurisdictions.

(c) NSSC figures have been used for the total number of students in calculation of the participation rates. In the NT, students are tested at year 3, 5, and 7 in urban schools. In remote Indigenous community schools, students are tested ages 8, 10 and 12, not at year level. This may result in percentages for NT not adding to 100.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2006: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.73.

Table 4A.40

**Table 4A.40 Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)<br>2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | Male students | Female students | Indigenous students (f) | LBOTE students (f) |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| NSW   | 95.8 ± 0.8   | 95.4 ± 0.9    | 96.2 ± 0.8      | 88.1 ± 2.7              | 94.9 ± 1.0         |
| 1. 8 years, 9 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Victoria                                      | 95.9 ± 0.7   | 95.2 ± 0.7    | 96.6 ± 0.7      | 90.7 ± 2.8              | 94.7 ± 0.8         |
| 1. 9 years, 0 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Queensland                                    | 88.9 ± 2.3   | 88.7 ± 2.2    | 89.4 ± 2.3      | 72.1 ± 4.9              | 84.4 ± 2.5         |
| 1. 8 years, 4 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 2 years, 8 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| WA  | 88.4 ± 2.5   | 87.9 ± 2.6    | 88.9 ± 2.4      | 59.6 ± 6.2              | 85.4 ± 2.8         |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| SA  | 91.5 ± 1.3   | 90.8 ± 1.4    | 92.2 ± 1.4      | 72.8 ± 4.6              | 93.8 ± 2.4         |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Tasmania                                      | 88.5 ± 1.8   | 87.1 ± 2.1    | 90.0 ± 1.8      | 78.7 ± 4.7              | 83.2 ± 4.4         |
| 1. 9 years, 1 month                           |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| ACT   | 94.3 ± 1.6   | 93.6 ± 1.8    | 95.0 ± 1.7      | 82.8 ± 9.2              | 92.3 ± 2.3         |
| 1. 8 years, 10 months                         |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 6 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| NT  | 85.4 ± 2.1   | 85.5 ± 2.4    | 85.3 ± 2.6      | 65.5 ± 4.5              | 63.8 ± 4.3         |
| 1. 8 years, 8 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Australia                                     | 93.0 ± 1.4   | 92.5 ± 1.4    | 93.5 ± 1.4      | 76.2 ± 4.3              | 92.6 ± 1.3         |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.44. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Revised definitions and standards for the collection and reporting of student socioeconomic background information (sex, Indigenous status, socioeconomic background and language background) were introduced in 2005 through the school enrolment processes for all schools to ensure greater national consistency in reporting against characteristics from 2006.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

**Table 4A.40 Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2006: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.74.

Table 4A.41

**Table 4A.41 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| <i>1 Average age (d)</i>        |                     | <i>Male</i>     | <i>Female</i>   | <i>Indigenous</i>   | <i>LBOTE</i>        |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>2 Years of schooling (e)</i> | <i>All students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students (f)</i> | <i>students (f)</i> |
| NSW                             | 92.6 ± 1.2          | 92.4 ± 1.2      | 92.9 ± 1.3      | 78.0 ± 3.5          | 91.8 ± 1.3          |
| 1. 10yrs 9mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Victoria                        | 94.9 ± 0.9          | 94.5 ± 0.9      | 95.3 ± 0.9      | 84.4 ± 4.3          | 93.7 ± 0.9          |
| 1. 11yrs 0mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Queensland                      | 85.4 ± 1.6          | 85.2 ± 1.6      | 85.7 ± 1.7      | 62.8 ± 3.4          | 82.2 ± 2.2          |
| 1. 10yrs 4mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| WA                              | 86.0 ± 1.5          | 86.0 ± 1.5      | 86.1 ± 1.6      | 52.9 ± 4.3          | 86.2 ± 1.9          |
| 1. 10yrs 2mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 4yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| SA                              | 88.3 ± 1.7          | 88.5 ± 1.8      | 88.1 ± 1.9      | 63.0 ± 6.1          | 86.6 ± 2.7          |
| 1. 10yrs 6mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Tasmania                        | 88.7 ± 1.5          | 88.0 ± 1.7      | 89.5 ± 1.7      | 81.9 ± 4.0          | 83.4 ± 4.1          |
| 1. 11yrs 1mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| ACT                             | 93.0 ± 1.4          | 92.6 ± 1.6      | 93.4 ± 1.5      | 83.0 ± 10.9         | 90.9 ± 2.3          |
| 1. 10yrs 10mths                 |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 6mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| NT                              | 70.0 ± 2.2          | 69.4 ± 2.8      | 70.6 ± 2.8      | 32.8 ± 3.6          | 33.4 ± 3.7          |
| 1. 10yrs 8mths                  |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths                   |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Australia                       | 90.3 ± 1.3          | 90.0 ± 1.3      | 90.6 ± 1.4      | 66.0 ± 3.8          | 90.0 ± 1.4          |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.44. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Revised definitions and standards for the collection and reporting of student socioeconomic background information (sex, Indigenous status, socioeconomic background and language background) were introduced in 2005 through the school enrolment processes for all schools to ensure greater national consistency in reporting against characteristics from 2006.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

**Table 4A.41 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2006: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.75.

Table 4A.42

**Table 4A.42 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)<br>2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | Male students | Female students | Indigenous students (f) | LBOTE students (f) |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| NSW (g)<br>1. 12yrs 6mths<br>2. 7yrs 4mths    | 72.7 ± 1.6   | 72.0 ± 1.5    | 73.5 ± 1.8      | 39.8 ± 2.4              | 70.5 ± 1.7         |
| Victoria<br>1. 13yrs 0mths<br>2. 7yrs 7mths   | 84.6 ± 0.7   | 84.9 ± 0.7    | 84.3 ± 0.9      | 60.0 ± 4.0              | 83.5 ± 0.9         |
| Queensland<br>1. 12yrs 4mths<br>2. 6yrs 8mths | 79.8 ± 1.2   | 80.9 ± 1.2    | 78.9 ± 1.3      | 53.3 ± 2.5              | 77.1 ± 2.1         |
| WA<br>1. 12yrs 2mths<br>2. 6yrs 7mths         | 84.5 ± 0.7   | 84.4 ± 0.8    | 84.6 ± 0.8      | 48.2 ± 2.7              | 84.9 ± 1.5         |
| SA<br>1. 12yrs 6mths<br>2. 7yrs 3mths         | 87.3 ± 0.8   | 87.0 ± 0.9    | 87.7 ± 1.0      | 55.4 ± 5.0              | 80.7 ± 1.8         |
| Tasmania<br>1. 13yrs 1mths<br>2. 7yrs 7mths   | 80.4 ± 1.2   | 80.4 ± 1.5    | 80.3 ± 1.7      | 66.9 ± 5.1              | 73.2 ± 5.5         |
| ACT<br>1. 12yrs 10mths<br>2. 7yrs 6mths       | 89.5 ± 1.2   | 88.4 ± 1.7    | 90.5 ± 1.8      | 67.2 ± 11.3             | 88.1 ± 2.7         |
| NT<br>1. 12yrs 8mths<br>2. 7yrs 3mths         | 67.3 ± 1.9   | 67.3 ± 2.6    | 67.4 ± 2.8      | 30.0 ± 3.7              | 28.4 ± 3.4         |
| Australia                                     | 79.7 ± 1.1   | 79.7 ± 1.1    | 79.7 ± 1.3      | 47.5 ± 2.9              | 76.3 ± 1.5         |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.44. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Revised definitions and standards for the collection and reporting of student socioeconomic background information (sex, Indigenous status, socioeconomic background and language background) were introduced in 2005 through the school enrolment processes for all schools to ensure greater national consistency in reporting against characteristics from 2006.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

**Table 4A.42 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

(g) NSW considers that the year 7 results for NSW are anomalous. The national numeracy benchmark results show that:

(i) a lower proportion of year 7 students are meeting the minimum numeracy benchmark than are meeting the reading and writing benchmarks

(ii) a lower proportion of students are meeting the numeracy benchmark in year 7 than in year 3 and year 5. The national benchmark results show that NSW students in years 3 and 5 are consistently performing at or above the national average for reading writing and numeracy. The NSW results for year 7 reading and writing are also fairly consistent with the national average.

(iii) the drop in performance for NSW beyond the normal range of annual fluctuations was expected in 2006 and is attributable to the conduct of testing two months earlier, in March rather than in May.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2006: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.76.

Table 4A.43

Table 4A.43 Proportion of year 3, 5 and 7 students achieving the numeracy benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

| Year 3              | NSW               | Vic               | Qld               | WA                | SA                | Tas               | ACT                | NT                | Aust              |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 88.2 ± 3.0        | 90.8 ± 3.8        | 75.4 ± 5.2        | 70.2 ± 7.3        | 69.2 ± 4.2        | 71.3 ± 8.1        | 82.8 ± 9.2         | ..                | 79.8 ± 4.7        |
| Provincial          | 89.1 ± 2.9        | 90.5 ± 4.5        | 75.5 ± 5.2        | 66.7 ± 8.2        | 82.5 ± 7.3        | 81.7 ± 5.0        | ..                 | 88.2 ± 4.3        | 82.7 ± 4.5        |
| Remote              | 76.5 ± 9.9        | np                | 60.3 ± 8.1        | 56.9 ± 9.0        | np                | np                | ..                 | 71.8 ± 7.3        | 64.6 ± 8.6        |
| Very remote         | 73.4 ± 18.9       | ..                | 56.4 ± 7.2        | 39.9 ± 7.5        | 57.1 ± 14.2       | np                | ..                 | 50.0 ± 6.1        | 50.2 ± 7.5        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>88.1 ± 2.7</b> | <b>90.7 ± 2.8</b> | <b>72.1 ± 4.9</b> | <b>59.6 ± 6.2</b> | <b>72.8 ± 4.6</b> | <b>78.7 ± 4.7</b> | <b>82.8 ± 9.2</b>  | <b>65.5 ± 4.5</b> | <b>76.2 ± 4.3</b> |
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 95.9 ± 0.8        | 96.0 ± 0.6        | 89.6 ± 2.1        | 90.0 ± 2.2        | 91.8 ± 1.2        | 89.4 ± 1.9        | 94.3 ± 1.6         | ..                | 93.6 ± 1.2        |
| Provincial          | 95.8 ± 1.0        | 95.3 ± 0.9        | 89.0 ± 2.4        | 88.4 ± 3.2        | 91.3 ± 1.9        | 87.9 ± 2.2        | ..                 | 94.6 ± 1.4        | 92.7 ± 1.6        |
| Remote              | 88.8 ± 3.9        | 96.9 ± 5.2        | 83.0 ± 4.0        | 82.7 ± 4.1        | 91.4 ± 2.6        | 88.8 ± 8.1        | ..                 | 87.7 ± 3.4        | 85.6 ± 3.8        |
| Very remote         | 88.4 ± 6.6        | ..                | 71.6 ± 5.3        | 61.9 ± 5.7        | 73.3 ± 7.4        | np                | ..                 | 62.7 ± 4.9        | 67.2 ± 5.5        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>95.8 ± 0.8</b> | <b>95.9 ± 0.7</b> | <b>88.9 ± 2.3</b> | <b>88.4 ± 2.5</b> | <b>91.5 ± 1.3</b> | <b>88.5 ± 1.8</b> | <b>94.3 ± 1.6</b>  | <b>85.4 ± 2.1</b> | <b>93.0 ± 1.4</b> |
| Year 5              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 79.9 ± 3.6        | 86.9 ± 4.4        | 68.1 ± 4.1        | 63.7 ± 4.7        | 70.5 ± 7.2        | 79.5 ± 7.2        | 83.0 ± 10.9        | ..                | 73.7 ± 4.4        |
| Provincial          | 72.6 ± 3.7        | 82.2 ± 6.6        | 66.4 ± 4.0        | 56.3 ± 7.1        | 65.5 ± 9.9        | 85.1 ± 4.4        | ..                 | 63.2 ± 6.7        | 70.2 ± 4.7        |
| Remote              | 63.6 ± 11.1       | np                | 48.2 ± 6.8        | 44.8 ± 8.6        | np                | np                | ..                 | 45.1 ± 7.7        | 48.6 ± 8.2        |
| Very remote         | 37.6 ± 21.9       | ..                | 39.4 ± 5.5        | 36.9 ± 6.8        | 25.6 ± 12.9       | np                | ..                 | 13.4 ± 3.4        | 28.6 ± 5.7        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>78.0 ± 3.5</b> | <b>84.4 ± 4.3</b> | <b>62.8 ± 3.4</b> | <b>52.9 ± 4.3</b> | <b>63.0 ± 6.1</b> | <b>81.9 ± 4.0</b> | <b>83.0 ± 10.9</b> | <b>32.8 ± 3.6</b> | <b>66.0 ± 3.8</b> |



Table 4A.43

Table 4A.43 Proportion of year 3, 5 and 7 students achieving the numeracy benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

|                     | NSW               | Vic               | Qld               | WA                | SA                | Tas               | ACT                | NT                | Aust              |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 93.1 ± 1.1        | 95.1 ± 0.8        | 86.4 ± 1.6        | 88.0 ± 1.3        | 89.3 ± 1.6        | 89.6 ± 1.6        | 93.0 ± 1.4         | ..                | 91.3 ± 1.2        |
| Provincial          | 91.6 ± 1.5        | 94.4 ± 1.1        | 85.3 ± 1.8        | 85.0 ± 1.9        | 86.5 ± 2.2        | 88.3 ± 1.8        | ..                 | 84.0 ± 2.4        | 89.5 ± 1.6        |
| Remote              | 80.7 ± 5.4        | 95.4 ± 7.3        | 76.0 ± 3.2        | 77.1 ± 3.4        | 85.7 ± 4.8        | 85.8 ± 8.4        | ..                 | 75.4 ± 4.2        | 78.6 ± 4.0        |
| Very remote         | 72.3 ± 10.2       | ..                | 59.1 ± 4.4        | 59.9 ± 5.6        | 59.1 ± 9.3        | 83.5 ± 13.9       | ..                 | 35.0 ± 3.9        | 53.4 ± 5.3        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>92.6 ± 1.2</b> | <b>94.9 ± 0.9</b> | <b>85.4 ± 1.6</b> | <b>86.0 ± 1.5</b> | <b>88.3 ± 1.7</b> | <b>88.7 ± 1.5</b> | <b>93.0 ± 1.4</b>  | <b>70.0 ± 2.2</b> | <b>90.3 ± 1.3</b> |
| Year 7              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 42.7 ± 3.0        | 64.3 ± 5.2        | 59.4 ± 2.8        | 61.5 ± 4.2        | 62.6 ± 7.0        | 64.0 ± 8.5        | 67.2 ± 11.3        | ..                | 53.9 ± 3.7        |
| Provincial          | 37.7 ± 2.9        | 54.5 ± 5.8        | 55.8 ± 4.3        | 52.1 ± 5.0        | 56.3 ± 7.7        | 69.0 ± 6.3        | ..                 | 62.9 ± 7.0        | 49.4 ± 4.3        |
| Remote              | 23.8 ± 9.8        | np                | 38.0 ± 7.8        | 44.0 ± 7.1        | np                | np                | ..                 | 30.2 ± 6.4        | 35.4 ± 7.5        |
| Very remote         | np                | ..                | 29.5 ± 5.6        | 20.8 ± 4.8        | 21.0 ± 10.7       | np                | ..                 | 10.0 ± 3.3        | 20.2 ± 4.9        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>39.8 ± 2.4</b> | <b>60.0 ± 4.0</b> | <b>53.3 ± 2.5</b> | <b>48.2 ± 2.7</b> | <b>55.4 ± 5.0</b> | <b>66.9 ± 5.1</b> | <b>67.2 ± 11.3</b> | <b>30.0 ± 3.7</b> | <b>47.5 ± 2.9</b> |
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 74.1 ± 1.5        | 85.5 ± 0.7        | 81.4 ± 1.2        | 86.8 ± 0.7        | 87.8 ± 0.8        | 80.6 ± 1.7        | 89.5 ± 1.2         | ..                | 81.1 ± 1.1        |
| Provincial          | 69.3 ± 1.8        | 81.9 ± 1.0        | 78.7 ± 1.4        | 82.1 ± 1.2        | 87.0 ± 1.3        | 80.4 ± 1.5        | ..                 | 82.6 ± 2.0        | 77.4 ± 1.4        |
| Remote              | 48.1 ± 6.7        | 84.3 ± 10.1       | 67.6 ± 3.4        | 77.3 ± 2.6        | 87.3 ± 2.7        | 62.0 ± 15.9       | ..                 | 62.4 ± 4.4        | 71.7 ± 3.6        |
| Very remote         | 53.1 ± 13.3       | ..                | 52.1 ± 5.0        | 49.1 ± 4.7        | 55.1 ± 8.8        | 81.4 ± 14.1       | ..                 | 34.6 ± 4.2        | 47.1 ± 5.3        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>72.7 ± 1.6</b> | <b>84.6 ± 0.7</b> | <b>79.8 ± 1.2</b> | <b>84.5 ± 0.7</b> | <b>87.3 ± 0.8</b> | <b>80.4 ± 1.2</b> | <b>89.5 ± 1.2</b>  | <b>67.3 ± 1.9</b> | <b>79.7 ± 1.1</b> |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent + 2.7 per cent).

(b) Geolocation data are based on the MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification and represent school location.

(c) Insufficient or no students in an area of geographic classification are tabulated as not published.

.. Not applicable. np Not published.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2006: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.77.

Table 4A.44

Table 4A.44 Exemptions, absences and participation by equity group in numeracy testing, 2006 (per cent)

|            | Students exempted (a) |        |        | Students absent or withdrawn (a) |        |        | Assessed students |        |        |                         |        |        |                     |        |        |              |        |        |
|------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|
|            | Year 3                |        |        | Year 5                           |        |        | Year 7            |        |        | Indigenous students (b) |        |        | LBO TE students (b) |        |        | All students |        |        |
|            | Year 3                | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                           | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3            | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                  | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3              | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3       | Year 5 | Year 7 |
| NSW        | 1.1                   | 1.1    | 0.7    | 5.1                              | 4.5    | 4.7    | 4.1               | 4.4    | 4.5    | 28.0                    | 26.4   | 21.9   | 94.9                | 95.5   | 95.3   |              |        |        |
| Victoria   | 1.8                   | 1.5    | 0.7    | 9.3                              | 9.4    | 9.9    | 0.9               | 0.9    | 1.1    | 22.7                    | 22.9   | 21.3   | 90.7                | 90.6   | 90.1   |              |        |        |
| Queensland | 2.2                   | 2.2    | 2.2    | 2.6                              | 2.4    | 2.5    | 6.9               | 6.9    | 6.6    | 7.9                     | 7.7    | 6.8    | 96.9                | 97.4   | 97.4   |              |        |        |
| WA         | 0.7                   | 0.7    | 0.6    | 6.1                              | 6.0    | 5.5    | 5.7               | 5.8    | 5.4    | 11.8                    | 11.7   | 11.2   | 94.2                | 94.4   | 94.9   |              |        |        |
| SA         | 4.1                   | 3.5    | 3.1    | 4.7                              | 4.5    | 5.5    | 3.3               | 3.0    | 2.6    | 9.8                     | 10.2   | 9.7    | 95.3                | 95.5   | 94.5   |              |        |        |
| Tasmania   | 1.1                   | 1.0    | 0.8    | 3.5                              | 3.7    | 6.3    | 6.9               | 7.0    | 6.5    | 5.2                     | 4.9    | 4.1    | 96.5                | 96.3   | 93.7   |              |        |        |
| ACT        | 1.7                   | 1.8    | 1.1    | 4.3                              | 3.3    | 6.2    | 2.1               | 1.8    | 1.5    | 18.9                    | 18.9   | 12.8   | 95.7                | 96.7   | 93.8   |              |        |        |
| NT (c)     | 0.8                   | 0.4    | 0.6    | –                                | –      | –      | 32.3              | 31.8   | 31.4   | 28.2                    | 27.4   | 24.9   | 90.2                | 92.6   | 91.7   |              |        |        |
| Aust       | 1.7                   | 1.5    | 1.2    | 5.6                              | 5.3    | 5.7    | 4.4               | 4.4    | 4.3    | 19.0                    | 18.4   | 16.1   | 94.2                | 94.6   | 94.3   |              |        |        |

(a) The percentage of students who were exempted, and absent or who were withdrawn by parents/caregivers, from the testing program. Exempted students are reported as not achieving the benchmark. Absent and withdrawn students are not included in the benchmark calculations. The percentage of exempted, and absent or withdrawn, students is calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on NSSC data, together with the non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs.

(b) The percentage of assessed Indigenous and LBO TE students respectively. The percentages of Indigenous and LBO TE students include exempted students and are calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on data from the NSSC and non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs. The specific ways in which Indigenous and LBO TE student information was collected and/or categorised varied across jurisdictions.

(c) NSSC figures have been used for the total number of students in calculation of the participation rates. In the NT, students are tested at year 3, 5, and 7 in urban schools. In remote Indigenous community schools, students are tested ages 8, 10 and 12, not at year level. This may result in percentages for NT not adding to 100.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2006: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.79.

Table 4A.45

Table 4A.45 **Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 93.5 ± 1.5   | 91.8 ± 1.8 | 95.2 ± 1.2 | 83.3 ± 4.1   | 93.1 ± 1.4   |
| 1. 8 years, 9 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 93.6 ± 1.8   | 92.0 ± 2.1 | 95.3 ± 1.4 | 86.1 ± 4.7   | 92.0 ± 2.0   |
| 1. 9 years, 0 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 93.5 ± 1.5   | 92.7 ± 1.7 | 95.1 ± 1.3 | 87.0 ± 3.6   | 90.7 ± 1.5   |
| 1. 8 years, 4 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 2 years, 8 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 95.0 ± 1.4   | 94.2 ± 1.6 | 95.9 ± 1.2 | 81.0 ± 5.0   | 94.1 ± 1.4   |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 91.7 ± 1.0   | 89.5 ± 1.3 | 94.1 ± 0.8 | 70.5 ± 4.0   | 85.9 ± 1.6   |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 95.6 ± 1.3   | 94.5 ± 1.7 | 96.8 ± 1.1 | 92.8 ± 3.4   | 91.3 ± 3.0   |
| 1. 9 years, 1 month      |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 96.1 ± 0.8   | 94.5 ± 1.3 | 97.7 ± 0.6 | 86.2 ± 6.9   | 94.3 ± 1.1   |
| 1. 8 years, 10 months    |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 6 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 72.8 ± 2.4   | 71.2 ± 3.0 | 74.4 ± 2.8 | 41.0 ± 4.1   | 42.3 ± 4.3   |
| 1. 8 years, 8 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months     |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 93.4 ± 1.5   | 92.0 ± 1.8 | 95.0 ± 1.3 | 80.7 ± 4.1   | 91.6 ± 1.6   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.49. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

Source: MCEETYA 2008c, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.80.

Table 4A.46

**Table 4A.46 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 92.0 ± 1.2   | 90.2 ± 1.4 | 93.8 ± 1.0 | 77.3 ± 3.1   | 90.4 ± 1.3   |
| 1. 10yrs 9mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 91.4 ± 1.4   | 89.6 ± 1.5 | 93.2 ± 1.2 | 79.9 ± 5.1   | 89.5 ± 1.5   |
| 1. 11yrs 0mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 80.5 ± 3.1   | 78.6 ± 3.2 | 83.2 ± 3.1 | 59.3 ± 4.9   | 78.0 ± 3.2   |
| 1. 10yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 93.9 ± 0.9   | 92.7 ± 1.1 | 95.1 ± 1.0 | 71.9 ± 4.8   | 92.1 ± 1.5   |
| 1. 10yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 89.3 ± 1.2   | 87.1 ± 1.4 | 91.7 ± 1.1 | 60.8 ± 5.0   | 81.9 ± 1.9   |
| 1. 10yrs 6mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 95.1 ± 1.0   | 93.9 ± 1.3 | 96.3 ± 0.9 | 89.5 ± 4.4   | 90.0 ± 3.7   |
| 1. 11yrs 1mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 94.9 ± 1.0   | 93.3 ± 1.4 | 96.5 ± 0.9 | 83.2 ± 9.7   | 93.0 ± 1.6   |
| 1. 10yrs 10mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 6mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 72.3 ± 2.1   | 70.0 ± 2.8 | 74.5 ± 2.7 | 40.3 ± 3.5   | 40.7 ± 3.7   |
| 1. 10yrs 8mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 89.2 ± 1.6   | 87.4 ± 1.8 | 91.1 ± 1.5 | 67.6 ± 4.2   | 88.1 ± 1.6   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.49. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

Source: MCEETYA 2008c, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.81.

Table 4A.47

**Table 4A.47 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the reading benchmark, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 91.3 ± 0.8   | 89.1 ± 1.0 | 93.6 ± 0.7 | 75.8 ± 2.3   | 90.3 ± 1.0   |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 2mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 93.0 ± 0.7   | 91.6 ± 0.8 | 94.5 ± 0.7 | 79.9 ± 4.3   | 90.7 ± 1.0   |
| 1. 13yrs 0mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 84.2 ± 0.9   | 83.2 ± 1.0 | 85.9 ± 0.9 | 61.5 ± 2.5   | 77.5 ± 1.8   |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 6yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 84.1 ± 0.8   | 82.0 ± 1.0 | 86.3 ± 0.9 | 44.6 ± 2.8   | 81.6 ± 1.6   |
| 1. 12yrs 2mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 6yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 93.7 ± 0.4   | 92.2 ± 0.6 | 95.2 ± 0.4 | 74.3 ± 3.5   | 89.6 ± 1.1   |
| 1. 12yrs 6mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 85.7 ± 1.3   | 83.3 ± 1.7 | 88.3 ± 1.4 | 71.0 ± 4.6   | 81.4 ± 5.4   |
| 1. 13yrs 1mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 94.4 ± 0.7   | 92.8 ± 1.1 | 96.0 ± 1.0 | 83.3 ± 8.0   | 94.7 ± 1.4   |
| 1. 12yrs 10mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 6mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 68.0 ± 2.1   | 65.8 ± 2.7 | 70.2 ± 2.6 | 31.1 ± 3.3   | 29.1 ± 3.4   |
| 1. 12yrs 8mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 89.3 ± 0.8   | 87.6 ± 1.0 | 91.2 ± 0.8 | 64.7 ± 2.8   | 87.9 ± 1.2   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.49. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

Source: MCEETYA 2008c, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.82.

Table 4A.48

Table 4A.48 Proportion of year 3, 5 and 7 students achieving the reading benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

|                     | NSW               | Vic               | Qld               | WA                | SA                | Tas               | ACT               | NT                | Aust              |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Year 3              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 85.2 ± 3.9        | 88.5 ± 4.9        | 88.4 ± 3.3        | 88.1 ± 4.4        | 73.2 ± 4.5        | 93.5 ± 4.5        | 86.2 ± 6.9        | ..                | 86.3 ± 3.9        |
| Provincial          | 82.1 ± 4.7        | 84.1 ± 6.0        | 88.0 ± 3.7        | 85.5 ± 6.1        | 74.1 ± 6.1        | 92.5 ± 4.4        | ..                | 72.6 ± 6.0        | 83.9 ± 4.8        |
| Remote              | 81.9 ± 9.1        | np                | 84.4 ± 6.7        | 75.2 ± 11.0       | 55.6 ± 18.4       | np                | ..                | 41.7 ± 8.0        | 70.1 ± 9.3        |
| Very remote         | 58.4 ± 24.7       | ..                | 79.5 ± 6.8        | 65.9 ± 8.6        | 52.1 ± 13.2       | np                | ..                | 20.6 ± 4.7        | 53.8 ± 7.4        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>83.3 ± 4.1</b> | <b>86.1 ± 4.7</b> | <b>87.0 ± 3.6</b> | <b>81.0 ± 5.0</b> | <b>70.5 ± 4.0</b> | <b>92.8 ± 3.4</b> | <b>86.2 ± 6.9</b> | <b>41.0 ± 4.1</b> | <b>80.7 ± 4.1</b> |
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 94.1 ± 1.3        | 93.9 ± 1.7        | 94.2 ± 1.3        | 96.0 ± 1.1        | 91.9 ± 0.9        | 96.1 ± 1.2        | 96.1 ± 0.8        | ..                | 94.2 ± 1.3        |
| Provincial          | 91.6 ± 2.1        | 93.0 ± 2.1        | 93.0 ± 1.8        | 94.9 ± 1.6        | 91.9 ± 1.3        | 95.3 ± 1.5        | ..                | 85.7 ± 2.5        | 92.6 ± 1.9        |
| Remote              | 87.7 ± 4.1        | 98.3 ± 6.1        | 90.8 ± 3.5        | 91.6 ± 2.8        | 92.1 ± 2.7        | 95.5 ± 8.5        | ..                | 71.8 ± 4.5        | 88.8 ± 3.4        |
| Very remote         | 80.2 ± 10.0       | ..                | 85.7 ± 4.8        | 79.9 ± 5.1        | 75.2 ± 7.2        | np                | ..                | 37.6 ± 4.5        | 71.7 ± 5.3        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>93.5 ± 1.5</b> | <b>93.6 ± 1.8</b> | <b>93.5 ± 1.5</b> | <b>95.0 ± 1.4</b> | <b>91.7 ± 1.0</b> | <b>95.6 ± 1.3</b> | <b>96.1 ± 0.8</b> | <b>72.8 ± 2.4</b> | <b>93.4 ± 1.5</b> |
| Year 5              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 80.5 ± 3.2        | 82.4 ± 6.1        | 64.8 ± 5.2        | 81.9 ± 5.3        | 66.3 ± 6.2        | 92.1 ± 4.8        | 83.2 ± 9.7        | ..                | 74.5 ± 5.1        |
| Provincial          | 75.0 ± 3.6        | 78.0 ± 5.9        | 60.5 ± 5.5        | 77.1 ± 6.7        | 65.4 ± 8.7        | 87.6 ± 5.8        | ..                | 70.1 ± 6.8        | 71.3 ± 5.7        |
| Remote              | 63.7 ± 10.6       | np                | 45.8 ± 8.2        | 70.4 ± 9.7        | 49.4 ± 17.9       | np                | ..                | 53.1 ± 7.5        | 55.6 ± 9.4        |
| Very remote         | 67.1 ± 18.4       | ..                | 41.2 ± 6.8        | 48.3 ± 10.5       | 28.2 ± 12.5       | np                | ..                | 17.0 ± 3.9        | 32.6 ± 7.5        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>77.3 ± 3.1</b> | <b>79.9 ± 5.1</b> | <b>59.3 ± 4.9</b> | <b>71.9 ± 4.8</b> | <b>60.8 ± 5.0</b> | <b>89.5 ± 4.4</b> | <b>83.2 ± 9.7</b> | <b>40.3 ± 3.5</b> | <b>67.6 ± 4.2</b> |

Table 4A.48

Table 4A.48 Proportion of year 3, 5 and 7 students achieving the reading benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

|                     | NSW               | Vic               | Qld               | WA                | SA                | Tas               | ACT               | NT                | Aust              |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 92.6 ± 1.1        | 91.8 ± 1.3        | 82.3 ± 2.9        | 95.0 ± 0.8        | 89.9 ± 1.2        | 95.9 ± 0.9        | 94.9 ± 1.0        | ..                | 90.3 ± 1.5        |
| Provincial          | 90.3 ± 1.4        | 90.3 ± 1.6        | 78.8 ± 3.4        | 93.5 ± 1.3        | 88.9 ± 1.5        | 94.4 ± 1.3        | ..                | 85.1 ± 2.4        | 87.7 ± 2.0        |
| Remote              | 80.2 ± 4.6        | 82.1 ± 11.5       | 68.6 ± 5.1        | 90.0 ± 2.6        | 86.8 ± 3.1        | 96.2 ± 5.1        | ..                | 77.9 ± 3.9        | 79.8 ± 4.1        |
| Very remote         | 83.6 ± 8.4        | ..                | 57.2 ± 5.6        | 71.6 ± 6.0        | 64.9 ± 8.1        | 90.0 ± 12.6       | ..                | 36.8 ± 4.0        | 56.2 ± 5.6        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>92.0 ± 1.2</b> | <b>91.4 ± 1.4</b> | <b>80.5 ± 3.1</b> | <b>93.9 ± 0.9</b> | <b>89.3 ± 1.2</b> | <b>95.1 ± 1.0</b> | <b>94.9 ± 1.0</b> | <b>72.3 ± 2.1</b> | <b>89.2 ± 1.6</b> |
| Year 7              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 79.1 ± 2.4        | 79.9 ± 5.5        | 65.6 ± 3.3        | 55.6 ± 4.5        | 81.1 ± 3.5        | 69.7 ± 7.4        | 83.3 ± 8.0        | ..                | 72.4 ± 3.4        |
| Provincial          | 73.6 ± 2.8        | 80.0 ± 5.4        | 64.3 ± 3.3        | 47.2 ± 5.9        | 74.5 ± 5.1        | 73.2 ± 6.0        | ..                | 64.4 ± 6.3        | 69.3 ± 3.8        |
| Remote              | 54.9 ± 10.5       | np                | 57.8 ± 7.3        | 42.8 ± 6.8        | 75.3 ± 12.2       | np                | ..                | 30.6 ± 6.5        | 47.0 ± 8.0        |
| Very remote         | 55.3 ± 21.2       | ..                | 37.9 ± 6.5        | 21.1 ± 5.3        | 37.7 ± 14.5       | np                | ..                | 12.7 ± 3.4        | 25.4 ± 6.1        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>75.8 ± 2.3</b> | <b>79.9 ± 4.3</b> | <b>61.5 ± 2.5</b> | <b>44.6 ± 2.8</b> | <b>74.3 ± 3.5</b> | <b>71.0 ± 4.6</b> | <b>83.3 ± 8.0</b> | <b>31.1 ± 3.3</b> | <b>64.7 ± 2.8</b> |
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 92.0 ± 0.8        | 93.3 ± 0.7        | 85.5 ± 0.9        | 86.5 ± 0.8        | 94.2 ± 0.4        | 87.3 ± 1.4        | 94.4 ± 0.7        | ..                | 90.5 ± 0.8        |
| Provincial          | 89.7 ± 1.0        | 92.2 ± 0.9        | 83.4 ± 1.1        | 81.6 ± 1.4        | 93.0 ± 0.8        | 84.7 ± 1.6        | ..                | 83.7 ± 2.2        | 88.0 ± 1.1        |
| Remote              | 75.3 ± 5.4        | 89.6 ± 11.5       | 76.6 ± 2.8        | 75.7 ± 2.6        | 93.3 ± 1.9        | 73.5 ± 14.6       | ..                | 61.3 ± 4.8        | 77.1 ± 3.4        |
| Very remote         | 77.6 ± 11.3       | ..                | 56.3 ± 4.8        | 48.0 ± 4.3        | 67.4 ± 7.3        | 76.6 ± 16.7       | ..                | 33.6 ± 3.9        | 49.5 ± 5.0        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>91.3 ± 0.8</b> | <b>93.0 ± 0.7</b> | <b>84.2 ± 0.9</b> | <b>84.1 ± 0.8</b> | <b>93.7 ± 0.4</b> | <b>85.7 ± 1.3</b> | <b>94.4 ± 0.7</b> | <b>68.0 ± 2.1</b> | <b>89.3 ± 0.8</b> |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent + 2.7 per cent).

(b) Geolocation data are based on the MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification and represent school location.

(c) Insufficient or no students in an area of geographic classification are tabulated as not published.

.. Not applicable. np Not published.

Table 4A.48

**Table 4A.48 Proportion of year 3, 5 and 7 students achieving the reading benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

|  | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|

Source: MCEETYA 2008c, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.83.



Table 4A.49

Table 4A.49 Exemptions, absences and participation by equity group in reading testing, 2007 (per cent)

|            | Students exempted (a) |        |        | Students absent or withdrawn (a) |        |        | Indigenous students (b) |        |        | Assessed students   |        |        | All students |        |        |
|------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|
|            | Year 3                | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                           | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                  | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3              | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3       | Year 5 | Year 7 |
|            |                       |        |        | absent or withdrawn (a)          |        |        | Indigenous students (b) |        |        | LBO TE students (b) |        |        | All students |        |        |
| NSW        | 1.2                   | 1.1    | 0.9    | 5.6                              | 4.9    | 4.9    | 4.2                     | 4.4    | 5.0    | 28.4                | 27.6   | 26.1   | 94.4         | 95.1   | 95.1   |
| Victoria   | 1.9                   | 1.7    | 0.6    | 8.2                              | 7.9    | 8.4    | 1.0                     | 1.0    | 0.9    | 23.5                | 24.2   | 21.4   | 91.8         | 92.1   | 91.6   |
| Queensland | 2.5                   | 2.2    | 2.2    | 3.6                              | 3.3    | 3.5    | 6.4                     | 6.6    | 6.2    | 7.6                 | 7.5    | 6.8    | 96.6         | 97.0   | 96.8   |
| WA         | 0.9                   | 0.9    | 0.8    | 5.6                              | 5.2    | 4.9    | 5.6                     | 5.0    | 4.8    | 12.1                | 12.9   | 12.5   | 94.4         | 94.8   | 95.1   |
| SA         | 4.6                   | 3.3    | 2.5    | 2.6                              | 3.1    | 3.3    | 3.3                     | 3.1    | 3.2    | 11.0                | 11.0   | 10.8   | 97.4         | 96.9   | 96.7   |
| Tasmania   | 0.9                   | 0.7    | 0.8    | 4.7                              | 4.7    | 6.7    | 6.8                     | 6.3    | 6.5    | 3.3                 | 2.8    | 2.9    | 95.7         | 95.6   | 93.6   |
| ACT        | 2.2                   | 2.2    | 1.8    | 7.4                              | 6.3    | 8.5    | 2.1                     | 1.8    | 1.6    | 19.9                | 20.3   | 20.4   | 92.6         | 93.7   | 91.5   |
| NT (c)     | 1.3                   | 1.0    | 1.1    | 12.7                             | 9.2    | 11.5   | 29.0                    | 31.9   | 30.1   | 25.0                | 28.2   | 25.5   | 87.3         | 90.8   | 88.5   |
| Aust       | 1.8                   | 1.7    | 1.2    | 5.7                              | 5.3    | 5.6    | 4.3                     | 4.3    | 4.4    | 19.2                | 19.5   | 17.8   | 94.4         | 94.8   | 94.5   |

(a) The percentage of students who were exempted, and absent or who were withdrawn by parents/caregivers, from the testing program. Exempted students are reported as not achieving the benchmark. Absent and withdrawn students are not included in the benchmark calculations. The percentage of exempted, and absent or withdrawn, students is calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on NSSC data, together with the non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs.

(b) The percentage of assessed Indigenous and LBO TE students respectively. The percentages of Indigenous and LBO TE students include exempted students and are calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on data from the NSSC and non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs. The specific ways in which Indigenous and LBO TE student information was collected and/or categorised varied across jurisdictions.

(c) NSSC figures have been used for the total number of students in calculation of the participation rates. In the NT, students are tested at year 3, 5, and 7 in urban schools. In remote schools, students are tested ages 8, 10 and 12, not at year level. This may result in percentages for NT not adding to 100.

Source: MCEETYA 2008c, National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7 (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 4A.85.

Table 4A.50

**Table 4A.50 Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| <i>1 Average age (d)</i>        |                     | <i>Male</i>     | <i>Female</i>   | <i>Indigenous</i>   | <i>LBOTE</i>        |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>2 Years of schooling (e)</i> | <i>All students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students</i> | <i>students (f)</i> | <i>students (f)</i> |
| NSW                             | 93.9 ± 1.6          | 92.0 ± 2.0      | 96.0 ± 1.2      | 82.2 ± 4.4          | 92.9 ± 1.6          |
| 1. 8 years, 9 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Victoria (g)                    | 94.1 ± 1.2          | 91.6 ± 1.6      | 96.6 ± 0.8      | 86.1 ± 4.2          | 93.7 ± 1.0          |
| 1. 9 years, 0 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Queensland                      | 95.1 ± 0.6          | 94.1 ± 0.8      | 97.0 ± 0.4      | 89.0 ± 2.0          | 92.4 ± 0.6          |
| 1. 8 years, 4 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 2 years, 8 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| WA                              | 87.4 ± 1.9          | 83.9 ± 2.4      | 91.0 ± 1.5      | 58.7 ± 4.6          | 87.5 ± 2.0          |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| SA                              | 91.1 ± 2.5          | 88.3 ± 3.3      | 93.9 ± 1.8      | 71.7 ± 6.5          | 90.5 ± 2.8          |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Tasmania                        | 89.6 ± 1.6          | 85.9 ± 2.3      | 93.4 ± 1.5      | 81.3 ± 4.7          | 89.1 ± 4.1          |
| 1. 9 years, 1 month             |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| ACT                             | 95.1 ± 1.1          | 93.3 ± 1.5      | 96.8 ± 0.9      | 83.9 ± 7.4          | 92.9 ± 1.8          |
| 1. 8 years, 10 months           |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 6 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| NT                              | 66.6 ± 2.9          | 62.6 ± 3.6      | 70.5 ± 3.4      | 31.0 ± 3.7          | 33.7 ± 3.9          |
| 1. 8 years, 8 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months            |                     |                 |                 |                     |                     |
| Australia                       | 93.0 ± 1.4          | 90.8 ± 1.8      | 95.4 ± 1.0      | 76.6 ± 3.8          | 91.7 ± 1.5          |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.54. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

(g) Victoria has advised that the increase (since 2004) in the percentage of students reaching the Writing benchmark in Victoria was due to changes in the marking instructions. See MCEEYTA (2008c) p.6 for further information.

**Table 4A.50 Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

Source: MCEETYA 2008c, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.86.

Table 4A.51

**Table 4A.51 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 95.4 ± 1.2   | 93.9 ± 1.6 | 96.9 ± 0.9 | 85.6 ± 3.7   | 94.1 ± 1.3   |
| 1. 10yrs 9mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 96.0 ± 0.3   | 94.4 ± 0.4 | 97.8 ± 0.2 | 89.6 ± 2.8   | 95.7 ± 0.3   |
| 1. 11yrs 0mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 96.3 ± 0.3   | 95.4 ± 0.4 | 97.9 ± 0.2 | 91.4 ± 1.3   | 93.7 ± 0.4   |
| 1. 10yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 84.8 ± 2.0   | 80.6 ± 2.4 | 89.4 ± 1.7 | 51.0 ± 5.1   | 85.8 ± 2.1   |
| 1. 10yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 91.3 ± 1.6   | 88.4 ± 2.1 | 94.4 ± 1.2 | 75.5 ± 5.2   | 86.9 ± 2.0   |
| 1. 10yrs 6mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 86.2 ± 2.2   | 81.2 ± 2.9 | 91.4 ± 1.9 | 75.3 ± 6.3   | 85.7 ± 4.9   |
| 1. 11yrs 1mth            |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 94.2 ± 1.9   | 92.3 ± 2.5 | 96.1 ± 1.4 | 79.8 ± 10.0  | 92.9 ± 2.3   |
| 1. 10yrs 10mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 6mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 63.3 ± 3.3   | 57.5 ± 4.1 | 69.1 ± 3.5 | 29.6 ± 4.0   | 31.1 ± 4.1   |
| 1. 10yrs 8mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 94.1 ± 0.9   | 92.3 ± 1.2 | 96.2 ± 0.7 | 79.5 ± 3.2   | 92.8 ± 1.0   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.54. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

Source: MCEETYA 2008c, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.87.

Table 4A.52

**Table 4A.52 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the writing benchmark, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 93.4 ± 1.9   | 91.2 ± 2.4 | 95.6 ± 1.3 | 79.3 ± 5.0   | 92.8 ± 2.1   |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 2mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 94.8 ± 0.5   | 92.1 ± 0.8 | 97.7 ± 0.3 | 82.8 ± 3.3   | 94.9 ± 0.6   |
| 1. 13yrs 0mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland               | 96.3 ± 0.3   | 95.3 ± 0.5 | 97.7 ± 0.3 | 91.6 ± 1.3   | 93.3 ± 0.5   |
| 1. 12yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 6yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 85.2 ± 1.7   | 80.2 ± 2.3 | 90.6 ± 1.3 | 53.6 ± 4.5   | 86.6 ± 1.8   |
| 1. 12yrs 2mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 6yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 88.8 ± 2.3   | 85.0 ± 3.0 | 92.9 ± 1.7 | 61.8 ± 6.5   | 85.4 ± 2.6   |
| 1. 12yrs 6mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 81.9 ± 1.9   | 75.1 ± 2.7 | 88.9 ± 1.7 | 67.7 ± 6.1   | 80.5 ± 5.5   |
| 1. 13yrs 1mth            |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 91.2 ± 2.5   | 88.0 ± 3.4 | 94.4 ± 1.8 | 74.5 ± 11.0  | 91.2 ± 3.0   |
| 1. 12yrs 10mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 6mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 55.9 ± 2.9   | 48.5 ± 3.6 | 63.7 ± 3.3 | 20.7 ± 3.1   | 21.5 ± 3.6   |
| 1. 12yrs 8mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 7yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 92.5 ± 1.3   | 89.8 ± 1.7 | 95.3 ± 0.9 | 74.5 ± 3.8   | 91.5 ± 1.6   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.54. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

Source: MCEETYA 2008c, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.88.

Table 4A.53

Table 4A.53 Proportion of year 3, 5 and 7 students achieving the writing benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

| Year 3              | NSW               | Vic               | Qld               | WA                | SA                | Tas               | ACT                | NT                | Aust              |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 84.4 ± 4.2        | 89.3 ± 4.7        | 91.2 ± 1.6        | 69.7 ± 6.5        | 78.2 ± 7.5        | 82.7 ± 7.1        | 83.9 ± 7.4         | ..                | 84.7 ± 4.0        |
| Provincial          | 80.7 ± 4.8        | 83.5 ± 5.0        | 90.9 ± 2.1        | 63.5 ± 6.4        | 71.7 ± 8.6        | 80.3 ± 5.6        | ..                 | 63.2 ± 6.9        | 80.8 ± 4.5        |
| Remote              | 78.2 ± 9.9        | np                | 81.1 ± 6.2        | 55.1 ± 7.4        | 69.8 ± 17.9       | np                | ..                 | 35.0 ± 7.2        | 61.2 ± 7.9        |
| Very remote         | 67.0 ± 16.6       | ..                | 78.9 ± 6.1        | 34.4 ± 6.9        | 35.1 ± 14.9       | np                | ..                 | 10.2 ± 3.3        | 40.8 ± 6.0        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>82.2 ± 4.4</b> | <b>86.1 ± 4.2</b> | <b>89.0 ± 2.0</b> | <b>58.7 ± 4.6</b> | <b>71.7 ± 6.5</b> | <b>81.3 ± 4.7</b> | <b>83.9 ± 7.4</b>  | <b>31.0 ± 3.7</b> | <b>76.6 ± 3.8</b> |
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 94.4 ± 1.4        | 94.5 ± 1.0        | 95.7 ± 0.5        | 89.3 ± 1.8        | 92.2 ± 2.3        | 91.6 ± 1.7        | 95.1 ± 1.1         | ..                | 94.0 ± 1.3        |
| Provincial          | 92.7 ± 2.0        | 92.6 ± 1.8        | 95.2 ± 0.7        | 86.2 ± 2.4        | 89.4 ± 3.0        | 88.0 ± 2.0        | ..                 | 80.9 ± 3.3        | 92.0 ± 1.8        |
| Remote              | 87.5 ± 4.7        | 98.4 ± 6.0        | 92.3 ± 1.9        | 81.4 ± 3.0        | 86.4 ± 5.2        | 89.2 ± 8.5        | ..                 | 66.9 ± 4.6        | 84.1 ± 3.5        |
| Very remote         | 86.0 ± 7.6        | ..                | 86.9 ± 3.6        | 59.1 ± 4.7        | 65.1 ± 9.2        | np                | ..                 | 28.3 ± 4.3        | 62.5 ± 4.8        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>93.9 ± 1.6</b> | <b>94.1 ± 1.2</b> | <b>95.1 ± 0.6</b> | <b>87.4 ± 1.9</b> | <b>91.1 ± 2.5</b> | <b>89.6 ± 1.6</b> | <b>95.1 ± 1.1</b>  | <b>66.6 ± 2.9</b> | <b>93.0 ± 1.4</b> |
| Year 5              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 88.4 ± 3.5        | 91.1 ± 3.7        | 94.0 ± 1.3        | 64.8 ± 6.6        | 79.2 ± 5.8        | 77.1 ± 9.4        | 79.8 ± 10.0        | ..                | 88.1 ± 5.7        |
| Provincial          | 84.0 ± 4.3        | 88.3 ± 3.7        | 92.1 ± 1.5        | 53.7 ± 8.3        | 77.1 ± 7.4        | 74.1 ± 6.9        | ..                 | 61.7 ± 7.5        | 82.9 ± 6.5        |
| Remote              | 68.8 ± 10.1       | np                | 85.8 ± 4.7        | 48.1 ± 9.8        | 64.0 ± 18.2       | np                | ..                 | 40.3 ± 9.6        | 62.8 ± 11.8       |
| Very remote         | 76.6 ± 19.5       | ..                | 81.7 ± 4.7        | 23.2 ± 7.7        | 59.3 ± 13.3       | np                | ..                 | 6.1 ± 2.9         | 40.4 ± 5.9        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>85.6 ± 3.7</b> | <b>89.6 ± 2.8</b> | <b>91.4 ± 1.3</b> | <b>51.0 ± 5.1</b> | <b>75.5 ± 5.2</b> | <b>75.3 ± 6.3</b> | <b>79.8 ± 10.0</b> | <b>29.6 ± 4.0</b> | <b>79.5 ± 3.2</b> |

Table 4A.53

Table 4A.53 Proportion of year 3, 5 and 7 students achieving the writing benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

|                     | NSW               | Vic               | Qld               | WA                | SA                | Tas               | ACT                | NT                | Aust              |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 95.7 ± 1.1        | 96.4 ± 0.3        | 96.7 ± 0.3        | 87.2 ± 1.8        | 91.9 ± 1.4        | 88.9 ± 2.3        | 94.2 ± 1.9         | ..                | 95.1 ± 0.8        |
| Provincial          | 94.5 ± 1.7        | 95.1 ± 0.5        | 96.3 ± 0.4        | 82.6 ± 2.7        | 90.6 ± 2.0        | 84.2 ± 2.6        | ..                 | 77.1 ± 3.7        | 93.2 ± 1.3        |
| Remote              | 86.3 ± 4.1        | 94.2 ± 7.1        | 94.6 ± 1.5        | 76.4 ± 4.2        | 89.3 ± 3.7        | 90.5 ± 10.2       | ..                 | 66.8 ± 5.2        | 84.6 ± 3.5        |
| Very remote         | 87.7 ± 9.2        | ..                | 88.3 ± 2.8        | 50.2 ± 5.9        | 77.4 ± 8.0        | 81.3 ± 14.7       | ..                 | 27.3 ± 4.3        | 61.5 ± 4.7        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>95.4 ± 1.2</b> | <b>96.0 ± 0.3</b> | <b>96.3 ± 0.3</b> | <b>84.8 ± 2.0</b> | <b>91.3 ± 1.6</b> | <b>86.2 ± 2.2</b> | <b>94.2 ± 1.9</b>  | <b>63.3 ± 3.3</b> | <b>94.1 ± 0.9</b> |
| Year 7              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 82.9 ± 4.6        | 85.5 ± 4.4        | 93.0 ± 1.4        | 65.0 ± 5.5        | 71.4 ± 7.8        | 69.4 ± 8.8        | 74.5 ± 11.0        | ..                | 83.3 ± 4.1        |
| Provincial          | 77.0 ± 5.6        | 80.7 ± 4.6        | 92.9 ± 1.6        | 59.4 ± 7.3        | 60.9 ± 8.0        | 66.8 ± 7.3        | ..                 | 49.4 ± 7.2        | 77.5 ± 4.9        |
| Remote              | 57.8 ± 11.5       | np                | 88.3 ± 4.0        | 48.8 ± 10.0       | 55.2 ± 19.3       | np                | ..                 | 19.5 ± 6.1        | 52.8 ± 8.3        |
| Very remote         | 44.2 ± 21.2       | ..                | 83.5 ± 4.2        | 27.0 ± 6.6        | 19.3 ± 10.0       | np                | ..                 | 5.0 ± 2.2         | 38.3 ± 4.8        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>79.3 ± 5.0</b> | <b>82.8 ± 3.3</b> | <b>91.6 ± 1.3</b> | <b>53.6 ± 4.5</b> | <b>61.8 ± 6.5</b> | <b>67.7 ± 6.1</b> | <b>74.5 ± 11.0</b> | <b>20.7 ± 3.1</b> | <b>74.5 ± 3.8</b> |
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 94.0 ± 1.7        | 95.5 ± 0.5        | 96.5 ± 0.3        | 87.6 ± 1.6        | 90.2 ± 2.1        | 84.4 ± 2.2        | 91.2 ± 2.5         | ..                | 93.7 ± 1.2        |
| Provincial          | 91.8 ± 2.3        | 92.9 ± 0.8        | 96.4 ± 0.4        | 82.5 ± 2.3        | 86.5 ± 2.9        | 80.0 ± 2.3        | ..                 | 69.7 ± 3.5        | 90.9 ± 1.6        |
| Remote              | 78.0 ± 6.5        | 93.1 ± 9.5        | 94.3 ± 1.3        | 76.3 ± 3.9        | 84.5 ± 4.8        | 74.8 ± 13.9       | ..                 | 48.3 ± 5.3        | 78.9 ± 4.0        |
| Very remote         | 74.0 ± 10.3       | ..                | 89.2 ± 2.6        | 52.9 ± 4.9        | 55.3 ± 10.9       | np                | ..                 | 27.0 ± 4.2        | 59.0 ± 4.7        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>93.4 ± 1.9</b> | <b>94.8 ± 0.5</b> | <b>96.3 ± 0.3</b> | <b>85.2 ± 1.7</b> | <b>88.8 ± 2.3</b> | <b>81.9 ± 1.9</b> | <b>91.2 ± 2.5</b>  | <b>55.9 ± 2.9</b> | <b>92.5 ± 1.3</b> |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent + 2.7 per cent).

(b) Geolocation data are based on the MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification and represent school location.

(c) Insufficient or no students in an area of geographic classification are tabulated as not applicable.

.. Not applicable. np Not published.

Source: MCEETYA 2008c, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.89.

Table 4A.54

Table 4A.54 Exemptions, absences and participation by equity group in writing testing, 2007 (per cent)

|            | Students exempted (a) |        |        | Students absent or withdrawn (a) |        |        | Assessed students       |        |        |                    |        |        |        |              |        |  |
|------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--|
|            | Year 3 Year 5 Year 7  |        |        | Year 3 Year 5 Year 7             |        |        | Indigenous students (b) |        |        | LBOTE students (b) |        |        |        | All students |        |  |
|            | Year 3                | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                           | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                  | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3             | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3 | Year 5       | Year 7 |  |
| NSW        | 1.2                   | 1.1    | 0.9    | 5.5                              | 4.7    | 5.0    | 4.2                     | 4.5    | 5.0    | 28.4               | 27.6   | 26.1   | 94.5   | 95.3         | 95.0   |  |
| Victoria   | 1.9                   | 1.7    | 0.6    | 8.3                              | 8.2    | 8.7    | 1.0                     | 1.0    | 0.9    | 23.5               | 24.2   | 21.4   | 91.7   | 91.8         | 91.3   |  |
| Queensland | 2.5                   | 2.2    | 2.2    | 3.6                              | 3.4    | 3.6    | 6.3                     | 6.6    | 6.2    | 7.6                | 7.5    | 6.8    | 96.6   | 96.9         | 96.7   |  |
| WA         | 0.9                   | 0.9    | 0.8    | 6.5                              | 6.0    | 5.5    | 5.5                     | 4.9    | 4.6    | 12.0               | 12.8   | 12.5   | 93.5   | 94.0         | 94.5   |  |
| SA         | 4.6                   | 3.3    | 2.5    | 3.1                              | 3.3    | 3.7    | 3.3                     | 3.1    | 3.2    | 10.9               | 11.0   | 10.8   | 96.9   | 96.7         | 96.3   |  |
| Tasmania   | 0.9                   | 0.7    | 0.8    | 5.8                              | 5.4    | 8.1    | 6.7                     | 6.2    | 6.4    | 3.2                | 2.8    | 2.9    | 94.6   | 94.9         | 92.2   |  |
| ACT        | 2.2                   | 2.2    | 1.8    | 9.3                              | 6.1    | 8.7    | 2.0                     | 1.8    | 1.6    | 19.7               | 20.3   | 20.2   | 92.2   | 93.9         | 91.3   |  |
| NT (c)     | 1.3                   | 1.1    | 1.1    | 10.9                             | 9.2    | 11.4   | 30.6                    | 32.0   | 30.0   | 26.3               | 28.5   | 25.3   | 89.1   | 90.8         | 88.6   |  |
| Aust       | 1.8                   | 1.7    | 1.2    | 5.8                              | 5.4    | 5.8    | 4.3                     | 4.3    | 4.3    | 19.2               | 19.5   | 17.8   | 94.2   | 94.7         | 94.3   |  |

(a) The percentage of students who were exempted, and absent or who were withdrawn by parents/caregivers, from the testing program. Exempted students are reported as not achieving the benchmark. Absent and withdrawn students are not included in the benchmark calculations. The percentage of exempted, and absent or withdrawn, students is calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on NSSC data, together with the non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs.

(b) The percentage of assessed Indigenous and LBOTE students respectively. The percentages of Indigenous and LBOTE students include exempted students and are calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on data from the NSSC and non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs. The specific ways in which Indigenous and LBOTE student information was collected and/or categorised varied across jurisdictions.

(c) NSSC figures have been used for the total number of students in calculation of the participation rates. In the NT, students are tested at year 3, 5, and 7 in urban schools. In remote schools, students are tested ages 8, 10 and 12, not at year level. This may result in percentages for NT not adding to 100.

Source: MCEETYA 2008c, National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7 (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 4A.91.



Table 4A.55

**Table 4A.55 Proportion of year 3 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)<br>2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | Male students | Female students | Indigenous students (f) | LBOTE students (f) |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| NSW   | 95.9 ± 0.9   | 95.4 ± 0.9    | 96.4 ± 0.9      | 90.2 ± 2.6              | 94.8 ± 0.9         |
| 1. 8 years, 9 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Victoria                                      | 95.0 ± 1.1   | 94.5 ± 1.0    | 95.6 ± 1.2      | 88.5 ± 4.1              | 93.1 ± 1.3         |
| 1. 9 years, 0 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Queensland                                    | 90.2 ± 2.1   | 90.1 ± 2.0    | 90.8 ± 2.1      | 77.6 ± 4.3              | 85.9 ± 2.4         |
| 1. 8 years, 4 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 2 years, 8 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| WA  | 90.4 ± 2.2   | 90.1 ± 2.1    | 90.7 ± 2.3      | 67.5 ± 5.7              | 89.4 ± 2.3         |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| SA  | 89.5 ± 1.6   | 88.9 ± 1.4    | 90.2 ± 1.8      | 67.6 ± 5.2              | 83.2 ± 2.2         |
| 1. 8 years, 6 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Tasmania                                      | 91.1 ± 2.1   | 90.4 ± 2.4    | 91.9 ± 2.1      | 84.2 ± 5.3              | 88.2 ± 3.8         |
| 1. 9 years, 1 month                           |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 7 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| ACT   | 94.3 ± 1.3   | 93.6 ± 1.6    | 95.0 ± 1.5      | 82.7 ± 8.3              | 91.7 ± 2.4         |
| 1. 8 years, 10 months                         |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 6 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| NT  | 82.3 ± 2.2   | 80.9 ± 2.6    | 83.8 ± 2.7      | 57.7 ± 4.5              | 57.0 ± 4.9         |
| 1. 8 years, 8 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| 2. 3 years, 3 months                          |              |               |                 |                         |                    |
| Australia                                     | 93.2 ± 1.4   | 92.8 ± 1.4    | 93.7 ± 1.5      | 78.8 ± 4.1              | 92.1 ± 1.4         |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.59. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

Source: MCEETYA 2008c, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7; 2009 Report*, table 4A.92.

Table 4A.56

**Table 4A.56 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male       | Female     | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students   | students   | students (f) | students (f) |
| NSW                      | 91.3 ± 0.9   | 91.4 ± 0.9 | 91.3 ± 1.0 | 76.0 ± 2.7   | 89.7 ± 1.0   |
| 1. 10yrs 9mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Victoria                 | 91.5 ± 1.3   | 91.6 ± 1.2 | 91.4 ± 1.4 | 75.4 ± 4.6   | 89.9 ± 1.3   |
| 1. 11yrs 0mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Queensland (g)           | 83.7 ± 1.6   | 84.2 ± 1.5 | 83.8 ± 1.7 | 62.3 ± 3.0   | 81.4 ± 1.9   |
| 1. 10yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 4yrs 8mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| WA                       | 87.3 ± 1.6   | 87.5 ± 1.6 | 87.1 ± 1.8 | 54.8 ± 4.8   | 85.3 ± 2.2   |
| 1. 10yrs 4mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| SA                       | 89.6 ± 1.5   | 88.8 ± 1.5 | 90.3 ± 1.7 | 63.9 ± 5.6   | 83.4 ± 2.0   |
| 1. 10yrs 6mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Tasmania                 | 89.4 ± 1.5   | 89.0 ± 1.8 | 89.8 ± 1.7 | 79.5 ± 5.3   | 83.3 ± 5.4   |
| 1. 11yrs 1mth            |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 7mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| ACT                      | 92.4 ± 1.3   | 91.7 ± 1.5 | 93.1 ± 1.4 | 79.1 ± 9.1   | 90.1 ± 2.0   |
| 1. 10yrs 10mths          |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 6mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| NT                       | 70.2 ± 2.2   | 69.8 ± 2.7 | 70.6 ± 3.0 | 34.5 ± 3.5   | 35.6 ± 3.8   |
| 1. 10yrs 8mths           |              |            |            |              |              |
| 2. 5yrs 3mths            |              |            |            |              |              |
| Australia                | 89.0 ± 1.3   | 89.1 ± 1.3 | 89.1 ± 1.4 | 65.5 ± 3.4   | 87.6 ± 1.4   |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.59. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

(g) Some students did not indicate their gender therefore the total percentages for all students have not been proportionally located within the range provided for male and female students.

**Table 4A.56 Proportion of year 5 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

Source: MCEETYA 2008c, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.93.

Table 4A.57

**Table 4A.57 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)<br>2 Years of schooling (e)     | All students | Male students | Female students | Indigenous students (f) | LBOTE students (f) |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| NSW (g)<br>1. 12yrs 6mths<br>2. 7yrs 4mths        | 73.4 ± 0.8   | 71.7 ± 0.8    | 75.3 ± 0.9      | 40.1 ± 1.9              | 72.4 ± 0.9         |
| Victoria<br>1. 13yrs 0mths<br>2. 7yrs 7mths       | 89.0 ± 0.9   | 89.2 ± 0.9    | 88.8 ± 1.0      | 67.6 ± 4.4              | 87.3 ± 1.1         |
| Queensland (h)<br>1. 12yrs 4mths<br>2. 6yrs 8mths | 77.4 ± 0.9   | 77.9 ± 1.0    | 77.6 ± 1.0      | 49.0 ± 2.2              | 76.5 ± 1.6         |
| WA<br>1. 12yrs 2mths<br>2. 6yrs 7mths             | 83.8 ± 0.7   | 84.3 ± 0.8    | 83.2 ± 0.9      | 46.9 ± 3.1              | 84.0 ± 1.3         |
| SA<br>1. 12yrs 6mths<br>2. 7yrs 3mths             | 85.6 ± 0.9   | 86.6 ± 1.0    | 84.4 ± 1.1      | 57.0 ± 5.0              | 82.9 ± 1.9         |
| Tasmania<br>1. 13yrs 1mth<br>2. 7yrs 7mths        | 79.8 ± 1.3   | 81.0 ± 1.7    | 78.5 ± 1.7      | 63.8 ± 5.5              | 72.4 ± 6.5         |
| ACT<br>1. 12yrs 10mths<br>2. 7yrs 6mths           | 86.1 ± 1.6   | 85.6 ± 2.0    | 86.6 ± 1.9      | 59.4 ± 11.0             | 87.3 ± 2.8         |
| NT<br>1. 12yrs 8mths<br>2. 7yrs 3mths             | 66.7 ± 2.0   | 67.6 ± 2.7    | 65.7 ± 2.6      | 27.7 ± 3.1              | 25.8 ± 3.1         |
| Australia   | 80.2 ± 0.9   | 80.0 ± 0.9    | 80.6 ± 1.0      | 46.0 ± 2.7              | 78.0 ± 1.2         |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(b) Students who were absent or withdrawn from testing are not classified as assessed students and are not included in the benchmark calculations. The proportion of absent and withdrawn students varies across jurisdictions, as shown in table 4A.59. Readers are urged to be cautious when comparing results.

(c) Some movements in the results over time might have occurred because of State/Territory equating processes, and may not reflect actual improvements in student performance.

(d) The typical average age of students at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(e) The typical average time students had spent in schooling at the time of testing, expressed in years and months.

(f) The methods used to identify Indigenous students and students with a LBOTE varied across jurisdictions.

(g) NSW considers that the year 7 results for NSW are anomalous. The national numeracy benchmark results show that:

**Table 4A.57 Proportion of year 7 students who achieved the numeracy benchmark, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

| 1 Average age (d)        |              | Male     | Female   | Indigenous   | LBOTE        |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 2 Years of schooling (e) | All students | students | students | students (f) | students (f) |

(i) a lower proportion of year 7 students are meeting the minimum numeracy benchmark than are meeting the reading and writing benchmarks

(ii) a lower proportion of students are meeting the numeracy benchmark in year 7 than in year 3 and year 5.

The national benchmark results show that NSW students in years 3 and 5 are consistently performing at or above the national average for reading writing and numeracy. The NSW results for year 7 reading and writing are also fairly consistent with the national average.

(h) Some students did not indicate their gender therefore the total percentages for all students have not be proportionally located within the range provided for male and female students.

Source: MCEETYA 2008c, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.94.

Table 4A.58

Table 4A.58 Proportion of year 3, 5 and 7 students achieving the numeracy benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

| Year 3              | NSW               | Vic               | Qld               | WA                | SA                | Tas               | ACT               | NT                | Aust              |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 90.8 ± 2.4        | 92.0 ± 3.8        | 81.1 ± 4.1        | 78.6 ± 5.8        | 71.1 ± 5.3        | 80.3 ± 8.2        | 82.7 ± 8.3        | ..                | 84.2 ± 4.0        |
| Provincial          | 90.0 ± 3.0        | 85.7 ± 5.4        | 78.9 ± 4.4        | 72.3 ± 7.2        | 68.2 ± 7.6        | 86.1 ± 5.9        | ..                | 86.2 ± 4.5        | 83.6 ± 4.4        |
| Remote              | 86.9 ± 7.4        | np                | 74.7 ± 7.8        | 60.6 ± 9.9        | 73.1 ± 16.7       | np                | ..                | 64.3 ± 7.3        | 69.5 ± 8.6        |
| Very remote         | 81.0 ± 17.3       | ..                | 62.1 ± 8.8        | 46.9 ± 8.0        | 41.9 ± 17.4       | np                | ..                | 40.2 ± 6.0        | 49.5 ± 8.1        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>90.2 ± 2.6</b> | <b>88.5 ± 4.1</b> | <b>77.6 ± 4.3</b> | <b>67.5 ± 5.7</b> | <b>67.6 ± 5.2</b> | <b>84.2 ± 5.3</b> | <b>82.7 ± 8.3</b> | <b>57.7 ± 4.5</b> | <b>78.8 ± 4.1</b> |
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 96.1 ± 0.8        | 95.1 ± 1.0        | 91.0 ± 1.9        | 92.0 ± 1.9        | 89.7 ± 1.4        | 92.6 ± 1.8        | 94.3 ± 1.3        | ..                | 93.8 ± 1.3        |
| Provincial          | 95.5 ± 1.1        | 94.8 ± 1.3        | 89.7 ± 2.3        | 89.4 ± 2.7        | 89.3 ± 1.9        | 89.9 ± 2.5        | ..                | 94.0 ± 1.5        | 92.7 ± 1.7        |
| Remote              | 91.6 ± 3.1        | 99.2 ± 3.8        | 87.4 ± 3.8        | 85.5 ± 3.7        | 92.2 ± 2.7        | 92.0 ± 7.8        | ..                | 84.9 ± 3.5        | 87.7 ± 3.5        |
| Very remote         | 90.8 ± 7.4        | ..                | 75.0 ± 5.8        | 67.1 ± 5.5        | 71.8 ± 9.5        | np                | ..                | 52.4 ± 5.1        | 67.2 ± 5.8        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>95.9 ± 0.9</b> | <b>95.0 ± 1.1</b> | <b>90.2 ± 2.1</b> | <b>90.4 ± 2.2</b> | <b>89.5 ± 1.6</b> | <b>91.1 ± 2.1</b> | <b>94.3 ± 1.3</b> | <b>82.3 ± 2.2</b> | <b>93.2 ± 1.4</b> |
| Year 5              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 79.7 ± 3.0        | 79.7 ± 5.0        | 67.5 ± 3.4        | 67.0 ± 6.3        | 70.3 ± 6.7        | 76.5 ± 8.7        | 79.1 ± 9.1        | ..                | 73.6 ± 4.0        |
| Provincial          | 73.3 ± 3.2        | 72.0 ± 6.3        | 65.2 ± 3.7        | 60.0 ± 7.8        | 65.0 ± 9.5        | 80.9 ± 5.9        | ..                | 69.9 ± 5.8        | 70.1 ± 4.5        |
| Remote              | 63.3 ± 9.7        | np                | 44.8 ± 6.7        | 49.2 ± 10.3       | 59.9 ± 19.2       | np                | ..                | 45.8 ± 7.2        | 49.6 ± 8.7        |
| Very remote         | 64.1 ± 19.8       | ..                | 42.7 ± 5.9        | 31.0 ± 8.0        | 31.5 ± 15.3       | np                | ..                | 10.7 ± 3.4        | 27.2 ± 5.9        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>76.0 ± 2.7</b> | <b>75.4 ± 4.6</b> | <b>62.3 ± 3.0</b> | <b>54.8 ± 4.8</b> | <b>63.9 ± 5.6</b> | <b>79.5 ± 5.3</b> | <b>79.1 ± 9.1</b> | <b>34.5 ± 3.5</b> | <b>65.5 ± 3.4</b> |

Table 4A.58

Table 4A.58 Proportion of year 3, 5 and 7 students achieving the numeracy benchmark, by Indigenous status and geolocation, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

|                     | NSW               | Vic               | Qld               | WA                | SA                | Tas               | ACT                | NT                | Aust              |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 91.9 ± 0.9        | 92.0 ± 1.2        | 85.1 ± 1.5        | 89.3 ± 1.4        | 90.0 ± 1.5        | 90.9 ± 1.5        | 92.4 ± 1.3         | ..                | 90.2 ± 1.2        |
| Provincial          | 89.8 ± 1.2        | 90.1 ± 1.6        | 82.7 ± 1.8        | 86.4 ± 2.3        | 89.3 ± 1.7        | 88.1 ± 1.9        | ..                 | 86.5 ± 2.2        | 87.8 ± 1.6        |
| Remote              | 80.8 ± 4.3        | 88.3 ± 9.2        | 72.1 ± 3.4        | 79.9 ± 3.9        | 87.3 ± 3.4        | 90.9 ± 8.3        | ..                 | 74.7 ± 4.0        | 78.3 ± 3.9        |
| Very remote         | 83.1 ± 8.8        | ..                | 60.8 ± 4.6        | 55.0 ± 6.4        | 67.8 ± 9.1        | 98.2 ± 7.3        | ..                 | 30.9 ± 3.9        | 52.2 ± 5.3        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>91.3 ± 0.9</b> | <b>91.5 ± 1.3</b> | <b>83.7 ± 1.6</b> | <b>87.3 ± 1.6</b> | <b>89.6 ± 1.5</b> | <b>89.4 ± 1.5</b> | <b>92.4 ± 1.3</b>  | <b>70.2 ± 2.2</b> | <b>89.0 ± 1.3</b> |
| Year 7              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Indigenous students |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 44.0 ± 2.4        | 69.8 ± 6.0        | 52.7 ± 2.7        | 56.6 ± 4.5        | 65.5 ± 7.0        | 60.9 ± 9.1        | 59.4 ± 11.0        | ..                | 51.7 ± 3.5        |
| Provincial          | 37.4 ± 2.7        | 65.8 ± 5.9        | 52.4 ± 3.4        | 51.8 ± 5.9        | 54.2 ± 7.6        | 66.6 ± 6.2        | ..                 | 66.6 ± 6.4        | 49.0 ± 4.0        |
| Remote              | 18.1 ± 7.1        | np                | 42.1 ± 6.5        | 43.9 ± 7.3        | 58.6 ± 18.9       | np                | ..                 | 26.9 ± 6.0        | 35.7 ± 7.5        |
| Very remote         | 14.0 ± 13.4       | ..                | 27.0 ± 5.7        | 25.0 ± 5.7        | 20.6 ± 14.7       | np                | ..                 | 8.3 ± 2.6         | 18.9 ± 5.2        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>40.1 ± 1.9</b> | <b>67.6 ± 4.4</b> | <b>49.0 ± 2.2</b> | <b>46.9 ± 3.1</b> | <b>57.0 ± 5.0</b> | <b>63.8 ± 5.5</b> | <b>59.4 ± 11.0</b> | <b>27.7 ± 3.1</b> | <b>46.0 ± 2.7</b> |
| All students        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |                   |
| Metropolitan        | 75.0 ± 0.8        | 89.6 ± 0.9        | 79.0 ± 0.9        | 86.0 ± 0.7        | 86.7 ± 0.9        | 80.2 ± 1.9        | 86.1 ± 1.6         | ..                | 81.7 ± 0.9        |
| Provincial          | 69.3 ± 1.1        | 87.4 ± 1.1        | 76.2 ± 1.2        | 81.8 ± 1.2        | 83.5 ± 1.5        | 79.4 ± 1.7        | ..                 | 84.7 ± 2.1        | 78.0 ± 1.2        |
| Remote              | 47.3 ± 5.9        | 85.7 ± 10.1       | 66.6 ± 3.1        | 76.0 ± 2.8        | 83.7 ± 3.4        | 77.5 ± 12.7       | ..                 | 59.6 ± 4.5        | 70.4 ± 3.7        |
| Very remote         | 44.8 ± 12.0       | ..                | 48.0 ± 4.1        | 49.3 ± 4.1        | 54.0 ± 10.5       | np                | ..                 | 30.1 ± 3.6        | 43.8 ± 4.7        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>73.4 ± 0.8</b> | <b>89.0 ± 0.9</b> | <b>77.4 ± 0.9</b> | <b>83.8 ± 0.7</b> | <b>85.6 ± 0.9</b> | <b>79.8 ± 1.3</b> | <b>86.1 ± 1.6</b>  | <b>66.7 ± 2.0</b> | <b>80.2 ± 0.9</b> |

(a) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent + 2.7 per cent).

(b) Geolocation data are based on the MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification and represent school location.

(c) Insufficient or no students in an area of geographic classification are tabulated as not applicable.

.. Not applicable. np Not published.

Source: MCEETYA 2008c, *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7*; 2009 Report, table 4A.95.

Table 4A.59

Table 4A.59 Exemptions, absences and participation by equity group in numeracy testing, 2007 (per cent)

|            | Students exempted (a) |        |        | Students absent or withdrawn (a) |        |        | Assessed students       |        |        |                    |        |        |        |              |        |  |
|------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--|
|            | Year 3 Year 5 Year 7  |        |        | Year 3 Year 5 Year 7             |        |        | Indigenous students (b) |        |        | LBOTE students (b) |        |        |        | All students |        |  |
|            | Year 3                | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                           | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3                  | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3             | Year 5 | Year 7 | Year 3 | Year 5       | Year 7 |  |
| NSW        | 1.2                   | 1.1    | 0.8    | 5.6                              | 4.9    | 6.4    | 4.2                     | 4.4    | 4.6    | 28.4               | 27.6   | 25.4   | 94.4   | 95.1         | 93.6   |  |
| Victoria   | 1.8                   | 1.7    | 0.6    | 8.1                              | 7.7    | 8.3    | 1.0                     | 1.0    | 0.9    | 23.5               | 24.3   | 21.5   | 91.9   | 92.3         | 91.7   |  |
| Queensland | 2.5                   | 2.3    | 2.2    | 3.0                              | 2.7    | 2.9    | 6.4                     | 6.7    | 6.3    | 7.7                | 7.6    | 6.8    | 97.2   | 97.6         | 97.4   |  |
| WA         | 0.9                   | 0.9    | 0.8    | 5.2                              | 4.8    | 4.6    | 5.8                     | 5.2    | 4.8    | 12.2               | 13.0   | 12.5   | 94.8   | 95.2         | 95.4   |  |
| SA         | 4.2                   | 3.1    | 2.4    | 3.1                              | 3.7    | 4.0    | 3.3                     | 3.0    | 3.2    | 10.9               | 10.9   | 10.8   | 96.9   | 96.3         | 96.0   |  |
| Tasmania   | 0.9                   | 0.7    | 0.7    | 3.9                              | 4.1    | 6.6    | 6.8                     | 6.4    | 6.6    | 3.3                | 2.8    | 2.9    | 96.5   | 96.2         | 93.7   |  |
| ACT        | 2.1                   | 2.0    | 1.8    | 6.3                              | 5.1    | 7.8    | 2.1                     | 1.9    | 1.6    | 20.0               | 20.6   | 20.3   | 93.7   | 94.9         | 92.2   |  |
| NT (c)     | 1.1                   | 0.9    | 1.1    | 7.9                              | 6.5    | 8.6    | 33.3                    | 34.7   | 32.7   | 28.8               | 30.4   | 27.6   | 92.1   | 93.5         | 91.4   |  |
| Aust       | 1.8                   | 1.6    | 1.2    | 5.4                              | 5.1    | 5.8    | 4.4                     | 4.3    | 4.3    | 19.3               | 19.6   | 17.6   | 94.6   | 95.0         | 94.3   |  |

(a) The percentage of students who were exempted, and absent or who were withdrawn by parents/caregivers, from the testing program. Exempted students are reported as not achieving the benchmark. Absent and withdrawn students are not included in the benchmark calculations. The percentage of exempted, and absent or withdrawn, students is calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on NSSC data, together with the non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs.

(b) The percentage of assessed Indigenous and LBOTE students respectively. The percentages of Indigenous and LBOTE students include exempted students and are calculated as a percentage of the total number of full time government students based on data from the NSSC and non-government students who participated in the relevant testing programs. The specific ways in which Indigenous and LBOTE student information was collected and/or categorised varied across jurisdictions.

(c) NSSC figures have been used for the total number of students in calculation of the participation rates. In the NT, students are tested at year 3, 5, and 7 in urban schools. In remote schools, students are tested ages 8, 10 and 12, not at year level. This may result in percentages for NT not adding to 100.

Source: MCEETYA 2008c, National Report on Schooling in Australia 2007: Preliminary Paper National Benchmark Results Reading, Writing and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7 (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 4A.97.



Table 4A.60 **Proportion of year 6 students achieving at or above the proficient standard in science literacy, by equity group (per cent) (a), (b)**

|                     | <i>Aust</i> |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 2003                |             |
| Male students       | 59.1 ± 1.3  |
| Female students     | 57.4 ± 1.2  |
| Indigenous students | 29.8 ± 4.5  |
| LBOTE students      | 48.1 ± 3.0  |
| 2006                |             |
| Male students       | 54.9 ± 2.5  |
| Female students     | 53.7 ± 2.3  |
| Indigenous students | 25.5 ± 10.0 |
| LBOTE students      | na          |

- (a) Minimum standards like the benchmarks in literacy and numeracy have not been set for scientific literacy. The standard for science literacy is set at proficiency level 3.2 (of levels 1 to 4 or above) a reasonably challenging level of performance, with students needing to demonstrate more than minimal or elementary skills to be regarded as reaching it. Data represent the proportion of students at or above the proficient standard.
- (b) Rescaled data for 2003 were not available for inclusion in this table. Results for 2003 and 2006 are not directly comparable.
- (c) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).
- (d) The proficiency of the LBOTE sub-group, even nationally, was not calculated for 2006 because of omissions and inconsistencies in the data.

**na** Not available.

Source: MCEETYA 2008, *National Assessment Program - Science Literacy Year 6, 2006*, Melbourne; MCEETYA 2004, *National Assessment Program - Science Literacy Year 6, 2003*, Melbourne; 2009 Report, table 4A.100.

Table 4A.61

**Table 4A.61 Proportion of years 6 and 10 students achieving at or above the proficient standard in civics and citizenship performance, by equity group, Australia, 2004 (per cent) (a), (b)**

|                     | 1 or above | 2 or above (a) | 3 or above (a) | 4 or above | 5 or above |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Year 6</b>       |            |                |                |            |            |
| Male students       | 87.2 ± 1.8 | 46.5 ± 3.5     | 6.7 ± 1.6      | 0.1 ± 0.1  | ..         |
| Female students     | 91.2 ± 2.2 | 53.4 ± 3.3     | 9.5 ± 2.0      | 0.1 ± 0.1  | ..         |
| Indigenous students | 72.7 ± 6.6 | 23.8 ± 6.7     | 1.7 ± 2.0      | –          | ..         |
| LBOTE students      | 88.3 ± 2.5 | 47.1 ± 5.0     | 6.0 ± 5.0      | 0.1 ± 5.0  | ..         |
| All students        | 89.2 ± 1.6 | 50.0 ± 3.0     | 8.1 ± 1.5      | 0.1 ± 0.1  | ..         |
| <b>Year 10</b>      |            |                |                |            |            |
| Male students       | 94.2 ± 1.5 | 75.7 ± 2.9     | 34.7 ± 3.2     | 3.7 ± 1.1  | 0.1 ± 0.1  |
| Female students     | 97.3 ± 0.7 | 84.8 ± 2.2     | 43.7 ± 3.9     | 5.9 ± 1.9  | 0.1 ± 0.2  |
| Indigenous students | 86.5 ± 6.0 | 57.8 ± 8.9     | 22.4 ± 8.2     | 1.8 ± 2.8  | 0.2 ± 0.4  |
| LBOTE students      | 94.8 ± 1.6 | 77.2 ± 3.2     | 36.1 ± 3.2     | 4.3 ± 3.2  | 0.1 ± 0.3  |
| All students        | 95.7 ± 0.9 | 80.4 ± 1.9     | 39.3 ± 2.8     | 4.8 ± 1.1  | 0.1 ± 0.1  |

(a) Minimum standards like the benchmarks in literacy and numeracy have not been set for civics and citizenship performance. The standard for civics and citizenship performance is set at proficiency level 2 for year 6 and level 3 for year 10 (of levels 1 to 5 or above) a reasonably challenging level of performance, with students needing to demonstrate more than minimal or elementary skills expected at that year level to be regarded as reaching it. Data represent the proportion of students at or above the proficient standard.

(b) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(c) Geolocation data are based on the MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification and represent school location.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: MCEETYA 2006b, *National Assessment Program Civics and Citizenship Years 6 and 10 Report 2004*, Melbourne; 2009 Report, table 4A.103.

Table 4A.62

**Table 4A.62 Proportion of years 6 and 10 students achieving at or above the proficient standard in information and communication technology literacy performance, by equity group, Australia, 2005 (per cent) (a), (b)**

|                     | Level 1 or above | Level 2 or above | Level 3 or above | Level 4 or above | Level 5 or above | Level 6 or above | At or above the proficient standard |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Year 6</b>       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                     |
| Male students       | 95.5 ± 0.7       | 85.6 ± 2.6       | 45.4 ± 4.9       | 7.9 ± 2.0        | 0.2 ± 0.3        | ..               | 45.4 ± 4.9                          |
| Female students     | 99.0 ± 0.7       | 89.3 ± 2.0       | 52.0 ± 4.1       | 7.8 ± 2.0        | 0.1 ± 0.2        | ..               | 52.0 ± 4.1                          |
| Indigenous students | 93.4 ± 5.4       | 74.8 ± 10.6      | 29.9 ± 12.9      | 1.2 ± 3.0        | 0.1 ± 0.4        | ..               | 29.9 ± 12.9                         |
| LBOTE students      | 98.5 ± 1.2       | 86.5 ± 3.7       | 48.8 ± 6.2       | 8.7 ± 2.6        | –                | ..               | 48.8 ± 6.2                          |
| All students        | 98.8 ± 0.5       | 87.4 ± 1.6       | 48.6 ± 3.0       | 7.8 ± 1.6        | 0.1 ± 0.1        | ..               | 48.6 ± 3.0                          |
| <b>Year 10</b>      |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                     |
| Male students       | ..               | 99.7 ± 0.3       | 91.9 ± 1.8       | 59.6 ± 4.2       | 11.6 ± 2.3       | 0.4 ± 0.6        | 59.6 ± 4.2                          |
| Female students     | ..               | 99.6 ± 0.4       | 94.8 ± 1.7       | 62.9 ± 3.5       | 13.2 ± 2.3       | 0.4 ± 0.5        | 62.9 ± 3.5                          |
| Indigenous students | ..               | 97.3 ± 3.9       | 79.3 ± 10.1      | 35.0 ± 11.5      | 5.8 ± 5.8        | –                | 35.0 ± 11.5                         |
| LBOTE students      | ..               | 99.4 ± 0.6       | 92.0 ± 2.7       | 58.6 ± 5.6       | 12.8 ± 3.5       | 0.6 ± 1.1        | 58.6 ± 5.6                          |
| All students        | ..               | 99.6 ± 0.2       | 93.2 ± 1.2       | 61.2 ± 3.1       | 12.3 ± 1.6       | 0.4 ± 0.4        | 61.2 ± 3.1                          |

(a) Minimum standards like the benchmarks in literacy and numeracy have not been set for ICT performance. The standard for ICT performance is set at the boundary of proficiency levels 2 and 3 for year 6 students and at the boundary of proficiency levels 3 and 4 for year 10 students (of levels 1 to 6 or above). This is a challenging level of performance, with students needing to demonstrate more than minimal or elementary skills expected at that year level to be regarded as reaching it. Data represent the proportion of students at or above each proficiency level and the proficient standard.

(b) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: MCEETYA 2008a, *National Assessment Program ICT Years 6 and 10 Report 2005, Melbourne*; 2009 Report, table 4A.106.

**Table 4A.63 Proportion of 15 year old students achieving level 3 or above in the overall reading literacy scale, by equity group (per cent) (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|
| 2000   |             |
| All students                                 | 69.0 ± 2.4  |
| Male students                                | 63.2 ± 3.3  |
| Female students                              | 75.8 ± 2.9  |
| Students from low socioeconomic families (c) | 54.3 ± 3.5  |
| Indigenous students                          | 38.0 ± 6.7  |
| Geographically remote students (d)           | 47.9 ± 17.2 |
| 2003   |             |
| All students                                 | 69.9 ± 1.9  |
| Male students                                | 62.3 ± 2.5  |
| Female students                              | 77.8 ± 2.2  |
| Students from low socioeconomic families (c) | 56.2 ± 2.7  |
| Indigenous students                          | 38.1 ± 7.6  |
| Geographically remote students (d)           | 53.5 ± 9.0  |
| 2006   |             |
| All students                                 | 65.6 ± 1.8  |
| Male students                                | 58.0 ± 2.4  |
| Female students                              | 73.5 ± 2.0  |
| Students from low socioeconomic families (c) | 47.8 ± 2.2  |
| Indigenous students                          | 33.5 ± 4.9  |
| Geographically remote students (d)           | 48.9 ± 15.7 |

(a) These data are from assessments conducted for the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). PISA 2000 involved sample assessment of approximately 2.3 per cent of 15 year old Australian secondary school students. For further information on PISA 2000, see Lokan et al. (2001). PISA 2003 involved sample assessment of approximately 6.5 per cent of 15 year old Australian secondary school students. For further information on PISA 2003, see Thomson et al. (2004a). PISA 2006 involved sample assessment of approximately 6.0 per cent of 15 year old Australian Secondary school students. For further information on PISA 2006, see Thomson and De Bortoli (2007).

(b) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(c) Two measures are used by the OECD to represent elements of socioeconomic background. One is the highest level of the father's and mother's occupation (known as HISEI), which is coded in accordance with the International Standard Classification of Occupations. The other measure is the index of economic, social and cultural status (ESCS), which was created to capture the wider aspects of a student's family and home background. The ESCS is based on students' responses on their parents' occupations; the highest level of education of the father and mother converted into years of schooling; the number of books in the home; and access to home educational and cultural resources.

(d) The MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification was used to classify the location of the school. Students from schools in remote and very remote areas were classified as geographically remote students.

Source: ACER (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 4A.108.

**Table 4A.64 Proportion of 15 year old students achieving level 3 or above in the overall mathematical literacy scale, by equity group (per cent) (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|
| 2003   |             |
| All students                                 | 67.1 ± 1.8  |
| Male students                                | 67.3 ± 2.4  |
| Female students                              | 66.8 ± 2.5  |
| Students from low socioeconomic families (c) | 47.2 ± 3.7  |
| Indigenous students                          | 30.1 ± 6.3  |
| Geographically remote students (d)           | 51.5 ± 12.7 |
| 2006   |             |
| All students                                 | 66.5 ± 1.8  |
| Male students                                | 68.6 ± 2.4  |
| Female students                              | 64.3 ± 2.2  |
| Students from low socioeconomic families (c) | 50.2 ± 2.4  |
| Indigenous students                          | 32.4 ± 5.1  |
| Geographically remote students (d)           | 44.0 ± 11.4 |

(a) These data are from assessments conducted for the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). PISA 2003 involved sample assessment of approximately 6.5 per cent of 15 year old Australian secondary school students. For further information on PISA 2003, see Thomson et al. (2004a). PISA 2006 involved sample assessment of approximately 6.0 per cent of 15 year old Australian Secondary school students. For further information on PISA 2006, see Thomson and De Bortoli (2007).

(b) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(c) Two measures are used by the OECD to represent elements of socioeconomic background. One is the highest level of the father's and mother's occupation (known as HISEI), which is coded in accordance with the International Standard Classification of Occupations. The other measure is the index of economic, social and cultural status (ESCS), which was created to capture the wider aspects of a student's family and home background. The ESCS is based on students' responses on their parents' occupations; the highest level of education of the father and mother converted into years of schooling; the number of books in the home; and access to home educational and cultural resources.

(d) The MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification was used to classify the location of the school. Students from schools in remote and very remote areas were classified as geographically remote students.

Source: ACER (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 4A.110.

**Table 4A.65 Proportion of 15 year old students achieving at or above the OECD mean for scientific literacy, by equity group (per cent) (a), (b)**

|                                    | <i>Aust</i> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2000                               |             |
| Indigenous students                | 29.1 ± 8.1  |
| Geographically remote students (c) | 51.2 ± 15.4 |
| 2003                               |             |
| Indigenous students                | 25.6 ± 5.6  |
| Geographically remote students (c) | 44.4 ± 12.0 |

(a) These data are from assessments conducted for the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). PISA 2000 involved sample assessment of approximately 2.3 per cent of 15 year old Australian secondary school students. For further information on PISA, see Lokan et al. (2001). PISA 2003 involved sample assessment of approximately 6.5 per cent of 15 year old Australian secondary school students. For further information on PISA, see Thomson et al. (2004a).

(b) The OECD mean is reported here as a national reporting standard has yet to be developed. The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(c) The MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification was used to classify the location of the school. Students from schools in remote and very remote areas were classified as geographically remote students. The percentage of students attending school in a geographically remote area is very small in 2000 (0.9 per cent) and 2003 (0.6 per cent).

*Source:* ACER (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 4A.112.

**Table 4A.66 Proportion of 15 year old students achieving level 3 or above in the overall scientific literacy scale, by equity group, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|
| All students                                 | 67.0 ± 1.7  |
| Male students                                | 66.5 ± 2.4  |
| Female students                              | 67.5 ± 2.0  |
| Students from low socioeconomic families (c) | 50.8 ± 2.3  |
| Indigenous students                          | 34.3 ± 5.6  |
| Geographically remote students (d)           | 47.8 ± 12.9 |

(a) These data are from assessments conducted for the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). PISA 2006 involved sample assessment of approximately 6.0 per cent of 15 year old Australian Secondary school students. For further information on PISA 2006, see Thomson and De Bortoli (2007).

(b) The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(c) Two measures are used by the OECD to represent elements of socioeconomic background. One is the highest level of the father's and mother's occupation (known as HISEI), which is coded in accordance with the International Standard Classification of Occupations. The other measure is the index of economic, social and cultural status (ESCS), which was created to capture the wider aspects of a student's family and home background. The ESCS is based on students' responses on their parents' occupations; the highest level of education of the father and mother converted into years of schooling; the number of books in the home; and access to home educational and cultural resources.

(d) The MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification was used to classify the location of the school. Students from schools in remote and very remote areas were classified as geographically remote students.

*Source:* ACER (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 4A.114.

**Table 4A.67 Proportion of 15 year old students achieving at or above the OECD mean for problem solving, by equity group, 2003 (per cent) (a), (b)**

|                                    | <i>Aust</i> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Indigenous students                | 30.6 ± 6.2  |
| Geographically remote students (c) | 50.1 ± 10.1 |

(a) These data are from assessments conducted for the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). PISA 2003 involved sample assessment of approximately 6.5 per cent of 15 year old Australian secondary school students. For further information on PISA, see Thomson et al. (2004a).

(b) The OECD mean is reported here as a national reporting standard has yet to be developed. The achievement percentages reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, 80.0 per cent ± 2.7 per cent).

(c) The MCEETYA Schools Geographic Location Classification was used to classify the location of the school. Students from schools in remote and very remote areas were classified as geographically remote students. The percentage of students attending school in a geographically remote area is very small (0.6 per cent).

*Source:* ACER (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 4A.116.



**Table 4A.68 Apparent retention rates of full time secondary students to years 10–12, 2007 (per cent) (a)**

|                         | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> (b) | <i>Tas</i> (b) | (c)   | <i>ACT</i> (c) | <i>NT</i> (b) | <i>Aust</i> |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|-------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| All students            |            |            |            |           |               |                |       |                |               |             |
| Government schools      |            |            |            |           |               |                |       |                |               |             |
| To year 10              | 96.3       | 97.0       | 100.5      | 101.9     | 100.4         | 98.5           | 99.1  | 89.2           | 98.3          |             |
| To year 11              | 78.1       | 90.0       | 87.7       | 92.3      | 91.7          | 73.2           | 116.9 | 96.5           | 104.2         |             |
| To year 12 (total)      | 64.5       | 73.9       | 71.1       | 63.1      | 64.0          | 63.3           | 96.6  | 69.4           | 68.3          |             |
| To year 12 (male)       | 59.0       | 66.3       | 66.0       | 57.1      | 57.8          | 54.7           | 93.1  | 69.6           | 62.4          |             |
| To year 12 (female)     | 70.2       | 82.1       | 76.7       | 69.6      | 70.7          | 72.6           | 100.2 | 69.2           | 74.7          |             |
| All schools             |            |            |            |           |               |                |       |                |               |             |
| To year 10              | 97.0       | 98.7       | 101.1      | 102.0     | 101.2         | 99.6           | 97.9  | 88.0           | 99.1          |             |
| To year 11              | 81.5       | 93.4       | 91.9       | 93.0      | 96.7          | 76.3           | 98.9  | 84.3           | 100.0         |             |
| To year 12 (total)      | 69.7       | 80.1       | 78.5       | 70.3      | 72.7          | 65.4           | 85.2  | 61.7           | 74.3          |             |
| To year 12 (male)       | 64.7       | 73.3       | 73.9       | 64.5      | 66.2          | 57.4           | 84.0  | 62.1           | 68.8          |             |
| To year 12 (female)     | 74.9       | 87.4       | 83.3       | 76.4      | 79.5          | 73.9           | 86.5  | 61.3           | 80.1          |             |
| Indigenous students (c) |            |            |            |           |               |                |       |                |               |             |
| Government schools      |            |            |            |           |               |                |       |                |               |             |
| To year 10              | 80.5       | 82.1       | 93.9       | 96.3      | 87.0          | 98.4           | 84.1  | 82.7           | 88.4          |             |
| To year 11              | 46.4       | 69.7       | 76.3       | 75.3      | 68.7          | 47.2           | 63.6  | 83.5           | 65.3          |             |
| To year 12 (total)      | 30.9       | 40.9       | 52.1       | 25.5      | 40.9          | 44.8           | 64.6  | 45.1           | 39.1          |             |
| To year 12 (male)       | 27.1       | 30.0       | 47.6       | 25.0      | 33.3          | 36.2           | 66.7  | 42.0           | 35.0          |             |
| To year 12 (female)     | 34.7       | 51.7       | 56.9       | 26.0      | 48.0          | 54.8           | 62.9  | 48.1           | 43.4          |             |
| All schools             |            |            |            |           |               |                |       |                |               |             |
| To year 10              | 84.0       | 88.3       | 95.8       | 96.2      | 87.6          | 99.8           | 102.4 | 81.8           | 90.5          |             |
| To year 11              | 50.1       | 77.2       | 80.6       | 79.2      | 71.3          | 51.1           | 67.9  | 85.2           | 69.7          |             |
| To year 12 (total)      | 34.0       | 46.1       | 56.5       | 29.5      | 43.9          | 45.5           | 59.8  | 45.9           | 42.9          |             |
| To year 12 (male)       | 30.2       | 37.3       | 53.0       | 29.6      | 35.5          | 38.1           | 64.9  | 44.4           | 39.4          |             |
| To year 12 (female)     | 37.8       | 54.8       | 60.2       | 29.4      | 51.5          | 54.3           | 55.6  | 47.1           | 46.4          |             |

(a) The apparent retention rate is the percentage of full time students who continued to years 10–12 from respective cohort groups at the commencement of their secondary schooling.

(b) The exclusion of part time students from standard apparent retention rate calculations has particular implications for the interpretation of results for SA, Tasmania and the NT.

(c) The small number of Indigenous students in some jurisdictions (Tasmania and the ACT) can result in large fluctuations in the apparent retention rates when disaggregated by sex and school sectors.

Source: ABS 2008, *Schools Australia 2007*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS (unpublished) *Schools Australia 2007*; 2009 Report, table 4A.123.

**Table 4A.69 Apparent retention rates of secondary students from years 10–12, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b)**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> (c) (d) | <i>Tas</i> (c) (d) | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> (c) | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Full time secondary students                   |            |            |            |           |                   |                    |            |               |             |
| Government schools                             | 67.8       | 76.2       | 72.3       | 63.7      | 65.7              | 63.7               | 96.6       | 75.7          | 70.5        |
| Non-government schools                         | 80.0       | 90.0       | 90.1       | 78.8      | 86.0              | 69.0               | 73.0       | 44.7          | 84.1        |
| All schools                                    | 72.4       | 81.8       | 78.6       | 69.5      | 73.3              | 65.3               | 85.9       | 65.5          | 75.6        |
| Full time Indigenous secondary students        |            |            |            |           |                   |                    |            |               |             |
| Government schools                             | 39.8       | 53.0       | 57.5       | 28.8      | 47.4              | 44.4               | 64.6       | 55.5          | 46.0        |
| Non-government schools                         | 59.9       | 78.7       | 77.5       | 43.5      | 77.4              | 42.0               | 38.9       | 39.0          | 60.4        |
| All schools                                    | 42.4       | 56.7       | 61.5       | 31.8      | 50.6              | 44.1               | 59.0       | 50.3          | 48.5        |
| Full time and part time secondary students (d) |            |            |            |           |                   |                    |            |               |             |
| Government schools                             | 70.1       | 78.9       | 73.7       | 65.2      | 85.0              | 91.0               | 96.7       | 79.8          | 74.5        |
| Non-government schools                         | 80.4       | 90.1       | 90.4       | 78.9      | 91.3              | 69.0               | 73.6       | 47.2          | 84.8        |
| All schools                                    | 74.0       | 83.4       | 79.5       | 70.5      | 87.4              | 84.4               | 86.2       | 69.3          | 78.4        |

(a) The apparent rate is the percentage of full time students who continued to year 12 from respective cohort groups in year 10.

(b) Retention rates are affected by factors that vary across jurisdictions, so variations in apparent retention rates over time within jurisdictions may be more useful than comparisons across jurisdictions. Retention rates can exceed 100 per cent for a variety of reasons, including student transfers between government and non-government schools occurring after the base year.

(c) The exclusion of part time students from standard apparent retention rate calculations has particular implications for the interpretation of results for SA, Tasmania and the NT.

(d) Inclusion of part-time students in the calculation of apparent retention rates increases the apparent retention rates in SA and Tasmania due to a significant number of part-time adult learners and other students recorded as year 12 that were not part of the original year 10 cohort two years prior.

Source: ABS 2008, *Schools Australia 2007*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS (unpublished) *Schools Australia 2007*; 2009 Report, table 4A.124.

Table 4A.70

Table 4A.70 **Apparent retention rates of full time secondary students, government schools (per cent) (a)**

|                            | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA (b)</i> | <i>SA (c)</i> | <i>Tas (c) (d)</i> | <i>ACT (c) (d)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2003                       |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| From year 7or 8 to year 10 |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 96.0       | 96.2       | 100.5      | 98.6          | 95.8          | 97.4               | 100.0              | 92.5      | 97.3        |
| Indigenous students        | 81.0       | 74.2       | 91.2       | 93.2          | 83.4          | 105.3              | 96.1               | 86.5      | 87.3        |
| From year 10 to year 12    |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 68.1       | 77.3       | 76.4       | 64.8          | 61.8          | 76.4               | 101.0              | 78.7      | 71.9        |
| Indigenous students        | 36.3       | 43.8       | 59.0       | 25.5          | 32.9          | 52.3               | 88.0               | 51.7      | 43.6        |
| 2004                       |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| From year 7or 8 to year 10 |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 95.4       | 95.7       | 99.2       | 98.7          | 95.8          | 98.0               | 102.1              | 91.5      | 96.8        |
| Indigenous students        | 79.9       | 78.0       | 87.2       | 87.0          | 79.7          | 104.1              | 108.2              | 85.7      | 84.8        |
| From year 10 to year 12    |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 68.6       | 77.2       | 75.0       | 66.7          | 62.9          | 76.5               | 100.8              | 90.8      | 72.0        |
| Indigenous students        | 36.6       | 43.7       | 57.4       | 27.8          | 40.5          | 56.6               | 87.3               | 56.9      | 43.6        |
| 2005                       |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| From year 7or 8 to year 10 |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 95.1       | 96.9       | 98.4       | 99.2          | 97.4          | 99.4               | 100.0              | 91.7      | 97.0        |
| Indigenous students        | 77.6       | 77.2       | 90.6       | 88.7          | 86.2          | 100.8              | 100.0              | 81.3      | 85.2        |
| From year 10 to year 12    |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 68.5       | 77.0       | 72.7       | 66.3          | 64.4          | 67.2               | 99.5               | 76.2      | 71.3        |
| Indigenous students        | 36.3       | 51.0       | 55.0       | 26.1          | 37.5          | 43.7               | 71.4               | 54.9      | 42.3        |
| 2006                       |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| From year 7or 8 to year 10 |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 95.5       | 96.8       | 99.4       | 100.9         | 98.0          | 99.3               | 99.4               | 90.6      | 97.5        |
| Indigenous students        | 80.0       | 85.6       | 95.5       | 92.4          | 80.3          | 99.8               | 87.9               | 85.1      | 88.1        |
| From year 10 to year 12    |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 68.2       | 75.8       | 72.2       | 66.0          | 64.6          | 64.4               | 101.1              | 79.0      | 70.8        |
| Indigenous students        | 35.9       | 45.0       | 57.3       | 32.7          | 43.1          | 37.4               | 66.0               | 56.1      | 44.3        |
| 2007                       |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| From year 7or 8 to year 10 |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 96.3       | 97.0       | 100.5      | 101.9         | 100.4         | 98.5               | 99.1               | 89.2      | 98.3        |
| Indigenous students        | 80.5       | 82.1       | 93.9       | 96.3          | 87.0          | 98.4               | 84.1               | 82.7      | 88.4        |
| From year 10 to year 12    |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 67.8       | 76.2       | 72.3       | 63.7          | 65.7          | 63.7               | 96.6               | 75.7      | 70.5        |
| Indigenous students        | 39.8       | 53.0       | 57.5       | 28.8          | 47.4          | 44.4               | 64.6               | 55.5      | 46.0        |

(a) The apparent retention rate is from year 8 to year 10 for Queensland, WA, SA and the NT and from year 7 to 10 for all other jurisdictions. The apparent retention rate is the percentage of full time students who continued to years 10–12 from respective cohort groups at the commencement of their secondary schooling. Calculations are based on full time student numbers.

(b) Data for WA have been affected by changes in scope and coverage over time.

**Table 4A.70 Apparent retention rates of full time secondary students, government schools (per cent) (a)**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA (b)</i> | <i>SA (c)</i> | <i>Tas (c) (d)</i> | <i>ACT (c) (d)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
|--|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|

(c) The exclusion of part time students from standard apparent retention rate calculations has particular implications for the interpretation of results for SA, Tasmania and the NT.

(d) The small number of Indigenous students in some jurisdictions (Tasmania and the ACT) can result in large fluctuations in the apparent retention rates when disaggregated by gender and school sectors.

*Source:* ABS 2004, *Schools Australia 2003*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2005, *Schools Australia 2004*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2006, *Schools Australia 2005*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2007, *Schools Australia 2006*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2008, *Schools Australia 2007*, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS (unpublished) *Schools Australia* (various years); 2009 Report, table 4A.125.

Table 4A.71

**Table 4A.71 Apparent retention rates of full time secondary students, non-government schools (per cent) (a)**

|                            | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> (b) | <i>SA</i> (c) | <i>Tas</i> (c) (d) | <i>ACT</i> (c) (d) | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2003                       |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| From year 7or 8 to year 10 |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 99.1       | 100.8      | 101.4      | 103.5         | 102.6         | 102.4              | 98.5               | 72.0      | na          |
| Indigenous students        | 92.7       | 80.0       | 113.7      | 98.7          | 84.6          | 109.3              | 76.5               | 27.1      | na          |
| From year 10 to year 12    |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 81.0       | 91.8       | 90.6       | 81.9          | 87.9          | 76.2               | 76.3               | 46.5      | 85.9        |
| Indigenous students        | 54.7       | 48.9       | 67.8       | 44.4          | 71.4          | 60.0               | 57.9               | 28.8      | 55.6        |
| 2004                       |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| From year 7or 8 to year 10 |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 98.6       | 99.9       | 102.4      | 103.8         | 102.7         | 103.3              | 97.2               | 75.1      | 100.4       |
| Indigenous students        | 94.5       | 118.4      | 103.0      | 107.0         | 104.0         | 141.9              | 70.6               | 31.8      | 92.0        |
| From year 10 to year 12    |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 81.3       | 91.9       | 91.5       | 82.4          | 87.7          | 76.0               | 72.6               | 43.1      | 86.1        |
| Indigenous students        | 48.1       | 51.1       | 72.5       | 40.1          | 81.1          | 40.0               | 31.3               | 32.2      | 55.5        |
| 2005                       |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| From year 7or 8 to year 10 |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 98.2       | 99.5       | 102.6      | 104.1         | 102.3         | 102.0              | 98.2               | 99.9      | 100.4       |
| Indigenous students        | 104.6      | 117.3      | 97.2       | 113.4         | 91.4          | 125.0              | 105.9              | 123.8     | 106.2       |
| From year 10 to year 12    |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 81.3       | 90.2       | 91.2       | 82.3          | 86.2          | 69.2               | 74.5               | 54.2      | 85.4        |
| Indigenous students        | 51.1       | 87.5       | 65.3       | 54.5          | 61.4          | 55.3               | 46.2               | 93.2      | 62.1        |
| 2006                       |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| From year 7or 8 to year 10 |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 97.8       | 100.3      | 102.5      | 103.8         | 103.5         | 101.6              | 97.9               | 90.1      | 100.4       |
| Indigenous students        | 117.9      | 140.7      | 103.3      | 119.1         | 96.8          | 110.2              | 113.3              | 104.9     | 110.8       |
| From year 10 to year 12    |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 80.9       | 91.5       | 89.4       | 80.1          | 86.6          | 66.4               | 74.6               | 42.4      | 84.9        |
| Indigenous students        | 52.9       | 66.7       | 70.3       | 42.6          | 65.4          | 36.4               | 33.3               | 74.3      | 59.7        |
| 2007                       |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| From year 7or 8 to year 10 |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 98.0       | 101.3      | 102.1      | 102.3         | 102.6         | 102.3              | 96.6               | 85.5      | 100.4       |
| Indigenous students        | 114.7      | 156.3      | 104.0      | 95.8          | 93.0          | 111.6              | 163.2              | 79.6      | 102.3       |
| From year 10 to year 12    |            |            |            |               |               |                    |                    |           |             |
| All students               | 80.0       | 90.0       | 90.1       | 78.8          | 86.0          | 69.0               | 73.0               | 44.7      | 84.1        |
| Indigenous students        | 59.9       | 78.7       | 77.5       | 43.5          | 77.4          | 42.0               | 38.9               | 39.0      | 60.4        |

(a) The apparent retention rate is from year 8 to year 10 for Queensland, WA, SA and the NT and from year 7 to 10 for all other jurisdictions. The apparent retention rate is the percentage of full time students who continued to years 10–12 from respective cohort groups at the commencement of their secondary schooling. Calculations are based on full time student numbers.

(b) Data for WA have been affected by changes in scope and coverage over time.

**Table 4A.71 Apparent retention rates of full time secondary students, non-government schools (per cent) (a)**

|     | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> (b) | <i>SA</i> (c) | <i>Tas</i> (c) | (d) | <i>ACT</i> (c) | (d) | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----|----------------|-----|-----------|-------------|
| (c) | The exclusion of part time students from standard apparent retention rate calculations has particular implications for the interpretation of results for SA, Tasmania and the NT.                      |            |            |               |               |                |     |                |     |           |             |
| (d) | The small number of Indigenous students in some jurisdictions (the ACT and Tasmania) can result in large fluctuations in the apparent retention rates when disaggregated by gender and school sectors. |            |            |               |               |                |     |                |     |           |             |
|     | na Not available.  |            |            |               |               |                |     |                |     |           |             |

*Source:* ABS 2004, *Schools Australia* 2003, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2005, *Schools Australia* 2004, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2006, *Schools Australia* 2005, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2007, *Schools Australia* 2006, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2008, *Schools Australia* 2007, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS (unpublished) *Schools Australia* (various years); 2009 Report, table 4A.126.

Table 4A.72

Table 4A.72 **Apparent retention rates of full time secondary students, all schools (per cent) (a)**

|                            | NSW  | Vic  | Qld   | WA (b) | SA (c) | Tas (c) | (d) ACT (d) | NT (c) | Aust |
|----------------------------|------|------|-------|--------|--------|---------|-------------|--------|------|
| 2003                       |      |      |       |        |        |         |             |        |      |
| From year 7or 8 to year 10 |      |      |       |        |        |         |             |        |      |
| All students               | 97.1 | 98.0 | 100.8 | 100.4  | 98.1   | 98.9    | 99.3        | 85.0   | 98.5 |
| Indigenous students        | 82.1 | 74.8 | 94.9  | 94.0   | 83.5   | 105.8   | 91.2        | 61.0   | 87.2 |
| From year 10 to year 12    |      |      |       |        |        |         |             |        |      |
| All students               | 72.7 | 82.9 | 81.5  | 70.6   | 70.8   | 76.2    | 90.3        | 68.7   | 76.9 |
| Indigenous students        | 38.4 | 44.4 | 60.8  | 29.3   | 36.6   | 53.1    | 79.7        | 44.3   | 45.7 |
| 2004                       |      |      |       |        |        |         |             |        |      |
| From year 7or 8 to year 10 |      |      |       |        |        |         |             |        |      |
| All students               | 96.6 | 97.3 | 100.3 | 100.5  | 98.2   | 99.6    | 99.8        | 85.9   | 98.1 |
| Indigenous students        | 81.2 | 81.1 | 90.2  | 90.2   | 81.9   | 107.0   | 98.5        | 68.9   | 85.8 |
| From year 10 to year 12    |      |      |       |        |        |         |             |        |      |
| All students               | 73.2 | 83.0 | 80.8  | 72.4   | 71.6   | 76.3    | 88.4        | 75.2   | 77.1 |
| Indigenous students        | 37.8 | 44.7 | 60.8  | 30.1   | 44.2   | 54.5    | 74.6        | 49.2   | 45.7 |
| 2005                       |      |      |       |        |        |         |             |        |      |
| From year 7or 8 to year 10 |      |      |       |        |        |         |             |        |      |
| All students               | 96.3 | 98.0 | 99.9  | 101.0  | 99.1   | 100.2   | 99.2        | 94.2   | 98.3 |
| Indigenous students        | 80.2 | 81.2 | 91.8  | 92.8   | 86.7   | 103.2   | 101.2       | 91.2   | 88.3 |
| From year 10 to year 12    |      |      |       |        |        |         |             |        |      |
| All students               | 73.2 | 82.2 | 79.3  | 72.2   | 72.1   | 67.8    | 88.1        | 69.5   | 76.5 |
| Indigenous students        | 37.9 | 55.4 | 57.0  | 30.7   | 39.9   | 45.2    | 66.1        | 62.2   | 45.3 |
| 2006                       |      |      |       |        |        |         |             |        |      |
| From year 7or 8 to year 10 |      |      |       |        |        |         |             |        |      |
| All students               | 96.4 | 98.2 | 100.5 | 102.0  | 100.1  | 99.9    | 98.7        | 90.4   | 98.6 |
| Indigenous students        | 83.7 | 91.1 | 96.9  | 96.6   | 82.0   | 100.9   | 92.6        | 89.4   | 91.4 |
| From year 10 to year 12    |      |      |       |        |        |         |             |        |      |
| All students               | 73.0 | 82.1 | 78.3  | 71.4   | 72.7   | 65.0    | 88.9        | 68.0   | 76.1 |
| Indigenous students        | 37.7 | 47.4 | 60.1  | 34.6   | 45.7   | 37.3    | 60.0        | 58.8   | 46.7 |
| 2007                       |      |      |       |        |        |         |             |        |      |
| From year 7or 8 to year 10 |      |      |       |        |        |         |             |        |      |
| All students               | 97.0 | 98.7 | 101.1 | 102.0  | 101.2  | 99.6    | 97.9        | 88.0   | 99.1 |
| Indigenous students        | 84.0 | 88.3 | 95.8  | 96.2   | 87.6   | 99.8    | 102.4       | 81.8   | 90.5 |
| From year 10 to year 12    |      |      |       |        |        |         |             |        |      |
| All students               | 72.4 | 81.8 | 78.6  | 69.5   | 73.3   | 65.3    | 85.9        | 65.5   | 75.6 |
| Indigenous students        | 42.4 | 56.7 | 61.5  | 31.8   | 50.6   | 44.1    | 59.0        | 50.3   | 48.5 |

(a) The apparent retention rate is from year 8 to year 10 for Queensland, WA, SA and the NT and from year 7 to 10 for all other jurisdictions. The apparent retention rate is the percentage of full time students who continued to years 10–12 from respective cohort groups at the commencement of their secondary schooling. Calculations are based on full time student numbers.

(b) Data for WA have been affected by changes in scope and coverage over time.

**Table 4A.72 Apparent retention rates of full time secondary students, all schools (per cent) (a)**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA (b)</i> | <i>SA (c)</i> | <i>Tas (c) (d)</i> | <i>ACT (d)</i> | <i>NT (c)</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
|--|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|

(c) The exclusion of part time students from standard apparent retention rate calculations has particular implications for the interpretation of results for SA, Tasmania and the NT.

(d) The small number of Indigenous students in some jurisdictions (Tasmania and the ACT) can result in large fluctuations in the apparent retention rates when disaggregated by gender and school sectors.

*Source:* ABS 2004, *Schools Australia* 2003, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2005, *Schools Australia* 2004, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2006, *Schools Australia* 2005, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2007, *Schools Australia* 2006, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS 2008, *Schools Australia* 2007, Cat. no. 4221.0; ABS (unpublished) *Schools Australia* (various years); 2009 Report, table 4A.127.



Table 4A.73

Table 4A.73 Student attendance rates, government schools, by Indigenous status, 2007 (per cent)

|                | Year 1    | Year 2    | Year 3    | Year 4    | Year 5    | Year 6    | Year 7    | Year 8    | Year 9    | Year 10   | Primary<br>Ungraded | Secondary<br>Ungraded |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>NSW</b>     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                     |                       |
| Indigenous     | 88        | 89        | 89        | 89        | 89        | 89        | 84        | 81        | 78        | 81        | 85                  | 76                    |
| Non-Indigenous | 94        | 94        | 95        | 95        | 94        | 94        | 93        | 91        | 90        | 89        | 92                  | 86                    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>91</b>           | <b>84</b>             |
| <b>Vic</b>     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                     |                       |
| Indigenous     | 89        | 89        | 90        | 90        | 90        | 89        | 87        | 85        | 81        | 83        | 84                  | 84                    |
| Non-Indigenous | 94        | 95        | 95        | 95        | 95        | 95        | 94        | 92        | 91        | 91        | 90                  | 90                    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>94</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>90</b>           | <b>90</b>             |
| <b>Qld</b>     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                     |                       |
| Indigenous     | 87        | 87        | 87        | 88        | 88        | 88        | 87        | 84        | 80        | 78        | 84                  | 94                    |
| Non-Indigenous | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 92        | 89        | 88        | 90                  | 88                    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>87</b> | <b>89</b>           | <b>90</b>             |
| <b>WA</b>      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                     |                       |
| Indigenous     | 78        | 80        | 82        | 82        | 82        | 83        | 82        | 75        | 68        | 64        | ..                  | ..                    |
| Non-Indigenous | 93        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 92        | 90        | 88        | ..                  | 96                    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>92</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>86</b> | <b>..</b>           | <b>96</b>             |
| <b>SA</b>      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                     |                       |
| Indigenous     | 83        | 85        | 86        | 85        | 86        | 84        | 84        | 78        | 74        | 75        | 81                  | 74                    |
| Non-Indigenous | 93        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 93        | 93        | 93        | 91        | 89        | 87        | 93                  | 91                    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>87</b> | <b>93</b>           | <b>90</b>             |
| <b>Tas</b>     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                     |                       |
| Indigenous     | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 93        | 93        | 91        | 88        | 85        | 83        | ..                  | ..                    |
| Non-Indigenous | 95        | 95        | 96        | 96        | 95        | 95        | 94        | 92        | 90        | 88        | ..                  | ..                    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>..</b>           | <b>..</b>             |

Table 4A.73

Table 4A.73 Student attendance rates, government schools, by Indigenous status, 2007 (per cent)

|                | Year 1    | Year 2    | Year 3    | Year 4    | Year 5    | Year 6    | Year 7    | Year 8    | Year 9    | Year 10   | Primary Ungraded | Secondary Ungraded |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|
| ACT            |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |                    |
| Indigenous     | 90        | 88        | 88        | 89        | 88        | 87        | 86        | 85        | 81        | 81        | 81               | ..                 |
| Non-Indigenous | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 92        | 92        | 90        | 88        | 88        | 88               | ..                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>93</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>88</b>        | <b>..</b>          |
| NT             |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |                    |
| Indigenous     | 71        | 72        | 73        | 75        | 75        | 75        | 75        | 75        | 71        | 69        | 74               | 69                 |
| Non-Indigenous | 91        | 93        | 93        | 93        | 93        | 93        | 92        | 92        | 89        | 88        | ..               | 95                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>82</b> | <b>83</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>85</b> | <b>85</b> | <b>85</b> | <b>85</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>82</b> | <b>81</b> | <b>75</b>        | <b>87</b>          |

(a) See source for detailed explanatory notes regarding data.

.. Not applicable.

Source: MCEEETYA (2009) *2007 National Report on Schooling in Australia: Participation, attainment and attendance chapter*, Melbourne; 2009 Report, table 4A.135.

Table 4A.74

Table 4A.74 Student attendance rates, independent schools, by Indigenous status, 2007 (per cent)

|                | Year 1    | Year 2    | Year 3    | Year 4    | Year 5    | Year 6    | Year 7    | Year 8    | Year 9    | Year 10   | Primary Ungraded | Secondary Ungraded |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>NSW</b>     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |                    |
| Indigenous     | 92        | 87        | 93        | 90        | 92        | 93        | 88        | 87        | 89        | 80        | 95               | 100                |
| Non-Indigenous | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 93        | 93        | 92        | 94               | 92                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>94</b>        | <b>92</b>          |
| <b>Vic</b>     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |                    |
| Indigenous     | 78        | 93        | 83        | 82        | 79        | 96        | 84        | 69        | 85        | 67        | ..               | 53                 |
| Non-Indigenous | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 95        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 79               | 80                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>79</b>        | <b>79</b>          |
| <b>Qld</b>     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |                    |
| Indigenous     | 87        | 79        | 86        | 82        | 82        | 81        | 82        | 84        | 77        | 72        | 81               | 71                 |
| Non-Indigenous | 93        | 93        | 94        | 93        | 94        | 94        | 93        | 92        | 92        | 92        | 94               | 81                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>94</b>        | <b>79</b>          |
| <b>WA</b>      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |                    |
| Indigenous     | 67        | 75        | 71        | 74        | 72        | 72        | 78        | 83        | 75        | 72        | ..               | 33                 |
| Non-Indigenous | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 95        | 94        | 95        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94               | 48                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b>        | <b>44</b>          |
| <b>SA</b>      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |                    |
| Indigenous     | 86        | 83        | 88        | 93        | 89        | 91        | 83        | 86        | 90        | 87        | 75               | 100                |
| Non-Indigenous | 93        | 95        | 95        | 95        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 93        | 92        | 95               | 95                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>93</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>95</b>        | <b>95</b>          |
| <b>Tas</b>     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |                    |
| Indigenous     | 98        | 97        | 95        | 88        | 91        | 97        | 88        | 94        | 90        | 99        | ..               | 65                 |
| Non-Indigenous | 94        | 95        | 95        | 95        | 95        | 95        | 95        | 94        | 95        | 93        | 96               | 99                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>94</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>96</b>        | <b>99</b>          |

Table 4A.74

Table 4A.74 Student attendance rates, independent schools, by Indigenous status, 2007 (per cent)

|                | Year 1    | Year 2    | Year 3    | Year 4    | Year 5    | Year 6    | Year 7    | Year 8    | Year 9    | Year 10   | Primary Ungraded | Secondary Ungraded |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|
| ACT            |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |                    |
| Indigenous     | 90        | 88        | 95        | 98        | 99        | 80        | 78        | 86        | 62        | 93        | ..               | ..                 |
| Non-Indigenous | 94        | 95        | 95        | 94        | 95        | 95        | 94        | 93        | 92        | 91        | ..               | ..                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>94</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>..</b>        | <b>..</b>          |
| NT             |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |                    |
| Indigenous     | 76        | 75        | 76        | 79        | 82        | 86        | 94        | 91        | 84        | 84        | ..               | 63                 |
| Non-Indigenous | 93        | 95        | 92        | 94        | 92        | 93        | 95        | 94        | 94        | 93        | 95               | ..                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>90</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>95</b>        | <b>63</b>          |

(a) See source for detailed explanatory notes regarding data.

.. Not applicable.

Source: MCEEETYA (2009) 2007 National Report on Schooling in Australia: Participation, attainment and attendance chapter, Melbourne; 2009 Report, table 4A.137.

Table 4A.75

Table 4A.75 Student attendance rates, Catholic schools, by Indigenous status, 2007 (per cent)

|                | Year 1    | Year 2    | Year 3    | Year 4    | Year 5    | Year 6    | Year 7    | Year 8    | Year 9    | Year 10   | Primary<br>Ungraded | Secondary<br>Ungraded |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>NSW</b>     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                     |                       |
| Indigenous     | 88        | 88        | 89        | 90        | 89        | 89        | 88        | 86        | 85        | 85        | 89                  | ..                    |
| Non-Indigenous | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 95        | 94        | 94        | 93        | 93        | 93        | 94                  | 55                    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>94</b>           | <b>55</b>             |
| <b>Vic</b>     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                     |                       |
| Indigenous     | 88        | 78        | 88        | 85        | 83        | 83        | 77        | 81        | 82        | 76        | 65                  | 76                    |
| Non-Indigenous | 93        | 93        | 93        | 94        | 93        | 93        | 94        | 93        | 92        | 91        | 87                  | 68                    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>87</b>           | <b>68</b>             |
| <b>Qld</b>     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                     |                       |
| Indigenous     | 86        | 89        | 88        | 87        | 88        | 87        | 90        | 89        | 86        | 83        | 100                 | 60                    |
| Non-Indigenous | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 95        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 93        | 92        | 91                  | 90                    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>93</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>91</b>           | <b>82</b>             |
| <b>WA</b>      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                     |                       |
| Indigenous     | 76        | 79        | 75        | 80        | 77        | 78        | 76        | 82        | 83        | 83        | ..                  | ..                    |
| Non-Indigenous | 92        | 92        | 92        | 93        | 93        | 93        | 93        | 93        | 92        | 92        | 92                  | ..                    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>91</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>86</b>           | <b>..</b>             |
| <b>SA</b>      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                     |                       |
| Indigenous     | 92        | 92        | 93        | 91        | 95        | 93        | 92        | 85        | 85        | 89        | ..                  | ..                    |
| Non-Indigenous | 94        | 95        | 95        | 95        | 95        | 95        | 95        | 94        | 93        | 93        | 95                  | 95                    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>94</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>95</b>           | <b>95</b>             |
| <b>Tas</b>     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                     |                       |
| Indigenous     | 85        | 91        | 88        | 90        | 96        | 93        | 92        | 93        | 89        | 88        | ..                  | ..                    |
| Non-Indigenous | 89        | 89        | 89        | 91        | 90        | 90        | 89        | 88        | 87        | 86        | ..                  | ..                    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>89</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>87</b> | <b>86</b> | <b>..</b>           | <b>..</b>             |

Table 4A.75

Table 4A.75 Student attendance rates, Catholic schools, by Indigenous status, 2007 (per cent)

|                | Year 1    | Year 2    | Year 3    | Year 4    | Year 5    | Year 6    | Year 7    | Year 8    | Year 9    | Year 10   | Primary Ungraded | Secondary Ungraded |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|
| ACT            |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |                    |
| Indigenous     | 90        | 94        | 92        | 84        | 77        | 94        | 91        | 94        | 91        | 87        | ..               | ..                 |
| Non-Indigenous | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 94        | 93        | 93        | 90        | 90        | 88        | 96               | ..                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>96</b>        | <b>..</b>          |
| NT             |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |                    |
| Indigenous     | 85        | 84        | 84        | 85        | 85        | 87        | 79        | 86        | 89        | 83        | ..               | ..                 |
| Non-Indigenous | 91        | 89        | 91        | 89        | 90        | 89        | 89        | 89        | 90        | 90        | ..               | ..                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>90</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>87</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>..</b>        | <b>..</b>          |

(a) See source for detailed explanatory notes regarding data.

.. Not applicable.

Source: MCEEETYA (2009) *2007 National Report on Schooling in Australia: Participation, attainment and attendance chapter*, Melbourne; 2009 Report, table 4A.139.

## 5A Vocational education and training — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 5.6 of the chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report). Data in this Report are examined by the Vocational Education and Training Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat. A peer review process is also undertaken by the Vocational Education and Training Working Group in the development of the data definitions. Unsourced information was obtained from the Australian, State and Territory governments.

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When adjustments have been made for inflation in the following tables the gross domestic product (GDP) chain price index has been used (2009 Report, table 5A.76).

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Table 5A.1

Table 5A.1 VET participation by Indigenous status, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b)

|   | NSW (c)      | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA (d)       | Tas          | ACT          | NT           | Aust         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Proportion of VET students, all ages                  |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Reported as Indigenous                                | 4.5          | 1.3          | 6.3          | 6.8          | 4.4          | 3.8          | 1.6          | 47.4         | 4.9          |
| Reported as non-Indigenous                            | 87.4         | 94.4         | 83.5         | 76.0         | 85.4         | 94.3         | 90.7         | 52.0         | 86.9         |
| Indigenous status not reported                        | 8.1          | 4.2          | 10.1         | 17.2         | 10.3         | 1.9          | 7.7          | 0.6          | 8.2          |
| <b>All students</b>                                   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Adjusted for not reported                             | 4.9          | 1.4          | 7.1          | 8.2          | 4.9          | 3.9          | 1.8          | 47.7         | 5.4          |
| Proportion of total population reported as Indigenous |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Proportion of people                                  | 2.1          | 0.6          | 3.3          | 3.4          | 1.8          | 3.8          | 1.3          | 28.5         | 2.4          |
| Participation rate (e)                                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous students                                   | 22.6         | 20.1         | 15.5         | 16.1         | 23.1         | 10.0         | 13.1         | 25.4         | 19.4         |
| All 15–64 year old students                           | 9.1          | 7.9          | 7.0          | 7.1          | 8.3          | 9.0          | 8.6          | 13.1         | 8.2          |

(a) Information about student participation in Australia's vocational education and training system is gathered annually through a national data collection. The collection is undertaken under a national standard (AVETMISS) where all Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) who receive public funding for the provision of training to students are required to provide detailed information about the students that they have trained. Under current arrangements, private RTOs are required only to provide details of the students that they have trained using funds sourced from direct government VET funding. On the other hand, publicly owned training providers (such as TAFE) are required to report information on all of their students and from all funding sources (i.e. including fee-for-service training).

As a consequence, the information reported here significantly understates the total number of students who participate each year in recognised training under the auspices of the Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF). For example, the national collection currently misses out those who train in enterprise-based RTOs (without direct government VET funding) and those paying fee-for-service to private training providers. Data on participation are limited to students who have participated in Australia's government funded VET system. This excludes students who train under government specific purpose funding, students enrolled in fee-for-service activity, credit transfer activity and students participating in VET programs in schools (except SA — see (d) below).

(b) Indigenous students are those who self-identified on their enrolment form that they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background. Not all students respond to the relevant question on the enrolment form. The non-response rate for Indigenous status for government funded students is as follows: 2003 – 13.8%; 2004 – 13.3%; 2005 – 12.9%; 2006 – 10.6%; 2007 – 8.2%. Care needs to be taken in interpreting these data as the Indigenous population data has a lower age profile than the non-Indigenous population. Participation rates for all ages are likely to differ from participation rates for working age populations.

(c) NSW reported data on two additional programs for the first time in 2006.

Table 5A.1

**Table 5A.1 VET participation by Indigenous status, 2007 (per cent) (a), (b)**

|  | NSW (c) | Vic | Qld | WA | SA (d) | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|--|---------|-----|-----|----|--------|-----|-----|----|------|
|--|---------|-----|-----|----|--------|-----|-----|----|------|

(d) South Australian data now include VET in schools which has been assessed by TAFE.

(e) The Indigenous participation rate is the number of students of all ages who reported being Indigenous as a percentage of the experimental estimates of Indigenous people aged 15–64 years for 30 June 2007 (ABS Experimental estimates and projections, Indigenous Australians, 3238.0; low projection series, tables 25–34, pp. 53–62).

Source: NCVET National VET provider collection (unpublished); ABS (2007) Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2007, Cat. no. 3101.0 (2009 Report, table AA.2); ABS *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders*, Cat. no. 3238.0 (table AA.4); 2009 Report, table 5A.14.

Table 5A.2

Table 5A.2 Load pass rates by Indigenous status (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

|                            | NSW  | Vic  | Qld  | WA   | SA   | Tas  | ACT  | NT   | Aust |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2007                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Reported as Indigenous     | 66.0 | 60.9 | 73.9 | 62.9 | 77.1 | 70.6 | 73.2 | 65.6 | 67.4 |
| Reported as non-Indigenous | 78.7 | 76.2 | 84.5 | 78.3 | 88.3 | 78.7 | 79.5 | 80.4 | 79.5 |
| Not reported               | 76.6 | 78.2 | 80.0 | 71.8 | 84.1 | 82.5 | 82.3 | 75.2 | 77.3 |
| All students               | 78.0 | 76.0 | 83.5 | 76.6 | 87.7 | 78.4 | 79.6 | 74.4 | 78.8 |
| 2006                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Reported as Indigenous     | 65.8 | 65.2 | 72.3 | 59.8 | 75.6 | 72.9 | 64.8 | 61.2 | 66.2 |
| Reported as non-Indigenous | 78.4 | 76.9 | 82.9 | 76.9 | 87.9 | 80.3 | 79.0 | 79.2 | 79.2 |
| Not reported               | 78.1 | 73.3 | 76.4 | 74.8 | 90.5 | 90.4 | 76.8 | 71.7 | 77.2 |
| All students               | 77.9 | 76.5 | 81.7 | 75.5 | 87.7 | 80.2 | 78.6 | 71.4 | 78.5 |
| 2005                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Reported as Indigenous     | 65.0 | 64.5 | 73.2 | 58.3 | 75.4 | 72.9 | 73.7 | 61.8 | 66.1 |
| Reported as non-Indigenous | 78.4 | 76.8 | 81.5 | 76.3 | 87.0 | 79.8 | 79.5 | 81.1 | 78.9 |
| Not reported               | 78.2 | 75.0 | 75.6 | 74.1 | 89.8 | 93.3 | 84.8 | 68.1 | 77.5 |
| All students               | 77.9 | 76.5 | 80.5 | 74.9 | 86.8 | 79.8 | 79.8 | 72.8 | 78.2 |
| 2004                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Reported as Indigenous     | 64.1 | 60.7 | 69.0 | 57.0 | 72.4 | 73.0 | 67.8 | 60.5 | 63.9 |
| Reported as non-Indigenous | 77.8 | 76.6 | 78.6 | 75.4 | 87.5 | 79.4 | 80.3 | 74.5 | 78.1 |
| Not reported               | 78.4 | 74.4 | 78.3 | 74.6 | 89.5 | 90.5 | 81.5 | 82.7 | 77.7 |
| All students               | 77.4 | 76.3 | 78.1 | 74.0 | 87.0 | 79.4 | 80.2 | 69.2 | 77.5 |
| 2003                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Reported as Indigenous     | 61.2 | 61.0 | 69.5 | 56.6 | 74.4 | 75.1 | 63.1 | 60.5 | 63.6 |
| Reported as non-Indigenous | 77.1 | 77.0 | 77.6 | 74.2 | 87.5 | 80.0 | 79.6 | 78.6 | 77.7 |
| Not reported               | 77.0 | 76.0 | 76.2 | 74.2 | 88.2 | 90.4 | 83.1 | 84.1 | 77.0 |
| All students               | 76.6 | 76.7 | 77.1 | 73.1 | 86.9 | 80.2 | 79.5 | 71.5 | 77.1 |

Table 5A.2

**Table 5A.2 Load pass rates by Indigenous status (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

|  | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|

(a) Data are limited to government recurrent funded hours.

(b) Load Pass Rate is the ratio of hours attributed to students who gained competencies/passed assessment in an assessable module or unit of competency to all students who were assessed and either passed, failed or withdrew. Note that previously published figures have changed due to the implementation of nationally consistent nominal hour values. The calculation is based on the annual hours/FYTEs for each assessable module or unit of competency and includes competencies achieved/units passed through recognition of prior learning.

(c) Indigenous students are those who self-identified on their enrolment form that they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background. Not all students respond to the relevant question on the enrolment form. The non-response rate for Indigenous status for government funded students is as follows: 2003 – 13.8%; 2004 – 13.3%; 2005 – 12.9%; 2006 – 10.6%; 2007 – 8.2%.

Source: NCVET National VET provider collection (unpublished); DEEWR 2008, Annual National Report of the Australian Vocational and Technical Education System 2007, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 5A.68.

Table 5A.3

Table 5A.3 Number of VET qualifications completed, by Indigenous status ('000) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

|                            | NSW   | Vic  | Qld  | WA   | SA   | Tas | ACT | NT  | Aust  |
|----------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 2006                       |       |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |       |
| Reported as Indigenous     | 2.5   | 0.6  | 1.5  | 1.4  | 0.8  | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 8.0   |
| Reported as non-Indigenous | 77.3  | 75.3 | 33.3 | 25.8 | 22.1 | 8.7 | 5.7 | 1.9 | 250.1 |
| Not reported               | 17.8  | 6.9  | 3.5  | 5.5  | 1.7  | 0.3 | 0.9 | –   | 36.6  |
| All students               | 97.6  | 82.8 | 38.3 | 32.8 | 24.5 | 9.3 | 6.8 | 2.7 | 294.6 |
| 2005                       |       |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |       |
| Reported as Indigenous     | 2.7   | 0.5  | 1.4  | 1.2  | 0.7  | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 7.6   |
| Reported as non-Indigenous | 88.4  | 75.7 | 28.6 | 22.5 | 21.5 | 7.9 | 6.0 | 1.9 | 252.6 |
| Not reported               | 20.0  | 8.9  | 2.7  | 4.4  | 2.0  | 0.4 | 1.0 | –   | 39.4  |
| All students               | 111.1 | 85.1 | 32.7 | 28.1 | 24.1 | 8.6 | 7.2 | 2.7 | 299.7 |
| 2004                       |       |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |       |
| Reported as Indigenous     | 2.4   | 0.4  | 1.4  | 1.0  | 0.6  | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 6.7   |
| Reported as non-Indigenous | 86.4  | 67.3 | 26.8 | 22.5 | 17.4 | 7.5 | 5.6 | 2.1 | 235.5 |
| Not reported               | 15.4  | 8.2  | 1.3  | 4.7  | 1.7  | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 32.6  |
| All students               | 104.2 | 75.9 | 29.4 | 28.3 | 19.6 | 8.3 | 6.5 | 2.7 | 274.8 |
| 2003                       |       |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |       |
| Reported as Indigenous     | 1.9   | 0.5  | 1.7  | 1.1  | 0.7  | 0.3 | –   | 0.7 | 6.8   |
| Reported as non-Indigenous | 86.1  | 66.3 | 30.7 | 20.9 | 20.5 | 8.6 | 5.3 | 2.1 | 240.7 |
| Not reported               | 17.7  | 10.6 | 2.0  | 4.4  | 1.9  | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 37.7  |
| All students               | 105.7 | 77.4 | 34.4 | 26.3 | 23.1 | 9.7 | 5.6 | 2.9 | 285.2 |

(a) Qualifications completed includes courses accredited or approved by a local State/Territory authority. Represents students eligible to be awarded a qualification. Final qualifications completed data for 2007 are not available. Only preliminary data are available from the 2007 national provider collection.

(b) The number of qualifications completed includes both government funded and non-government funded VET students. Excludes students participating in VET programs in schools (except SA — see (d) below).

(c) 2006 data has been revised. These figures are revised based on additional information which became available after the completion of the 2006 report or as part of the 2007 data collection.

Table 5A.3

**Table 5A.3 Number of VET qualifications completed, by Indigenous status ('000) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|  | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|

(d) Final qualifications completed data for 2007 is not available. Only preliminary data is available from the 2007 national provider collection.

(e) Indigenous students are those who self-identified on their enrolment form that they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background. Not all students respond to the relevant question on the enrolment form. The non-response rate for Indigenous status for government funded students is as follows: 2003 – 13.8%; 2004 – 13.3%; 2005 – 12.9%; 2006 – 10.6%; 2007 – 8.2%.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: NCVER National VET provider collection (unpublished); DEEWR 2008, Annual National Report of the Australian Vocational and Technical Education System 2007, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 5A.69.

Table 5A.4

Table 5A.4 Number of units of competency and modules completed, by Indigenous status ('000) (a), (b), (c)

|                                      | NSW (d) | Vic     | Qld   | WA    | SA (e) | Tas   | ACT   | NT   | Aust    |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------|---------|
| <b>2007</b>                          |         |         |       |       |        |       |       |      |         |
| Indigenous — units of competency     | 54.0    | 16.4    | 51.0  | 27.1  | 11.5   | 5.7   | 0.9   | 27.2 | 193.8   |
| Non-Indigenous — units of competency | 1 274.2 | 1 370.7 | 910.2 | 449.0 | 367.2  | 150.4 | 47.4  | 53.8 | 4 623.0 |
| Not reported                         | 94.8    | 55.4    | 85.8  | 59.3  | 30.5   | 2.4   | 10.1  | 0.4  | 338.7   |
| Indigenous — modules completed       | 43.4    | 4.6     | 11.4  | 7.2   | 6.9    | 0.9   | 0.6   | 7.2  | 82.2    |
| Non-Indigenous — modules completed   | 1 138.2 | 254.7   | 149.1 | 105.3 | 148.4  | 17.6  | 51.9  | 6.7  | 1 871.8 |
| Not reported                         | 63.3    | 10.7    | 16.3  | 14.4  | 6.0    | 0.1   | 0.3   | —    | 111.1   |
| <b>2006</b>                          |         |         |       |       |        |       |       |      |         |
| Indigenous — units of competency     | 68.2    | 15.2    | 45.5  | 26.4  | 10.9   | 5.5   | 1.7   | 25.6 | 198.9   |
| Non-Indigenous — units of competency | 1 867.0 | 1 307.1 | 883.2 | 420.3 | 344.5  | 140.2 | 107.9 | 49.2 | 5 119.4 |
| Not reported                         | 195.6   | 83.2    | 92.0  | 77.1  | 37.9   | 3.8   | 8.2   | 0.8  | 498.8   |
| Indigenous — modules completed       | 17.5    | 4.8     | 11.1  | 6.9   | 7.1    | 0.8   | 0.2   | 7.8  | 56.1    |
| Non-Indigenous — modules completed   | 413.6   | 269.7   | 158.1 | 112.9 | 105.1  | 18.3  | 17.7  | 6.0  | 1 101.3 |
| Not reported                         | 56.3    | 17.4    | 17.6  | 18.3  | 9.4    | 0.8   | 0.4   | 0.1  | 120.3   |
| <b>2005</b>                          |         |         |       |       |        |       |       |      |         |
| Indigenous — units of competency     | 61.4    | 12.4    | 43.9  | 26.3  | 10.3   | 4.7   | 1.5   | 21.9 | 182.3   |
| Non-Indigenous — units of competency | 1 789.4 | 1 217.1 | 792.9 | 400.2 | 330.1  | 128.1 | 94.7  | 44.5 | 4 797.0 |
| Not reported                         | 234.1   | 89.6    | 81.3  | 69.8  | 43.9   | 3.8   | 7.6   | 0.5  | 530.6   |
| Indigenous — modules completed       | 18.2    | 4.9     | 11.2  | 7.4   | 13.8   | 0.9   | 0.2   | 7.8  | 64.3    |
| Non-Indigenous — modules completed   | 419.0   | 320.1   | 158.0 | 123.5 | 119.3  | 20.3  | 19.7  | 6.4  | 1 186.2 |
| Not reported                         | 69.9    | 25.0    | 16.9  | 23.1  | 11.3   | 0.3   | 0.6   | 0.1  | 147.2   |

Table 5A.4

Table 5A.4 Number of units of competency and modules completed, by Indigenous status ('000) (a), (b), (c)

|                                      | NSW (d) | Vic     | Qld   | WA    | SA (e) | Tas   | ACT   | NT   | Aust    |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------|---------|
| 2004                                 |         |         |       |       |        |       |       |      |         |
| Indigenous — units of competency     | 44.6    | 9.9     | 39.6  | 24.4  | 9.5    | 4.4   | 1.4   | 19.2 | 152.9   |
| Non-Indigenous — units of competency | 1 466.2 | 1 181.7 | 729.0 | 372.6 | 323.1  | 123.4 | 103.6 | 45.3 | 4 345.0 |
| Not reported                         | 227.5   | 104.1   | 45.5  | 65.3  | 40.3   | 4.1   | 6.6   | 0.5  | 493.9   |
| Indigenous — modules completed       | 23.2    | 5.1     | 11.4  | 8.9   | 12.8   | 0.8   | 0.4   | 8.3  | 70.9    |
| Non-Indigenous — modules completed   | 497.9   | 377.7   | 176.6 | 131.3 | 135.8  | 20.2  | 22.1  | 6.0  | 1 367.6 |
| Not reported                         | 107.0   | 38.8    | 14.3  | 26.6  | 13.5   | 0.4   | 0.5   | 0.1  | 201.1   |
| 2003                                 |         |         |       |       |        |       |       |      |         |
| Indigenous — units of competency     | 36.9    | 9.3     | 42.3  | 23.5  | 10.9   | 4.9   | 0.9   | 21.5 | 150.2   |
| Non-Indigenous — units of competency | 1 540.6 | 1 115.3 | 775.3 | 333.8 | 327.7  | 125.6 | 91.4  | 45.3 | 4 354.8 |
| Not reported                         | 230.8   | 117.2   | 46.9  | 66.0  | 33.8   | 5.7   | 3.1   | 1.8  | 505.4   |
| Indigenous — modules completed       | 25.1    | 6.3     | 17.5  | 10.1  | 12.3   | 1.1   | 0.3   | 7.7  | 80.4    |
| Non-Indigenous — modules completed   | 576.2   | 469.0   | 208.1 | 153.9 | 135.2  | 21.3  | 22.0  | 5.8  | 1 591.6 |
| Not reported                         | 109.1   | 53.1    | 17.4  | 29.9  | 12.2   | 0.7   | 0.4   | 0.7  | 223.5   |

(a) Government recurrent funded students.

(b) Due to changes in the AVETMISS reporting standard and the method of implementation of these changes by some training providers and states, a large number of Units of Competency that were reported in previous years have not been reported in 2007. In addition, a large number of modules that would not have been reported in previous years have been reported in 2007. As a result, reported Training Package Units of Competency have significantly decreased and other modules have significantly increased in 2007.

(c) Indigenous students are those who self-identified on their enrolment form that they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background. Not all students respond to the relevant question on the enrolment form. The non-response rate for Indigenous status for government funded students is as follows: 2003 – 13.8%; 2004 – 13.3%; 2005 – 12.9%; 2006 – 10.6%; 2007 – 8.2%.

(d) NSW reported data on two additional programs for the first time in 2006.

(e) SA data now include VET in schools which has been assessed by TAFE. To enable comparability of data, SA data for 2003–2005 have been adjusted to include SA VISA (VET in Schools Assessment) data.

Source: NCVER National VET provider collection (unpublished); DEEWR 2008, Annual National Report of the Australian Vocational and Technical Education System 2007, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 5A.70.



Table 5A.5

Table 5A.5 Proportion of Indigenous graduates who were satisfied with the quality of their completed course, by purpose of study (a), (b)

|   | Unit   | NSW           | Vic         | Qld         | WA          | SA          | Tas         | ACT         | NT          | Aust        |
|---|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| VET 2007                                |  |               |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|   | Satisfied with the quality of their training | % 84.9 ± 7.6  | 87.2 ± 7.8  | 91.2 ± 3.7  | 93.7 ± 3.3  | 90.2 ± 8.4  | 89.4 ± 7.3  | 93.3 ± 9.2  | 89.0 ± 7.4  | 88.7 ± 2.9  |
|   | Seeking employment related outcomes          | % 79.9 ± 10.6 | 84.2 ± 10.8 | 91.9 ± 4.1  | 92.9 ± 4.5  | 90.9 ± 10.4 | 87.4 ± 9.2  | 96.1 ± 7.6  | 91.8 ± 5.5  | 87.0 ± 4.1  |
|   | Seeking further study outcomes               | % 90.0 ± 8.8  | np          | np          | np          | np          | np          | –           | 100.0       | 92.6 ± 5.1  |
|   | Seeking personal development outcomes        | % 95.8 ± 6.1  | 91.3 ± 11.8 | 90.7 ± 8.8  | 93.2 ± 7.6  | 77.8 ± 27.2 | 100.0       | 86.4 ± 24.9 | 80.4 ± 22.5 | 91.4 ± 4.5  |
| VET 2006                                |  |               |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|   | Satisfied with the quality of their training | % 96.9 ± 3.7  | 92.6 ± 8.6  | 96.4 ± 2.5  | 94.0 ± 6.3  | 80.0 ± 16.1 | 94.7 ± 7.3  | 88.4 ± 17.4 | 95.5 ± 4.3  | 94.8 ± 2.0  |
|   | Seeking employment related outcomes          | % 95.4 ± 6.1  | 89.5 ± 12.2 | 96.9 ± 2.9  | 92.3 ± 9.6  | 76.8 ± 22.3 | 92.8 ± 9.6  | 84.0 ± 22.9 | 96.9 ± 3.1  | 93.9 ± 2.7  |
|   | Seeking further study outcomes               | % –           | np          | 100.0       | np          | np          | np          | np          | np          | 79.8 ± 25.3 |
|   | Seeking personal development outcomes        | % 98.8 ± 2.4  | 100.0       | 95.2 ± 6.7  | 100.0       | 93.1 ± 13.5 | 100.0       | np          | 89.4 ± 14.7 | 96.5 ± 2.9  |
| VET 2005                                |  |               |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|   | Satisfied with the quality of their training | % 77.5 ± 9.8  | 88.4 ± 6.7  | 92.4 ± 2.9  | 93.0 ± 4.1  | 87.2 ± 9.8  | 79.1 ± 8.6  | 90.3 ± 12.9 | 92.7 ± 4.5  | 86.4 ± 3.5  |
|   | Seeking employment related outcomes          | % 71.4 ± 13.1 | 89.5 ± 7.4  | 90.1 ± 4.3  | 90.1 ± 6.7  | 88.3 ± 10.8 | 74.1 ± 11.0 | 89.6 ± 14.1 | 91.3 ± 6.1  | 82.9 ± 5.1  |
|   | Seeking further study outcomes               | % 88.1 ± 22.3 | np          | 85.1 ± 27.4 | 100.0       | np          | –           | np          | np          | 87.4 ± 14.3 |
|   | Seeking personal development outcomes        | % 93.4 ± 9.0  | 100.0       | 97.2 ± 2.9  | 95.4 ± 4.5  | 77.9 ± 28.0 | 94.2 ± 11.2 | np          | 96.9 ± 4.5  | 95.3 ± 2.9  |
| TAFE 2007                               |  |               |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|   | Satisfied with the quality of their training | % 87.7 ± 5.9  | 93.2 ± 5.9  | 94.0 ± 3.3  | 92.6 ± 4.1  | 94.3 ± 7.6  | 84.7 ± 12.0 | 100.0       | 89.7 ± 5.5  | 90.8 ± 2.5  |
|   | Seeking employment related outcomes          | % 82.5 ± 9.0  | 91.2 ± 8.2  | 94.1 ± 4.1  | 90.4 ± 5.9  | 94.8 ± 10.0 | 79.5 ± 15.9 | np          | 89.3 ± 7.1  | 88.3 ± 3.7  |
|   | Seeking further study outcomes               | % 88.6 ± 10.4 | np          | np          | np          | np          | np          | –           | np          | 91.3 ± 6.1  |
|   | Seeking personal development outcomes        | % 95.2 ± 6.9  | 100.0       | 93.0 ± 7.3  | 94.9 ± 7.1  | 88.0 ± 22.1 | 100.0       | np          | 89.5 ± 11.8 | 94.2 ± 3.7  |
| TAFE 2006                               |  |               |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|   | Satisfied with the quality of their training | % 96.4 ± 4.9  | 93.6 ± 12.2 | 97.5 ± 2.4  | 92.1 ± 8.2  | 77.0 ± 19.6 | 100.0       | 100.0       | 92.0 ± 8.0  | 94.6 ± 2.5  |
|   | Seeking employment related outcomes          | % 94.4 ± 7.4  | 90.9 ± 17.1 | 98.6 ± 1.6  | 90.6 ± 11.6 | 68.8 ± 29.0 | 100.0       | np          | 95.6 ± 5.3  | 94.1 ± 3.5  |
|   | Seeking further study outcomes               | % –           | np          | 100.0       | np          | np          | np          | –           | np          | 76.8 ± 28.2 |
|   | Seeking personal development outcomes        | % 100.0       | np          | 96.9 ± 6.1  | 100.0       | 100.0       | 100.0       | np          | 76.5 ± 29.4 | 96.9 ± 3.5  |
| INDIGENOUS<br>COMPENDIUM 2009           |  |               |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| VOCATIONAL<br>EDUCATION<br>AND TRAINING |  |               |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |

Table 5A.5

Table 5A.5 Proportion of Indigenous graduates who were satisfied with the quality of their completed course, by purpose of study (a), (b)

|           | Unit   | NSW           | Vic         | Qld         | WA          | SA          | Tas         | ACT   | NT         | Aust        |
|-----------|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|------------|-------------|
| TAFE 2005 |  |               |             |             |             |             |             |       |            |             |
|           | Satisfied with the quality of their training | % 88.8 ± 5.9  | 88.2 ± 8.6  | 89.1 ± 4.3  | 93.4 ± 4.9  | 94.2 ± 7.3  | 74.6 ± 15.7 | np    | 97.7 ± 3.3 | 89.8 ± 2.7  |
|           | Seeking employment related outcomes          | % 87.4 ± 8.0  | 90.5 ± 9.4  | 85.3 ± 6.5  | 90.7 ± 8.4  | 99.1 ± 1.8  | 65.0 ± 20.2 | np    | 97.4 ± 4.9 | 87.8 ± 3.9  |
|           | Seeking further study outcomes               | % 88.1 ± 22.3 | np          | 85.1 ± 27.4 | 100.0       | np          | –           | np    | np         | 84.7 ± 16.9 |
|           | Seeking personal development outcomes        | % 94.3 ± 9.2  | 100.0       | 96.2 ± 4.1  | 94.2 ± 5.7  | 77.2 ± 29.0 | 100.0       | np    | 97.1 ± 5.7 | 95.0 ± 3.7  |
| TAFE 2004 |  |               |             |             |             |             |             |       |            |             |
|           | Satisfied with the quality of their training | % 88.7 ± 9.2  | 89.7 ± 12.5 | 91.6 ± 5.7  | 78.9 ± 17.6 | 88.3 ± 16.5 | 94.5 ± 10.4 | 100.0 | 93.6 ± 6.5 | 88.9 ± 4.9  |
|           | Seeking employment related outcomes          | % 94.0 ± 8.4  | 95.5 ± 6.7  | 87.2 ± 8.2  | 90.2 ± 7.4  | 82.7 ± 23.3 | 100.0       | np    | 93.0 ± 8.2 | 91.6 ± 4.3  |
|           | Seeking further study outcomes               | % np          | np          | np          | np          | np          | np          | –     | np         | 94.2 ± 11.6 |
|           | Seeking personal development outcomes        | % 90.1 ± 18.4 | 100.0       | 100.0       | np          | np          | 100.0       | np    | 100.0      | 88.1 ± 13.5 |
| TAFE 2003 |  |               |             |             |             |             |             |       |            |             |
|           | Satisfied with the quality of their training | % 79.4 ± 5.6  | 83.8 ± 7.6  | 88.7 ± 3.7  | 87.7 ± 5.6  | 85.2 ± 6.8  | 89.0 ± 9.8  | np    | 86.1 ± 6.0 | 84.3 ± 2.3  |
|           | Seeking employment related outcomes          | % 75.6 ± 7.3  | 89.5 ± 8.3  | 90.6 ± 4.3  | 87.7 ± 7.4  | 87.6 ± 7.8  | 88.7 ± 11.2 | np    | 80.7 ± 8.3 | 83.2 ± 3.0  |
|           | Seeking further study outcomes               | % 73.3 ± 30.8 | np          | 84.9 ± 18.1 | np          | np          | np          | –     | np         | 84.0 ± 11.7 |
|           | Seeking personal development outcomes        | % 86.6 ± 9.1  | 69.0 ± 18.9 | 86.0 ± 8.9  | 92.4 ± 9.0  | 91.1 ± 11.4 | 100.0       | –     | 95.9 ± 7.0 | 87.2 ± 4.3  |

(a) Data for some jurisdictions are not published due to 5 or fewer responses.

(b) The sample was designed to provide state/territory level reporting in 2004 and 2006 and state/territory and institute level reporting in 2003, 2005 and 2007. A larger sample is required in the institute level reporting years to provide reliable institute estimates. Therefore, sample sizes in 2003, 2005 and 2007 were larger than in 2004 and 2006.

– Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

Source: NCVET Student Outcomes Survey (unpublished); DEEWR 2008, Annual National Report of the Australian Vocational and Technical Education System 2007, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 5A.71.

Table 5A.6

Table 5A.6 Proportion of Indigenous graduates in employment and/or continued on to further study after completing a course (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)

|  | NSW         | Vic         | Qld         | WA          | SA          | Tas         | ACT         | NT          | Aust       |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| VET 2007   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |
| Employed or in further study                     | 81.2 ± 6.5  | 74.4 ± 10.0 | 85.6 ± 4.5  | 84.2 ± 6.7  | 73.7 ± 12.3 | 80.4 ± 10.6 | 89.3 ± 13.9 | 88.0 ± 7.8  | 82.6 ± 2.9 |
| Employed after training                          | 71.3 ± 7.3  | 65.6 ± 10.2 | 76.3 ± 5.9  | 75.6 ± 8.2  | 50.7 ± 14.1 | 65.6 ± 11.8 | 81.0 ± 16.3 | 80.4 ± 8.8  | 72.4 ± 3.3 |
| In further study after training                  | 33.8 ± 8.0  | 32.3 ± 9.6  | 23.8 ± 6.1  | 25.2 ± 7.6  | 36.3 ± 13.3 | 38.2 ± 12.2 | 16.5 ± 13.5 | 33.7 ± 6.7  | 30.2 ± 3.5 |
| At TAFE  | 66.6 ± 15.9 | 57.8 ± 16.3 | 44.6 ± 13.3 | 62.6 ± 12.3 | 61.8 ± 23.7 | 47.9 ± 15.7 | np          | 8.3 ± 6.5   | 53.0 ± 6.7 |
| At University                                    | 5.8 ± 5.5   | 15.1 ± 11.4 | 25.0 ± 12.2 | 11.3 ± 8.6  | np          | np          | –           | 19.0 ± 9.0  | 12.5 ± 3.9 |
| At private provider or other registered provider | 27.6 ± 16.3 | 27.0 ± 14.5 | 30.4 ± 13.9 | 26.1 ± 11.4 | 34.0 ± 23.3 | 42.9 ± 15.9 | np          | 72.7 ± 10.2 | 34.4 ± 6.9 |
| VET 2006   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |
| Employed or in further study                     | 68.3 ± 13.1 | 86.3 ± 12.7 | 81.1 ± 8.4  | 80.6 ± 12.3 | 77.0 ± 17.2 | 84.4 ± 9.4  | 94.5 ± 10.4 | 77.9 ± 10.4 | 77.6 ± 5.1 |
| Employed after training                          | 57.5 ± 13.7 | 76.0 ± 15.3 | 69.4 ± 9.2  | 60.4 ± 14.7 | 55.4 ± 20.0 | 73.0 ± 11.8 | 90.8 ± 12.3 | 73.4 ± 11.0 | 66.1 ± 5.5 |
| In further study after training                  | 33.6 ± 12.7 | 40.1 ± 18.0 | 24.5 ± 7.8  | 39.9 ± 14.7 | 44.7 ± 20.2 | 42.7 ± 14.3 | 42.0 ± 22.9 | 26.0 ± 11.8 | 32.2 ± 5.3 |
| At TAFE  | 59.7 ± 21.2 | 62.0 ± 24.3 | 65.1 ± 16.5 | 61.2 ± 20.4 | 61.9 ± 29.6 | 52.3 ± 22.7 | np          | 13.4 ± 6.3  | 55.9 ± 8.6 |
| At University                                    | np          | np          | 14.3 ± 9.6  | np          | np          | np          | np          | 30.1 ± 19.6 | 17.4 ± 7.3 |
| At private provider or other registered provider | 22.4 ± 18.2 | np          | 20.6 ± 16.7 | 27.8 ± 20.0 | np          | 38.8 ± 22.9 | np          | 56.5 ± 19.2 | 26.7 ± 7.8 |
| VET 2005   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |
| Employed or in further study                     | 80.3 ± 8.2  | 81.9 ± 8.0  | 77.1 ± 5.7  | 85.0 ± 6.1  | 91.2 ± 7.6  | 87.9 ± 6.9  | 80.5 ± 20.8 | 82.0 ± 5.1  | 81.2 ± 3.3 |
| Employed after training                          | 64.0 ± 9.2  | 77.4 ± 8.6  | 69.8 ± 6.3  | 69.4 ± 7.6  | 64.1 ± 13.7 | 73.1 ± 9.8  | 67.1 ± 22.5 | 68.0 ± 8.4  | 68.5 ± 3.7 |
| In further study after training                  | 37.3 ± 9.0  | 28.4 ± 10.2 | 23.4 ± 5.9  | 31.6 ± 7.8  | 49.2 ± 14.7 | 29.0 ± 10.6 | 41.0 ± 22.5 | 36.2 ± 9.6  | 31.9 ± 3.7 |
| At TAFE  | 82.9 ± 9.6  | 45.4 ± 20.8 | 50.6 ± 13.7 | 36.7 ± 12.3 | 59.8 ± 23.3 | 70.9 ± 18.6 | np          | 21.7 ± 10.4 | 58.6 ± 6.3 |
| At University                                    | 6.5 ± 5.1   | 23.5 ± 18.6 | 14.2 ± 6.1  | 16.9 ± 10.0 | 15.1 ± 15.3 | np          | np          | 27.7 ± 11.6 | 13.7 ± 3.5 |
| At private provider or other registered provider | 10.6 ± 8.6  | 31.1 ± 20.8 | 35.2 ± 14.3 | 46.4 ± 14.3 | 25.1 ± 23.5 | 25.0 ± 18.0 | np          | 50.6 ± 12.9 | 27.7 ± 5.9 |

Table 5A.6

Table 5A.6 Proportion of Indigenous graduates in employment and/or continued on to further study after completing a course (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)

|  | NSW         | Vic         | Qld         | WA          | SA          | Tas         | ACT         | NT          | Aust       |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| TAFE 2007  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |
| Employed or in further study                     | 80.6 ± 7.3  | 64.2 ± 14.1 | 86.6 ± 4.9  | 83.6 ± 7.6  | 65.0 ± 17.1 | 72.4 ± 16.7 | 100.0       | 93.5 ± 4.9  | 81.9 ± 3.5 |
| Employed after training                          | 66.8 ± 8.0  | 53.3 ± 13.9 | 74.4 ± 7.3  | 74.4 ± 8.2  | 40.8 ± 16.9 | 50.6 ± 17.4 | 91.2 ± 6.7  | 85.1 ± 6.7  | 69.1 ± 3.9 |
| In further study after training                  | 34.8 ± 7.8  | 29.2 ± 12.0 | 22.7 ± 6.9  | 27.9 ± 7.3  | 40.3 ± 17.2 | 46.9 ± 17.2 | np          | 33.0 ± 8.4  | 30.8 ± 3.7 |
| At TAFE  | 75.7 ± 11.0 | 74.2 ± 19.4 | 56.3 ± 15.5 | 76.3 ± 12.3 | 77.8 ± 21.2 | 60.3 ± 18.6 | np          | 12.2 ± 9.4  | 64.4 ± 6.3 |
| At University                                    | np          | 21.1 ± 18.0 | 29.9 ± 15.3 | 13.7 ± 11.0 | np          | np          | np          | 24.0 ± 12.2 | 14.6 ± 4.9 |
| At private provider or other registered provider | 17.9 ± 9.8  | np          | 13.9 ± 11.8 | np          | np          | np          | np          | 63.8 ± 13.5 | 21.0 ± 5.1 |
| TAFE 2006  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |
| Employed or in further study                     | 69.6 ± 15.1 | 83.7 ± 19.4 | 78.8 ± 10.4 | 87.0 ± 11.8 | 81.8 ± 19.0 | 76.8 ± 13.7 | 100.0       | 79.7 ± 8.4  | 77.1 ± 6.5 |
| Employed after training                          | 57.9 ± 15.9 | 67.8 ± 23.3 | 66.1 ± 10.8 | 67.1 ± 15.9 | 62.0 ± 23.3 | 60.4 ± 16.5 | 84.3 ± 28.4 | 71.5 ± 12.0 | 63.6 ± 7.1 |
| In further study after training                  | 30.0 ± 13.3 | 51.1 ± 25.3 | 28.1 ± 9.4  | 36.4 ± 16.7 | 46.1 ± 23.7 | 41.6 ± 17.1 | np          | 31.1 ± 13.7 | 33.2 ± 6.3 |
| At TAFE  | 73.6 ± 21.6 | 70.5 ± 28.4 | 73.0 ± 15.1 | 69.3 ± 22.9 | 76.7 ± 33.7 | 49.6 ± 27.4 | np          | 13.8 ± 5.9  | 66.1 ± 9.2 |
| At University                                    | np          | np          | 15.8 ± 11.0 | np          | np          | np          | np          | 36.6 ± 27.4 | 15.3 ± 6.5 |
| At private provider or other registered provider | np          | np          | 11.1 ± 12.7 | np          | np          | 43.6 ± 27.6 | np          | 49.6 ± 26.7 | 18.6 ± 8.4 |
| TAFE 2005  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |
| Employed or in further study                     | 80.2 ± 7.8  | 86.5 ± 9.0  | 75.3 ± 6.7  | 80.4 ± 8.2  | 93.0 ± 7.6  | 84.5 ± 11.8 | np          | 89.3 ± 6.1  | 80.7 ± 3.7 |
| Employed after training                          | 58.8 ± 9.0  | 80.6 ± 10.2 | 65.1 ± 7.4  | 63.3 ± 9.6  | 56.5 ± 16.3 | 63.0 ± 16.7 | np          | 74.8 ± 10.0 | 64.3 ± 4.3 |
| In further study after training                  | 43.5 ± 8.8  | 34.4 ± 13.5 | 24.5 ± 6.5  | 29.1 ± 8.8  | 53.2 ± 16.3 | 37.0 ± 17.6 | np          | 46.1 ± 11.8 | 35.9 ± 4.1 |
| At TAFE  | 85.8 ± 7.1  | 54.1 ± 23.3 | 56.2 ± 14.7 | 49.9 ± 16.3 | 68.2 ± 21.6 | 83.6 ± 20.6 | np          | 24.3 ± 11.4 | 67.0 ± 6.1 |
| At University                                    | 7.4 ± 5.5   | 30.7 ± 22.7 | 16.4 ± 7.3  | 14.3 ± 9.6  | 21.7 ± 20.6 | -           | np          | 30.8 ± 13.9 | 14.6 ± 4.3 |
| At private provider or other registered provider | 6.7 ± 4.5   | 15.2 ± 15.9 | 27.4 ± 14.9 | 35.8 ± 17.4 | 10.0 ± 10.8 | np          | np          | 44.9 ± 14.1 | 18.4 ± 4.9 |

Table 5A.6

Table 5A.6 Proportion of Indigenous graduates in employment and/or continued on to further study after completing a course (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)

|  | NSW         | Vic         | Qld         | WA          | SA          | Tas         | ACT         | NT          | Aust        |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| TAFE 2004  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Employed or in further study                     | 69.2 ± 16.5 | 55.3 ± 27.0 | 76.3 ± 13.7 | 84.1 ± 10.0 | 79.4 ± 19.6 | 63.2 ± 21.6 | 100.0       | 81.0 ± 6.9  | 72.9 ± 8.2  |
| Employed after training                          | 60.0 ± 16.9 | 39.0 ± 22.3 | 63.5 ± 13.5 | 65.1 ± 17.4 | 43.3 ± 23.3 | 53.1 ± 22.1 | 100.0       | 71.4 ± 12.3 | 60.1 ± 8.4  |
| In further study after training                  | 34.8 ± 16.1 | 33.6 ± 22.0 | 23.4 ± 9.6  | 36.7 ± 17.4 | 43.2 ± 25.1 | 35.0 ± 21.2 | np          | 36.3 ± 16.7 | 32.8 ± 8.0  |
| At TAFE  | 59.9 ± 28.0 | 79.9 ± 19.4 | 77.0 ± 16.1 | 67.2 ± 38.8 | np          | 70.4 ± 34.5 | np          | 64.3 ± 18.6 | 66.0 ± 14.9 |
| At University                                    | 40.1 ± 28.0 | np          | np          | –           | np          | np          | np          | np          | 21.6 ± 15.3 |
| At private provider or other registered provider | –           | np          | 17.7 ± 15.3 | np          | np          | –           | np          | 33.9 ± 18.6 | 12.4 ± 8.2  |
| TAFE 2003  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Employed or in further study                     | 88.2 ± 5.0  | 94.0 ± 5.4  | 87.7 ± 4.1  | 89.6 ± 5.7  | 86.9 ± 6.7  | 90.5 ± 9.9  | 100.0       | 92.8 ± 4.6  | 89.2 ± 2.1  |
| Employed after training                          | 51.3 ± 6.8  | 67.0 ± 9.6  | 64.2 ± 5.6  | 61.2 ± 8.3  | 65.4 ± 9.0  | 65.4 ± 15.0 | 84.1 ± 27.2 | 68.7 ± 7.7  | 60.2 ± 3.0  |
| In further study after training                  | 48.5 ± 8.4  | 38.9 ± 13.9 | 44.3 ± 7.0  | 54.1 ± 11.8 | 53.3 ± 11.1 | 53.0 ± 20.0 | np          | 59.9 ± 10.1 | 49.5 ± 3.9  |
| At TAFE  | 83.0 ± 9.2  | 72.3 ± 20.7 | 77.3 ± 9.1  | 73.4 ± 15.1 | 68.0 ± 14.3 | 83.8 ± 20.9 | np          | 37.5 ± 14.0 | 72.7 ± 5.1  |
| At University                                    | np          | np          | 9.2 ± 6.3   | 10.9 ± 10.6 | np          | –           | np          | 16.2 ± 10.6 | 9.0 ± 3.2   |
| At private provider or other registered provider | np          | np          | 13.4 ± 7.4  | 15.7 ± 12.4 | 24.0 ± 13.1 | np          | np          | 46.3 ± 14.4 | 18.3 ± 4.4  |

(a) Graduates 'employed after training' and graduates 'in further study after training' are subsets of graduates who are 'employed or in further study'. Graduates can be both employed and in further study.

(b) Data in italics have relative standard errors greater than 25 per cent and need to be used with caution.

(c) Data for some jurisdictions are not published due to 5 or fewer responses.

(d) At private provider or other registered provider' includes private providers, secondary schools, and other registered providers.

– Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

Source: NCVET Student Outcomes Survey (unpublished); DEEWR 2008, Annual National Report of the Australian Vocational and Technical Education System 2007, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 5A.72.

Table 5A.7

Table 5A.7 Indigenous graduates who improved their employment circumstances after training (a), (b)

|      | Unit                         | NSW           | Vic         | Q/d         | WA          | SA          | Tas         | ACT         | NT          | Aust       |
|------|------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 2007 |                              |               |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |
|      | Proportion of VET graduates  | % 55.3 ± 8.4  | 41.9 ± 10.6 | 64.5 ± 6.5  | 65.8 ± 9.4  | 45.3 ± 13.9 | 53.7 ± 12.5 | 63.2 ± 19.8 | 54.5 ± 7.8  | 57.3 ± 3.9 |
|      | Proportion of TAFE graduates | % 52.6 ± 8.4  | 33.6 ± 11.8 | 64.6 ± 7.6  | 64.7 ± 8.2  | 35.0 ± 16.3 | 40.9 ± 17.4 | 91.2 ± 6.7  | 58.4 ± 9.6  | 55.5 ± 4.1 |
| 2006 |                              |               |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |
|      | Proportion of VET graduates  | % 46.8 ± 14.1 | 60.9 ± 17.4 | 56.7 ± 10.0 | 54.4 ± 14.9 | 47.9 ± 19.8 | 63.8 ± 13.1 | 68.5 ± 19.4 | 61.7 ± 11.8 | 54.7 ± 5.7 |
|      | Proportion of TAFE graduates | % 47.0 ± 16.1 | 48.9 ± 25.5 | 53.5 ± 11.2 | 59.2 ± 16.7 | 56.6 ± 23.3 | 51.6 ± 16.7 | 73.8 ± 32.7 | 61.8 ± 13.9 | 52.5 ± 7.3 |
| 2005 |                              |               |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |
|      | Proportion of VET graduates  | % 51.1 ± 9.6  | 65.6 ± 10.0 | 59.7 ± 6.7  | 59.3 ± 8.2  | 61.5 ± 14.1 | 65.7 ± 10.4 | 49.7 ± 23.3 | 55.7 ± 11.0 | 57.5 ± 4.1 |
|      | Proportion of TAFE graduates | % 50.7 ± 9.0  | 70.4 ± 12.0 | 57.5 ± 7.6  | 53.6 ± 10.0 | 52.3 ± 16.3 | 54.6 ± 17.1 | np          | 69.8 ± 10.6 | 56.3 ± 4.3 |
| 2004 |                              |               |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |
|      | Proportion of VET graduates  | %             | –           | –           | –           | –           | –           | –           | –           | –          |
|      | Proportion of TAFE graduates | % 41.6 ± 15.7 | 34.7 ± 21.2 | 47.0 ± 13.1 | 57.1 ± 17.2 | 38.0 ± 22.1 | 48.4 ± 22.1 | 85.6 ± 26.7 | 55.3 ± 12.9 | 45.7 ± 8.0 |
| 2003 |                              |               |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |
|      | Proportion of VET graduates  | %             | –           | –           | –           | –           | –           | –           | –           | –          |
|      | Proportion of TAFE graduates | % 39.8 ± 8.0  | 48.2 ± 12.0 | 52.0 ± 6.7  | 49.6 ± 10.6 | 48.9 ± 10.6 | 47.4 ± 16.3 | np          | 51.9 ± 10.2 | 46.7 ± 3.9 |

(a) Data in italics have relative standard errors greater than 25 per cent and need to be used with caution.

(b) Improved employment circumstances is employment status changing from not employed before training to employed after training OR employed at a higher skill level after training OR received a job-related benefit.

– Nil or rounded to zero. np Not published.

Source: NCVET Student Outcomes Survey (unpublished); DEEWR 2008, Annual National Report of the Australian Vocational and Technical Education System 2007, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 5A.73.

## 6A Police services — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 6.11 of the chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report). Data in this Report are examined by the Police Services Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat. A peer review process is also undertaken by the Police Practitioners' Group in the development of the data definitions. Unsourced information was obtained from the Australian, State and Territory governments.

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Table 6A.1

Table 6A.1 **Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, NSW**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenditure  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Recurrent expenditure (a)                            |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Salaries and payments in the nature of salaries      |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Salaries and related payments                        | \$m         | 1 237.5        | 1 285.6        | 1 368.8        | 1 494.0        | 1 616.0        |
| Superannuation                                       | \$m         | 120.2          | 128.4          | 153.7          | 164.2          | 194.6          |
| Payroll tax  | \$m         | 79.5           | 81.0           | 85.7           | 90.1           | 99.9           |
| <b>Total salaries and payments</b>                   | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>1 437.2</b> | <b>1 494.9</b> | <b>1 608.2</b> | <b>1 748.4</b> | <b>1 910.5</b> |
| Other recurrent expenditure                          | \$m         | 378.4          | 369.8          | 397.9          | 435.6          | 432.7          |
| Depreciation   | \$m         | 69.7           | 76.2           | 86.3           | 98.9           | 105.1          |
| <b>Total recurrent expenditure</b>                   | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>1 885.3</b> | <b>1 940.9</b> | <b>2 092.4</b> | <b>2 282.9</b> | <b>2 448.3</b> |
| Net recurrent expenditure                            |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Revenue from own sources (ROS)                       | \$m         | 40.0           | 36.6           | 46.6           | 84.8           | 118.8          |
| Total recurrent expenditure less ROS and payroll tax | \$m         | 1 765.8        | 1 823.3        | 1 960.2        | 2 108.0        | 2 229.6        |
| Capital expenditure                                  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| User cost of capital (b)                             | \$m         | 67.7           | 72.4           | 77.3           | 81.3           | 85.9           |
| Capital expenditure                                  | \$m         | 77.4           | 109.3          | 110.8          | 137.2          | 142.2          |
| Expenditure aggregates                               |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Total cash expenditure (c)                           | \$m         | 1 893.0        | 1 974.0        | 2 116.9        | 2 321.2        | 2 485.4        |
| Total accrual costs (d)                              | \$m         | 1 953.0        | 2 013.3        | 2 169.8        | 2 364.1        | 2 534.1        |
| Staffing costs                                       |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Average police staff costs                           | \$          | 78 539         | 84 241         | 91 487         | 94 418         | 105 575        |
| Average non-police staff costs                       | \$          | 66 063         | 67 717         | 68 439         | 75 577         | 85 417         |
| Staff by Indigenous and operational status (e)       |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Operational FTE staff                                |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Sworn  | FTE         | 14 141         | 13 796         | 14 011         | 14 691         | 14 560         |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 1 512          | 1 477          | 1 253          | 1 247          | 1 617          |
| Other  | FTE         | –              | 119            | 125            | 124            | 140            |
| <b>Operational FTE staff</b>                         | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>15 653</b>  | <b>15 392</b>  | <b>15 389</b>  | <b>16 062</b>  | <b>16 316</b>  |
| Non-operational FTE staff                            |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Sworn  | FTE         | 868            | 847            | 623            | 642            | 460            |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 2 400          | 2 229          | 2 531          | 2 580          | 2 017          |
| Other  | FTE         | –              | 35             | 27             | 27             | 29             |
| <b>Non-operational FTE staff</b>                     | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>3 268</b>   | <b>3 111</b>   | <b>3 181</b>   | <b>3 249</b>   | <b>2 506</b>   |
| <b>Total staff</b>                                   | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>18 921</b>  | <b>18 503</b>  | <b>18 570</b>  | <b>19 311</b>  | <b>18 822</b>  |
| Indigenous FTE staff                                 |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Operational  | FTE         | 191            | 222            | 246            | 270            | 219            |
| Non-operational                                      | FTE         | na             | na             | na             | na             | 61             |
| <b>Indigenous FTE staff</b>                          | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>191</b>     | <b>222</b>     | <b>246</b>     | <b>270</b>     | <b>280</b>     |

Table 6A.1

**Table 6A.1 Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, NSW**

|                              | <i>Unit</i>   | <i>2003-04</i>   | <i>2004-05</i>   | <i>2005-06</i>   | <i>2006-07</i>   | <i>2007-08</i>   |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Assets by value              |               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Land                         | \$'000        | 266 924          | 270 636          | 292 328          | 363 824          | 358 536          |
| Buildings and fittings       | \$'000        | 409 225          | 439 204          | 478 733          | 513 345          | 553 628          |
| Other                        | \$'000        | 437 038          | 465 771          | 488 092          | 502 327          | 519 508          |
| <b>Total value of assets</b> | <b>\$'000</b> | <b>1 113 187</b> | <b>1 175 611</b> | <b>1 259 153</b> | <b>1 379 496</b> | <b>1 431 672</b> |

- (a) Salaries and payments in the nature of salaries include long service leave, workers' compensation insurance and fringe benefits tax.
- (b) User cost of capital on value of assets (excluding land).
- (c) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, and capital expenditure.
- (d) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, depreciation, and the user cost of capital.
- (e) Headcounts at 30 June for all years except 2007-08 (which are FTE as at 30 June). Indigenous staff for all years cannot be split between operational and non-operational, numbers listed as 'Operational Indigenous FTE staff' are in fact total Indigenous staff numbers.

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* NSW Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 6A.1.

Table 6A.2

Table 6A.2 **Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, Victoria**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenditure  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Recurrent expenditure                                |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Salaries and payments in the nature of salaries      |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Salaries and related payments                        | \$m         | 794.2          | 867.7          | 906.4          | 931.3          | 981.4          |
| Superannuation                                       | \$m         | 86.9           | 94.5           | 101.0          | 114.3          | 116.1          |
| Payroll tax  | \$m         | 43.6           | 46.7           | 49.7           | 50.7           | 53.0           |
| <b>Total salaries and payments</b>                   | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>924.8</b>   | <b>1 008.9</b> | <b>1 057.1</b> | <b>1 096.3</b> | <b>1 150.5</b> |
| Other recurrent expenditure                          | \$m         | 305.7          | 296.2          | 376.5          | 403.5          | 414.2          |
| Depreciation   | \$m         | 21.1           | 27.8           | 35.5           | 44.1           | 54.6           |
| <b>Total recurrent expenditure</b>                   | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>1 251.6</b> | <b>1 332.9</b> | <b>1 469.1</b> | <b>1 543.9</b> | <b>1 619.2</b> |
| Net recurrent expenditure                            |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Revenue from own sources (ROS)                       | \$m         | 11.1           | 10.5           | 34.3           | 17.4           | 15.8           |
| Total recurrent expenditure less ROS and payroll tax | \$m         | 1 196.8        | 1 275.6        | 1 385.2        | 1 475.8        | 1 550.4        |
| Capital expenditure                                  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| User cost of capital (a)                             | \$m         | 32.9           | 33.2           | 45.2           | 53.6           | 50.5           |
| Capital expenditure                                  | \$m         | 69.5           | 61.0           | 119.3          | 101.3          | 62.6           |
| Expenditure aggregates                               |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Total cash expenditure (b)                           | \$m         | 1 300.0        | 1 366.1        | 1 552.9        | 1 601.1        | 1 627.2        |
| Total accrual costs (c)                              | \$m         | 1 284.5        | 1 366.1        | 1 514.3        | 1 597.5        | 1 669.7        |
| Staffing costs                                       |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Average police staff costs                           | \$          | 78 965         | 84 779         | 86 190         | 87 008         | 90 234         |
| Average non-police staff costs                       | \$          | 45 237         | 47 624         | 48 270         | 51 931         | 57 052         |
| Staff by Indigenous and operational status (d)       |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Operational FTE staff                                |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Sworn  | FTE         | 9 981          | 10 097         | 10 420         | 10 657         | 10 554         |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 247            | 296            | 330            | 323            | 354            |
| Other  | FTE         | 145            | 146            | 145            | 146            | 144            |
| <b>Operational FTE staff</b>                         | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>10 373</b>  | <b>10 539</b>  | <b>10 895</b>  | <b>11 126</b>  | <b>11 052</b>  |
| Non-operational FTE staff                            |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Sworn  | FTE         | 319            | 349            | 342            | 336            | 467            |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 1 912          | 1 936          | 1 962          | 2 015          | 2 079          |
| Other  | FTE         | 160            | 211            | 246            | 209            | 157            |
| <b>Non-operational FTE staff</b>                     | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>2 391</b>   | <b>2 496</b>   | <b>2 550</b>   | <b>2 560</b>   | <b>2 703</b>   |
| <b>Total staff</b>                                   | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>12 764</b>  | <b>13 035</b>  | <b>13 445</b>  | <b>13 686</b>  | <b>13 755</b>  |
| Indigenous FTE staff                                 |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Operational  | FTE         | 9              | na             | na             | na             | na             |
| Non-operational                                      | FTE         | na             | na             | na             | na             | na             |
| <b>Indigenous FTE staff</b>                          | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>na</b>      | <b>na</b>      | <b>na</b>      | <b>na</b>      | <b>na</b>      |

Table 6A.2

**Table 6A.2 Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, Victoria**

|                              | <i>Unit</i>   | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Assets by value              |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| Land                         | \$'000        | 175 694        | 179 810        | 177 671        | 219 770        | 227 912        |
| Buildings and fittings       | \$'000        | 340 622        | 322 275        | 444 069        | 541 576        | 522 449        |
| Other                        | \$'000        | 70 658         | 93 327         | 121 129        | 128 556        | 108 883        |
| <b>Total value of assets</b> | <b>\$'000</b> | <b>586 974</b> | <b>595 412</b> | <b>742 869</b> | <b>889 902</b> | <b>859 244</b> |

- (a) User cost of capital on value of assets (excluding land).
- (b) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, and capital expenditure.
- (c) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, depreciation, and the user cost of capital.
- (d) Decrease in operational, and increase in non-operational, sworn staff is due to re-categorisation of training positions from operational to non-operational.

**na** Not available.

*Source:* Victorian Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 6A.2.

Table 6A.3

Table 6A.3 Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, Queensland

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenditure  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Recurrent expenditure                                |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Salaries and payments in the nature of salaries      |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Salaries and related payments                        | \$m         | 664.7          | 711.9          | 776.6          | 838.9          | 917.9          |
| Superannuation                                       | \$m         | 87.5           | 94.2           | 102.4          | 109.7          | 119.9          |
| Payroll tax  | \$m         | 34.8           | 37.6           | 40.7           | 44.2           | 48.3           |
| <b>Total salaries and payments</b>                   | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>787.0</b>   | <b>843.8</b>   | <b>919.8</b>   | <b>992.7</b>   | <b>1 086.0</b> |
| Other recurrent expenditure                          | \$m         | 183.9          | 164.4          | 222.6          | 231.9          | 267.6          |
| Depreciation (a)                                     | \$m         | 38.9           | 45.1           | 41.6           | 54.9           | 62.6           |
| <b>Total recurrent expenditure</b>                   | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>1 009.8</b> | <b>1 053.3</b> | <b>1 183.9</b> | <b>1 279.6</b> | <b>1 416.2</b> |
| Net recurrent expenditure                            |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Revenue from own sources (ROS)                       | \$m         | 29.3           | 37.5           | 50.9           | 55.9           | 67.6           |
| Total recurrent expenditure less ROS and payroll tax | \$m         | 945.7          | 978.2          | 1 092.3        | 1 179.5        | 1 300.3        |
| Capital expenditure                                  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| User cost of capital (b)                             | \$m         | 56.5           | 67.0           | 72.4           | 83.0           | 89.5           |
| Capital expenditure                                  | \$m         | 88.0           | 110.8          | 106.9          | 104.6          | 163.4          |
| Expenditure aggregates                               |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Total cash expenditure (c)                           | \$m         | 1 059.0        | 1 118.9        | 1 249.2        | 1 329.3        | 1 517.0        |
| Total accrual costs (d)                              | \$m         | 1 066.3        | 1 120.3        | 1 256.4        | 1 362.5        | 1 505.7        |
| Staffing costs                                       |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Average police staff costs                           | \$          | 75 564         | 79 285         | 83 544         | 86 038         | 90 481         |
| Average non-police staff costs                       | \$          | 45 246         | 46 731         | 49 542         | 53 308         | 53 878         |
| Staff by Indigenous and operational status           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Operational FTE staff                                |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Sworn (e)  | FTE         | 7 701          | 7 967          | 8 206          | 8 467          | 9 129          |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 1 291          | 1 295          | 1 408          | 1 480          | 1 548          |
| Other (f)  | FTE         | 143            | 148            | 153            | 296            | 459            |
| <b>Operational FTE staff (e)</b>                     | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>9 135</b>   | <b>9 410</b>   | <b>9 767</b>   | <b>10 243</b>  | <b>11 136</b>  |
| Non-operational FTE staff                            |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Sworn (e)  | FTE         | 795            | 798            | 821            | 853            | 566            |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 1 486          | 1 443          | 1 452          | 1 376          | 1 368          |
| Other (f)  | FTE         | 285            | 299            | 330            | 428            | 500            |
| <b>Non-operational FTE staff</b>                     | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>2 566</b>   | <b>2 540</b>   | <b>2 603</b>   | <b>2 657</b>   | <b>2 434</b>   |
| <b>Total staff</b>                                   | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>11 701</b>  | <b>11 950</b>  | <b>12 370</b>  | <b>12 900</b>  | <b>13 570</b>  |
| Indigenous FTE staff                                 |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Operational  | FTE         | na             | na             | na             | 286            | 310            |
| Non-operational                                      | FTE         | na             | na             | na             | 19             | 20             |
| <b>Indigenous FTE staff (g)</b>                      | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>na</b>      | <b>na</b>      | <b>na</b>      | <b>305</b>     | <b>330</b>     |

Table 6A.3

Table 6A.3 **Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, Queensland**

|                              | <i>Unit</i>   | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i>   | <i>2005-06</i>   | <i>2006-07</i>   | <i>2007-08</i>   |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Assets by value              |               |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Land                         | \$'000        | 160 575        | 229 196          | 274 214          | 416 561          | 500 749          |
| Buildings and fittings       | \$'000        | 557 026        | 664 477          | 788 025          | 917 442          | 897 933          |
| Other                        | \$'000        | 149 215        | 173 499          | 117 246          | 119 658          | 220 486          |
| <b>Total value of assets</b> | <b>\$'000</b> | <b>866 816</b> | <b>1 067 172</b> | <b>1 179 485</b> | <b>1 453 661</b> | <b>1 619 168</b> |

- (a) Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis so as to write off net cost or revalued amount of each depreciable asset, less its estimated residual value, progressively over its estimated useful life.
- (b) User cost of capital is calculated at an opportunity cost of 8 per cent per annum on total value of asset holdings (excluding land).
- (c) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, and capital expenditure.
- (d) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, depreciation, and the user cost of capital.
- (e) The Queensland Police's definitions of operational and non-operational status for sworn members vary slightly from the national data dictionary.
- (f) Operational other includes police liaison officers, assistant watchhouse officers, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander police. Non-operational other includes police recruits and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees.
- (g) Indigenous staff numbers relate to those staff who self identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. Queensland Police Service was unable to validate Indigenous staff by operational status prior to 2006-07.

**na** Not available.

*Source:* Queensland Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 6A.3.

Table 6A.4

Table 6A.4 **Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, WA**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenditure  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Recurrent expenditure                                |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Salaries and payments in the nature of salaries      |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Salaries and related payments                        | \$m         | 396.8          | 428.0          | 457.5          | 491.1          | 558.0          |
| Superannuation                                       | \$m         | 36.1           | 45.0           | 44.4           | 47.7           | 53.2           |
| Payroll tax (a)                                      | \$m         | 22.5           | 24.4           | 25.7           | 27.6           | 31.2           |
| <b>Total salaries and payments</b>                   | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>455.4</b>   | <b>497.4</b>   | <b>527.6</b>   | <b>566.4</b>   | <b>642.3</b>   |
| Other recurrent expenditure (b)                      | \$m         | 144.5          | 162.6          | 170.4          | 197.4          | 181.1          |
| Depreciation (c)                                     | \$m         | 16.8           | 17.0           | 20.3           | 28.1           | 37.8           |
| <b>Total recurrent expenditure</b>                   | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>616.7</b>   | <b>676.9</b>   | <b>718.3</b>   | <b>791.9</b>   | <b>861.2</b>   |
| Net recurrent expenditure                            |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Revenue from own sources (ROS)                       | \$m         | 19.2           | 19.4           | 18.9           | 24.1           | 25.1           |
| Total recurrent expenditure less ROS and payroll tax | \$m         | 575.0          | 633.2          | 673.8          | 740.2          | 804.9          |
| Capital expenditure                                  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| User cost of capital (d)                             | \$m         | 23.5           | 27.0           | 31.2           | 37.0           | 41.8           |
| Capital expenditure                                  | \$m         | 57.3           | 43.4           | 82.9           | 80.0           | 65.0           |
| Expenditure aggregates                               |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Total cash expenditure (e)                           | \$m         | 657.2          | 703.4          | 780.9          | 843.8          | 888.4          |
| Total accrual costs (f)                              | \$m         | 640.2          | 703.9          | 749.5          | 828.9          | 903.0          |
| Staffing costs                                       |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Average police staff costs                           | \$          | 80 462         | 86 480         | 89 766         | 94 024         | 99 659         |
| Average non-police staff costs                       | \$          | 56 483         | 58 105         | 58 735         | 61 742         | 64 857         |
| Staff by Indigenous and operational status           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Operational FTE staff                                |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Sworn  | FTE         | 4 449          | 4 507          | 4 555          | 4 597          | 4 813          |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 664            | 692            | 726            | 761            | 866            |
| Other  | FTE         | 123            | 128            | 113            | 76             | 31             |
| <b>Operational FTE staff</b>                         | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>5 236</b>   | <b>5 327</b>   | <b>5 394</b>   | <b>5 434</b>   | <b>5 710</b>   |
| Non-operational FTE staff                            |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Sworn  | FTE         | 378            | 383            | 424            | 474            | 569            |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 376            | 436            | 503            | 580            | 704            |
| Other  | FTE         | 23             | 26             | 32             | 35             | 33             |
| <b>Non-operational FTE staff</b>                     | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>777</b>     | <b>845</b>     | <b>959</b>     | <b>1 089</b>   | <b>1 306</b>   |
| <b>Total staff</b>                                   | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>6 013</b>   | <b>6 172</b>   | <b>6 353</b>   | <b>6 523</b>   | <b>7 016</b>   |
| Indigenous FTE staff                                 |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Operational  | FTE         | 158            | 170            | 169            | 152            | 141            |
| Non-operational                                      | FTE         | 17             | 20             | 14             | 14             | 7              |
| <b>Indigenous FTE staff (g)</b>                      | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>175</b>     | <b>190</b>     | <b>183</b>     | <b>166</b>     | <b>148</b>     |

Table 6A.4

**Table 6A.4 Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, WA**

|                              | <i>Unit</i>   | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Assets by value              |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| Land                         | \$'000        | 91 777         | 100 633        | 97 235         | 130 803        | 169 936        |
| Buildings and fittings       | \$'000        | 200 868        | 215 112        | 233 685        | 288 689        | 340 759        |
| Other (h)                    | \$'000        | 93 128         | 122 361        | 156 116        | 173 268        | 181 612        |
| <b>Total value of assets</b> | <b>\$'000</b> | <b>385 773</b> | <b>438 106</b> | <b>487 036</b> | <b>592 760</b> | <b>692 307</b> |

- (a) WA does not pay payroll tax, however the 'notional' payroll tax rate for WA has been estimated based on 5.5 per cent of payroll costs.
- (b) Includes training costs (previously reported under salaries).
- (c) Depreciation based on the straight-line method of calculation. Data for 2007-08 include \$3.1 million in impairment expense.
- (d) User cost of capital on value of assets (excluding land).
- (e) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, and capital expenditure.
- (f) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, depreciation, and the user cost of capital.
- (g) Employees Indigenous status is provided on a voluntary basis.

Source: WA Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 6A.4.



Table 6A.5

Table 6A.5 **Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, SA**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenditure  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Recurrent expenditure                                |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Salaries and payments in the nature of salaries      |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Salaries and related payments (a)                    | \$m         | 281.4          | 325.9          | 342.0          | 361.2          | 400.7          |
| Superannuation                                       | \$m         | 34.4           | 40.2           | 47.8           | 48.1           | 51.3           |
| Payroll tax  | \$m         | 17.0           | 18.8           | 20.3           | 21.0           | 22.1           |
| <b>Total salaries and payments</b>                   | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>332.8</b>   | <b>384.9</b>   | <b>410.2</b>   | <b>430.3</b>   | <b>474.1</b>   |
| Other recurrent expenditure (b)                      | \$m         | 86.3           | 86.2           | 95.4           | 101.2          | 106.7          |
| Depreciation (c)                                     | \$m         | 9.4            | 9.7            | 12.2           | 12.4           | 15.0           |
| <b>Total recurrent expenditure</b>                   | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>428.5</b>   | <b>480.8</b>   | <b>517.7</b>   | <b>543.9</b>   | <b>595.8</b>   |
| Net recurrent expenditure                            |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Revenue from own sources (ROS) (d)                   | \$m         | 59.4           | 63.9           | 60.1           | 56.7           | 57.0           |
| Total recurrent expenditure less ROS and payroll tax | \$m         | 352.0          | 398.1          | 437.3          | 466.2          | 516.7          |
| Capital expenditure                                  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| User cost of capital (e)                             | \$m         | 12.1           | 11.0           | 10.8           | 11.1           | 13.9           |
| Capital expenditure (f)                              | \$m         | 9.7            | 11.5           | 9.0            | 15.5           | 13.7           |
| Expenditure aggregates                               |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Total cash expenditure (g)                           | \$m         | 428.8          | 482.6          | 514.6          | 547.0          | 594.4          |
| Total accrual costs                                  | \$m         | 440.6          | 491.8          | 528.5          | 555.0          | 609.6          |
| Staffing costs (h)                                   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Average police staff costs                           | \$          | 77 220         | 88 610         | 88 869         | 92 649         | 100 564        |
| Average non-police staff costs                       | \$          | 46 838         | 45 346         | 51 121         | 53 433         | 49 412         |
| Staff by Indigenous and operational status           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Operational FTE staff                                |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Sworn  | FTE         | 3 641          | 3 725          | 3 862          | 3 842          | 3 986          |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 647            | 665            | 720            | 730            | 748            |
| Other  | FTE         | 30             | 26             | 30             | 28             | 27             |
| <b>Operational FTE staff</b>                         | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>4 318</b>   | <b>4 416</b>   | <b>4 612</b>   | <b>4 600</b>   | <b>4 761</b>   |
| Non-operational FTE staff                            |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Sworn  | FTE         | 69             | 76             | 113            | 127            | 130            |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 225            | 228            | 280            | 260            | 282            |
| Other  | FTE         | 86             | 141            | 83             | 153            | 160            |
| <b>Non-operational FTE staff</b>                     | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>380</b>     | <b>445</b>     | <b>476</b>     | <b>540</b>     | <b>572</b>     |
| <b>Total staff</b>                                   | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>4 698</b>   | <b>4 861</b>   | <b>5 088</b>   | <b>5 140</b>   | <b>5 333</b>   |
| Indigenous FTE staff                                 |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Operational  | FTE         | 57             | 55             | 59             | 59             | 58             |
| Non-operational                                      | FTE         | 6              | 2              | –              | 3              | 5              |
| <b>Indigenous FTE staff</b>                          | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>63</b>      | <b>57</b>      | <b>59</b>      | <b>62</b>      | <b>63</b>      |

Table 6A.5

**Table 6A.5 Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, SA**

|                              | <i>Unit</i>   | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Assets by value              |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| Land (i)                     | \$'000        | 23 002         | 36 705         | 33 260         | 33 574         | 54 334         |
| Buildings and fittings (i)   | \$'000        | 130 274        | 103 299        | 98 990         | 100 149        | 139 237        |
| Other (j)                    | \$'000        | 20 820         | 34 228         | 35 564         | 38 633         | 34 046         |
| <b>Total value of assets</b> | <b>\$'000</b> | <b>174 096</b> | <b>174 232</b> | <b>167 814</b> | <b>172 356</b> | <b>227 617</b> |

- (a) The salary increase mainly reflects the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement, and higher employee benefits.
- (b) The increase in 2006-07 mainly reflects a \$2.4m increase due to the first full year impact of the Public Private Partnership agreement, and an increase in Computing expenses of \$3.8m from the previous year.
- (c) Depreciation based on the straight-line method of calculation.
- (d) Revenue from own sources for 2003-04 includes \$11.5 million Commonwealth revenue being reimbursement of the compensation and administrative expenses attributable to the South Australian handgun buyback program, which operated between 1 October 2003 and 31 March 2004, and \$14.9 million increase in funding from the Community Road Safety Fund. In 2004-05, the decrease in revenue mainly reflects one-off cost recovery from the Commonwealth (\$1.425 million) and contributed assets (Audio Management System - \$6.061million and Microsoft Core Licences - \$1.015 million). This is partly offset by increased interest revenue (\$0.694 million), grants and cost recoveries. The decrease in 2006-07 is mainly due to a change in policy (DTF no longer pay interest on balances held in Agencies bank accounts). In 2005-06, the interest received was \$3.4m.
- (e) User cost of capital on value of assets (excluding land).
- (f) For 2003-04, increased capital expenditure mainly reflects higher expenditure on major projects including \$1.5 million on Mobile Data Terminals, Counter Terrorism \$1.0 million, Police Call Centre \$0.3 million and Road Safety Project \$1.0 million.
- (g) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, and capital expenditure. The net cash flows used in investing activities for 2006-07 is mainly associated with the purchase of an aircraft and the Golden Grove and Aldinga police stations.
- (h) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, depreciation, and the user cost of capital.
- (i) Land revalued in 2005 resulting in a \$14.1million increment. For 2005-06, the decrease mainly reflects the transfer of land and buildings as part of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) transaction that occurred in 2004-05. Five police stations were built as part of this transaction. The transfer has been reflected in the 2005-06 financial statements as a prior adjustment to 2004-05. A revaluation of land, buildings and improvements was conducted during 2007-08.
- (j) The increase in 2006-07 is mainly associated with the purchase of the aircraft and donated assets (speed detection cameras).

Source: SA Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 6A.5.

Table 6A.6

Table 6A.6 **Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, Tasmania**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Expenditure</b>                                   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Recurrent expenditure                                |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Salaries and payments in the nature of salaries      |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Salaries and related payments                        | \$m         | 80.2           | 89.3           | 99.8           | 107.6          | 114.2          |
| Superannuation                                       | \$m         | 8.9            | 9.0            | 10.5           | 11.6           | 12.3           |
| Payroll tax  | \$m         | 4.9            | 6.3            | 6.5            | 7.2            | 7.4            |
| <b>Total salaries and payments</b>                   | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>93.9</b>    | <b>104.6</b>   | <b>116.8</b>   | <b>126.4</b>   | <b>133.9</b>   |
| Other recurrent expenditure                          | \$m         | 32.8           | 31.9           | 31.1           | 33.5           | 39.0           |
| Depreciation   | \$m         | 1.4            | 2.3            | 2.6            | 2.6            | 4.3            |
| <b>Total recurrent expenditure</b>                   | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>128.1</b>   | <b>138.8</b>   | <b>150.5</b>   | <b>162.5</b>   | <b>177.2</b>   |
| Net recurrent expenditure                            |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Revenue from own sources (ROS)                       | \$m         | 8.7            | 8.4            | 9.0            | 9.1            | 19.3           |
| Total recurrent expenditure less ROS and payroll tax | \$m         | 114.5          | 124.0          | 134.9          | 146.3          | 150.5          |
| Capital expenditure                                  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| User cost of capital (a)                             | \$m         | 6.0            | 6.7            | 6.7            | 9.9            | 10.1           |
| Capital expenditure                                  | \$m         | 3.0            | 1.0            | 2.5            | 1.1            | 1.0            |
| Expenditure aggregates                               |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Total cash expenditure (b)                           | \$m         | 129.7          | 137.5          | 150.4          | 161.0          | 173.8          |
| Total accrual costs (c)                              | \$m         | 134.1          | 145.4          | 157.1          | 172.4          | 187.2          |
| Staffing costs                                       |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Average police staff costs                           | \$          | 66 439         | 73 369         | 77 536         | 85 469         | 91 531         |
| Average non-police staff costs                       | \$          | 53 992         | 57 843         | 66 441         | 60 969         | 59 644         |
| Staff by Indigenous and operational status           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Operational FTE staff (d)                            |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Sworn  | FTE         | 1 001          | 1 008          | 1 052          | 1 134          | 1 135          |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 216            | 218            | 221            | 241            | 240            |
| Other  | FTE         | –              | na             | –              | na             | –              |
| <b>Operational FTE staff</b>                         | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>1 217</b>   | <b>1 226</b>   | <b>1 273</b>   | <b>1 375</b>   | <b>1 375</b>   |
| Non-operational FTE staff                            |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Sworn  | FTE         | 116            | 126            | 132            | 48             | 46             |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 149            | 152            | 155            | 141            | 146            |
| Other  | FTE         | –              | –              | –              | 34             | 46             |
| <b>Non-operational FTE staff</b>                     | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>265</b>     | <b>278</b>     | <b>287</b>     | <b>223</b>     | <b>238</b>     |
| <b>Total staff</b>                                   | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>1 482</b>   | <b>1 504</b>   | <b>1 560</b>   | <b>1 598</b>   | <b>1 613</b>   |
| Indigenous FTE staff                                 |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Operational  | FTE         | 20             | 22             | 24             | 27             | 27             |
| Non-operational                                      | FTE         | 2              | 2              | 3              | 1              | 2              |
| <b>Indigenous FTE staff</b>                          | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>22</b>      | <b>24</b>      | <b>27</b>      | <b>28</b>      | <b>29</b>      |

Table 6A.6

Table 6A.6 **Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, Tasmania**

|                              | <i>Unit</i>   | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Assets by value              |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| Land                         | \$'000        | 13 819         | 13 837         | 13 948         | 26 668         | 26 992         |
| Buildings and fittings       | \$'000        | 69 686         | 77 750         | 77 566         | 108 891        | 109 185        |
| Other                        | \$'000        | 5 173          | 5 471          | 5 559          | 15 317         | 16 485         |
| <b>Total value of assets</b> | <b>\$'000</b> | <b>88 678</b>  | <b>97 058</b>  | <b>97 073</b>  | <b>150 876</b> | <b>152 662</b> |

- (a) User cost of capital on value of assets (excluding land). Capital expenditure includes only capital appropriations.
- (b) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, and capital expenditure.
- (c) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, depreciation, and the user cost of capital.
- (d) The large increase in police numbers in 2006-07 is mainly due to two extra recruit (trainee) courses funded by the Government of Tasmania (in addition to the normal two courses) graduating during reporting period.

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tasmanian Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 6A.6.

Table 6A.7

Table 6A.7 **Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, ACT**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Expenditure  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Recurrent expenditure                                    |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Salaries and payments in the nature of salaries          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Salaries and related payments                            | \$m         | 56.0           | 60.8           | 62.9           | 68.8           | 79.2           |
| Superannuation   | \$m         | 7.7            | 8.4            | 9.7            | 9.0            | 9.9            |
| Payroll tax (a)  | \$m         | –              | –              | –              | –              | –              |
| <b>Total salaries and payments</b>                       | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>63.7</b>    | <b>69.3</b>    | <b>72.6</b>    | <b>77.8</b>    | <b>89.0</b>    |
| Other recurrent expenditure                              | \$m         | 21.3           | 21.0           | 22.0           | 23.4           | 26.7           |
| Depreciation   | \$m         | 2.7            | 2.3            | 2.3            | 2.4            | 2.4            |
| <b>Total recurrent expenditure</b>                       | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>87.7</b>    | <b>92.6</b>    | <b>96.9</b>    | <b>103.6</b>   | <b>118.1</b>   |
| Net recurrent expenditure                                |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Revenue from own sources (ROS)                           | \$m         | 0.4            | 0.5            | 0.3            | 0.5            | 1.4            |
| Total recurrent expenditure less ROS and payroll tax (b) | \$m         | 87.3           | 92.1           | 96.6           | 103.1          | 116.7          |
| Capital expenditure                                      |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| User cost of capital (c)                                 | \$m         | 2.7            | 2.9            | 3.0            | 3.1            | 3.5            |
| Capital expenditure                                      | \$m         | 1.4            | 6.4            | 5.6            | 1.8            | 2.0            |
| Expenditure aggregates                                   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Total cash expenditure (d)                               | \$m         | 86.4           | 96.7           | 100.2          | 103.0          | 117.6          |
| Total accrual costs (e)                                  | \$m         | 90.4           | 95.6           | 99.9           | 106.7          | 121.7          |
| Staffing costs   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Average police staff costs                               | \$          | 78 680         | 86 434         | 89 192         | 93 261         | 101 108        |
| Average non-police staff costs                           | \$          | 78 785         | 86 189         | 88 728         | 93 922         | 100 373        |
| Staff by Indigenous and operational status               |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Operational FTE staff                                    |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Sworn  | FTE         | 607            | 596            | 605            | 619            | 652            |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 122            | 110            | 93             | 92             | 98             |
| Other  | FTE         | –              | –              | –              | –              | –              |
| <b>Operational FTE staff</b>                             | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>729</b>     | <b>706</b>     | <b>698</b>     | <b>711</b>     | <b>750</b>     |
| Non-operational FTE staff                                |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Sworn  | FTE         | 11             | 10             | 15             | 21             | 26             |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 69             | 86             | 102            | 101            | 106            |
| Other  | FTE         | –              | –              | –              | –              | –              |
| <b>Non-operational FTE staff</b>                         | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>80</b>      | <b>96</b>      | <b>117</b>     | <b>122</b>     | <b>132</b>     |
| <b>Total staff</b>                                       | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>809</b>     | <b>802</b>     | <b>815</b>     | <b>833</b>     | <b>882</b>     |
| Indigenous FTE staff                                     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Operational  | FTE         | 10             | 9              | 8              | 4              | 1              |
| Non-operational  | FTE         | –              | 2              | 3              | 2              | 1              |
| <b>Indigenous FTE staff</b>                              | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>10</b>      | <b>11</b>      | <b>11</b>      | <b>6</b>       | <b>2</b>       |

Table 6A.7

**Table 6A.7 Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, ACT**

|                              | <i>Unit</i>   | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Assets by value              |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| Land                         | \$'000        | 6 630          | 8 539          | 7 889          | 7 751          | 25 850         |
| Buildings and fittings       | \$'000        | 33 097         | 35 814         | 36 613         | 36 908         | 40 857         |
| Other                        | \$'000        | 1 001          | 856            | 1 096          | 2 407          | 3 396          |
| <b>Total value of assets</b> | <b>\$'000</b> | <b>40 728</b>  | <b>45 209</b>  | <b>45 598</b>  | <b>47 066</b>  | <b>70 103</b>  |

- (a) The Australian Federal Police (AFP) is exempt from paying payroll tax.
- (b) The ACT does not pay payroll tax, however a 'notional' payroll tax rate for the ACT has been estimated.
- (c) User cost of capital on value of assets (excluding land).
- (d) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, and capital expenditure.
- (e) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, depreciation, and the user cost of capital.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ACT Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 6A.7.

Table 6A.8

Table 6A.8 **Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, NT**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08 (a)</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Expenditure (b)                                      |             |                |                |                |                |                    |
| Recurrent expenditure                                |             |                |                |                |                |                    |
| Salaries and payments in the nature of salaries      |             |                |                |                |                |                    |
| Salaries and related payments                        | \$m         | 90.2           | 102.4          | 115.1          | 123.3          | 136.3              |
| Superannuation (c)                                   | \$m         | 9.7            | 10.7           | 11.8           | 12.6           | 13.3               |
| Payroll tax  | \$m         | 5.7            | 6.2            | 7.2            | 7.6            | 8.4                |
| <b>Total salaries and payments</b>                   | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>105.6</b>   | <b>119.4</b>   | <b>134.1</b>   | <b>143.5</b>   | <b>157.9</b>       |
| Other recurrent expenditure                          | \$m         | 36.2           | 33.5           | 34.6           | 37.4           | 46.6               |
| Depreciation (d)                                     | \$m         | 4.6            | 5.8            | 5.9            | 6.4            | 7.0                |
| <b>Total recurrent expenditure</b>                   | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>146.4</b>   | <b>158.7</b>   | <b>174.6</b>   | <b>187.2</b>   | <b>211.6</b>       |
| Net recurrent expenditure                            |             |                |                |                |                |                    |
| Revenue from own sources (ROS)                       | \$m         | 16.5           | 17.4           | 16.0           | 18.7           | 27.0               |
| Total recurrent expenditure less ROS and payroll tax | \$m         | 124.2          | 135.1          | 151.4          | 160.9          | 176.2              |
| Capital expenditure                                  |             |                |                |                |                |                    |
| User cost of capital                                 | \$m         | 8.2            | 8.8            | 8.3            | 8.6            | 9.1                |
| Capital expenditure (e)                              | \$m         | 16.3           | 14.6           | 9.9            | 12.7           | 18.9               |
| Expenditure aggregates                               |             |                |                |                |                |                    |
| Total cash expenditure (f)                           | \$m         | 158.1          | 167.5          | 178.6          | 193.6          | 223.4              |
| Total accrual costs                                  | \$m         | 154.6          | 167.5          | 182.9          | 195.8          | 220.7              |
| Staffing costs                                       |             |                |                |                |                |                    |
| Average police staff costs                           | \$          | 109 371        | 114 099        | 134 095        | 141 242        | 146 943            |
| Average non-police staff costs                       | \$          | 33 328         | 35 000         | 32 356         | 34 584         | 39 614             |
| Staff by Indigenous and operational status (g)       |             |                |                |                |                |                    |
| Operational FTE staff                                |             |                |                |                |                |                    |
| Sworn  | FTE         | 809            | 756            | 833            | 856            | 904                |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 141            | 51             | 144            | 161            | 209                |
| Other (h)  | FTE         | 175            | 169            | 194            | 203            | 216                |
| <b>Operational FTE staff</b>                         | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>1 125</b>   | <b>976</b>     | <b>1 171</b>   | <b>1 220</b>   | <b>1 329</b>       |
| Non-operational FTE staff                            |             |                |                |                |                |                    |
| Sworn  | FTE         | 37             | 160            | 44             | 38             | 27                 |
| Civilian   | FTE         | 77             | 183            | 91             | 77             | 50                 |
| Other (h)  | FTE         | –              | 21             | 80             | 56             | 58                 |
| <b>Non-operational FTE staff</b>                     | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>114</b>     | <b>364</b>     | <b>215</b>     | <b>171</b>     | <b>135</b>         |
| <b>Total staff</b>                                   | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>1 239</b>   | <b>1 340</b>   | <b>1 386</b>   | <b>1 391</b>   | <b>1 464</b>       |
| Indigenous FTE staff                                 |             |                |                |                |                |                    |
| Operational  | FTE         | 57             | 66             | 71             | 84             | 115                |
| Non-operational                                      | FTE         | 7              | 10             | 10             | 12             | 2                  |
| <b>Indigenous FTE staff</b>                          | <b>FTE</b>  | <b>64</b>      | <b>76</b>      | <b>81</b>      | <b>96</b>      | <b>117</b>         |

Table 6A.8

**Table 6A.8 Police service expenditure, staff and asset descriptors, NT**

|                              | <i>Unit</i>   | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08 (a)</i> |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Assets by value              |               |                |                |                |                |                    |
| Land                         | \$'000        | 5 506          | 5 503          | 6 192          | 6 202          | 6 202              |
| Buildings and fittings       | \$'000        | 80 322         | 82 466         | 79 968         | 79 605         | 83 075             |
| Other                        | \$'000        | 21 728         | 27 314         | 24 377         | 28 043         | 30 947             |
| <b>Total value of assets</b> | <b>\$'000</b> | <b>107 556</b> | <b>115 283</b> | <b>110 537</b> | <b>113 850</b> | <b>120 224</b>     |

- (a) The NT Police are part of a tri-service agency incorporating the NT Fire and Rescue Service and the NT Emergency Service. Where possible, all expenditure directly relating to the non-police arms of the department has been excluded.
- (b) Based on actuarial advice on the cost of the schemes, not actuals.
- (c) Depreciation is calculated using a straight-line method.
- (d) 2004-05 and 2005-06 figures have been revised since the 2007 Report to exclude non capitalised repairs and maintenance expenditure, which is captured in recurrent expenditure.
- (e) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, and capital expenditure.
- (f) Comprises salaries and payments in the nature of salary, other recurrent expenditure, depreciation, and the user cost of capital.
- (g) Prior to 2006-07 constable recruits were counted as sworn. From 2006-07 constable recruits are counted as other staff. Staff data for 2007-08 have been calculated on a headcount basis not FTE. Staff data for earlier years are FTE.
- (h) Includes police auxiliaries and Aboriginal community police officers.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: NT Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 6A.8.



Table 6A.9

Table 6A.9 **Indigenous, sworn and unsworn police staff (a)**

|  |     | <i>Unit NSW (b)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld (b)</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|-----|---------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Indigenous staff as proportion of total staff (c)                              |     |                     |            |                |           |           |            |            |           |
| 2003-04  | %   | 1.0                 | 0.1        | na             | 2.9       | 1.3       | 1.5        | 1.2        | 5.2       |
| 2004-05  | %   | 1.2                 | na         | na             | 3.1       | 1.2       | 1.6        | 1.4        | 5.7       |
| 2005-06  | %   | 1.3                 | na         | na             | 2.9       | 1.2       | 1.7        | 1.3        | 5.8       |
| 2006-07  | %   | 1.4                 | na         | 2.4            | 2.5       | 1.2       | 1.8        | 0.7        | 6.9       |
| 2007-08  | %   | 1.5                 | na         | 2.4            | 2.1       | 1.2       | 1.8        | 0.2        | 8.0       |
| Representation of Indigenous people among all people aged 20–64 (30 June 2007) |     |                     |            |                |           |           |            |            |           |
| Indigenous people  | no. | 72 769              | 16 211     | 69 555         | 37 047    | 14 568    | 9 184      | 2 288      | 32 719    |
| All people   | 000 | 4 148.2             | 3 167.9    | 2 532.5        | 1 289.6   | 949.6     | 289.8      | 218.7      | 136.5     |
| Proportion Indigenous  | %   | 1.8                 | 0.5        | 2.7            | 2.9       | 1.5       | 3.2        | 1.0        | 24.0      |

(a) Indigenous staff numbers relate to those staff who self-identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

(b) In NSW, Indigenous staff for all years cannot be split between operational and non-operational, numbers listed as 'Operational Indigenous FTE staff' are in fact total Indigenous staff numbers. Queensland Police Service was unable to validate Indigenous staff by operational status prior to 2006-07.

(c) Indigenous staff are reported as the sum of both the operational and non-operational categories.

**na** Not available.

*Source:* State and Territory governments (unpublished); ABS *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Indigenous Australians* (low series), Cat. no. 3238.0; ABS *Australian Demographic Statistics*, Cat. no. 3101.0 (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 6A.19.

Table 6A.10

Table 6A.10 **Number of deaths in police custody and custody-related operations, 2003 to 2007 (a), (b)**

| Year   | NSW       | Vic       | Qld       | WA        | SA        | Tas      | ACT      | NT       | Aust       |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations |           |           |           |           |           |          |          |          |            |
| 2003   | 11        | 4         | 7         | 3         | 2         | –        | 1        | –        | 28         |
| 2004   | 9         | 4         | 5         | 2         | 2         | –        | 1        | –        | 23         |
| 2005   | 3         | 5         | 6         | –         | 1         | –        | –        | –        | 15         |
| 2006   | 8         | 3         | 1         | 2         | 1         | –        | 1        | –        | 16         |
| 2007   | 5         | 7         | 3         | 4         | 4         | –        | –        | 2        | 26         |
| Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations     |           |           |           |           |           |          |          |          |            |
| 2003   | 1         | –         | 2         | 4         | –         | –        | –        | 1        | 8          |
| 2004   | 2         | 1         | 2         | 1         | 1         | –        | –        | 1        | 8          |
| 2005   | 1         | –         | 1         | 6         | –         | –        | –        | –        | 8          |
| 2006   | –         | 1         | 1         | 2         | 1         | –        | –        | 1        | 6          |
| 2007   | –         | –         | 2         | –         | 2         | –        | –        | –        | 4          |
| Total deaths in police custody and custody-related operations          |           |           |           |           |           |          |          |          |            |
| 2003   | 12        | 4         | 9         | 7         | 2         | –        | 1        | 1        | 36         |
| 2004   | 11        | 5         | 7         | 3         | 3         | –        | 1        | 1        | 31         |
| 2005   | 4         | 5         | 7         | 6         | 1         | –        | –        | –        | 23         |
| 2006   | 8         | 4         | 2         | 4         | 2         | –        | 1        | 1        | 22         |
| 2007   | 5         | 7         | 5         | 4         | 6         | –        | –        | 2        | 30         |
| Total number of deaths 2003 to 2007                                    |           |           |           |           |           |          |          |          |            |
| Non-Indigenous   | 36        | 23        | 22        | 11        | 10        | –        | 3        | 2        | 108        |
| Indigenous   | 4         | 2         | 8         | 13        | 4         | –        | –        | 3        | 34         |
| <b>All people</b>  | <b>40</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>–</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>142</b> |

(a) Deaths in police custody include deaths in institutional settings (for example, police stations/lockups and police vehicles) or during transfer to or from such an institution; or deaths in hospitals following transfer from an institution; and other deaths in police operations where officers are in close contact with the deceased (for example, most raids and shootings by police). Deaths in custody-related operations include situations where officers did not have such close contact with the person as to be able to significantly influence or control the person's behaviour (for example, most sieges and most cases where officers were attempting to detain a person, such as pursuits).

(b) The AIC deaths in police custody and custody-related operations for 2007 are preliminary (unpublished) and final data in other publications might differ.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ABS (2008), Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2007, Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (unpublished), derived from Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2007, Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (2004), *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders*, Cat. no. 3238.0; Australian Institute of Criminology (various years), *Australian Deaths in Custody and Custody-related Police Operations*, AIC, Canberra; Australian Institute of Criminology (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 6A.43.

## 8A Corrective services — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 8.6 of the chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report). Data in this chapter are examined by the Corrective Services Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat. A peer review process is also undertaken by the National Corrections Advisory Group in the development of the data definitions. Unsourced information was obtained from corrective services agencies in State and Territory governments.

This file is available in Adobe PDF format on the Review web page ([www.pc.gov.au/gsp](http://www.pc.gov.au/gsp)). Users without Internet access can contact the Secretariat to obtain these tables (see details on the inside front cover of the Report).

Data reported in the attachment tables are the most accurate available at the time of data collection. Historical data may have been updated since the last report.

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Table 8A.1

Table 8A.1 Average daily prisoner population (a), (b)

|                                     | Units      | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas        | ACT in ACT | ACT in NSW | ACT total  | NT         | Aust                |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| 2007-08                             |            |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |                     |
| <b>Total prisoners</b>              | <b>no.</b> | <b>9 634</b> | <b>4 177</b> | <b>5 491</b> | <b>3 802</b> | <b>1 855</b> | <b>539</b> | <b>82</b>  | <b>98</b>  | <b>180</b> | <b>875</b> | <b>26 455</b>       |
| Secure/open custody                 |            |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |                     |
| Open                                | no.        | 3 669        | 423          | 632          | 1 031        | 198          | 60         | ..         | 72         | 72         | 246        | 6 259               |
| Secure                              | no.        | 5 965        | 3 753        | 4 859        | 2 771        | 1 657        | 479        | 82         | 26         | 108        | 629        | 20 196              |
| Open — share                        | %          | 38.1         | 10.1         | 11.5         | 27.1         | 10.7         | 11.2       | ..         | 73.8       | 40.0       | 28.1       | 23.7                |
| Secure — share                      | %          | 61.9         | 89.9         | 88.5         | 72.9         | 89.3         | 88.8       | 100.0      | 26.2       | 60.0       | 71.9       | 76.3                |
| Male/female prisoners               |            |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |                     |
| Male                                | no.        | 8 918        | 3 932        | 5 085        | 3 505        | 1 732        | 502        | 74         | 91         | 165        | 835        | 24 584              |
| Female                              | no.        | 716          | 244          | 406          | 298          | 123          | 37         | 8          | 7          | 15         | 39         | 1 871               |
| Male — share                        | %          | 92.6         | 94.2         | 92.6         | 92.2         | 93.4         | 93.1       | 90.3       | 93.0       | 91.8       | 95.5       | 92.9                |
| Female — share                      | %          | 7.4          | 5.8          | 7.4          | 7.8          | 6.6          | 6.9        | 9.7        | 7.0        | 8.2        | 4.5        | 7.1                 |
| Indigenous/non-Indigenous prisoners |            |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |                     |
| Indigenous                          | no.        | 2 018        | 236          | 1 451        | 1 588        | 412          | 70         | 11         | 10         | 21         | 720        | 6 505               |
| Non-Indigenous                      | no.        | 7 355        | 3 930        | 4 040        | 2 215        | 1 443        | 469        | 71         | 88         | 160        | 155        | 19 679              |
| Indigenous status unknown           | no.        | 260          | 10           | —            | —            | —            | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          | 271                 |
| Indigenous — share                  | %          | 20.9         | 5.7          | 26.4         | 41.8         | 22.2         | 13.1       | 13.3       | 9.8        | 11.4       | 82.3       | 24.6                |
| Non-Indigenous — share              | %          | 76.4         | 94.1         | 73.6         | 58.2         | 77.8         | 86.9       | 86.7       | 90.2       | 88.6       | 17.7       | 74.4                |
| Indigenous status unknown — share   | %          | 2.7          | 0.2          | —            | —            | —            | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          | 1.0                 |
| Privately operated prisons          |            |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |                     |
| Held in privately operated prisons  | no.        | 769          | 1 426        | 1 284        | 779          | 139          | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          | 4 398               |
| Privately operated prisons — share  | %          | 8.0          | 34.2         | 23.4         | 20.5         | 7.5          | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          | 16.6                |
| Periodic detention                  |            |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |                     |
| Total detainees                     | no.        | 728          | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..         | ..         | ..         | 56         | ..         | 784                 |
| Attending residential component     | no.        | 468          | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..         | ..         | ..         | 40         | ..         | 508                 |
| INDIGENOUS COMPENDIUM 2009          |            |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |                     |
|                                     |            |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            | CORRECTIVE SERVICES |

Table 8A.1

Table 8A.1 Average daily prisoner population (a), (b)

|                                     | Units      | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas        | ACT in ACT | ACT in NSW | ACT total  | NT         | Aust                |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| <b>Total prisoners</b>              | <b>no.</b> | <b>9 468</b> | <b>4 044</b> | <b>5 649</b> | <b>3 622</b> | <b>1 686</b> | <b>534</b> | <b>64</b>  | <b>106</b> | <b>170</b> | <b>834</b> | <b>25 901</b>       |
| Secure/open custody                 |            |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |                     |
| Open                                | no.        | 3 595        | 376          | 783          | 934          | 189          | 66         | ..         | 76         | 76         | 221        | 6 164               |
| Secure                              | no.        | 5 872        | 3 668        | 4 866        | 2 688        | 1 497        | 468        | 64         | 29         | 94         | 613        | 19 736              |
| Open — share                        | %          | 38.0         | 9.3          | 13.9         | 25.8         | 11.2         | 12.4       | ..         | 72.2       | 44.8       | 26.5       | 23.8                |
| Secure — share                      | %          | 62.0         | 90.7         | 86.1         | 74.2         | 88.8         | 87.6       | 100.0      | 27.8       | 55.2       | 73.5       | 76.2                |
| Male/female prisoners               |            |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |                     |
| Male                                | no.        | 8 768        | 3 797        | 5 225        | 3 332        | 1 579        | 497        | 59         | 101        | 159        | 798        | 24 055              |
| Female                              | no.        | 699          | 247          | 424          | 290          | 107          | 37         | 6          | 5          | 10         | 36         | 1 846               |
| Male — share                        | %          | 92.6         | 93.9         | 92.5         | 92.0         | 93.7         | 93.1       | 90.9       | 95.6       | 93.8       | 95.7       | 92.9                |
| Female — share                      | %          | 7.4          | 6.1          | 7.5          | 8.0          | 6.3          | 6.9        | 9.1        | 4.4        | 6.2        | 4.3        | 7.1                 |
| Indigenous/non-Indigenous prisoners |            |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |                     |
| Indigenous                          | no.        | 1 956        | 222          | 1 519        | 1 497        | 344          | 67         | 8          | 12         | 21         | 684        | 6 297               |
| Non-Indigenous                      | no.        | 7 217        | 3 728        | 4 130        | 2 125        | 1 338        | 463        | 56         | 93         | 149        | 150        | 19 207              |
| Indigenous status unknown           | no.        | 295          | 93           | —            | —            | 4            | 4          | —          | —          | —          | —          | 396                 |
| Indigenous — share                  | %          | 20.7         | 5.5          | 26.9         | 41.3         | 20.4         | 12.5       | 12.6       | 11.8       | 12.1       | 82.0       | 24.3                |
| Non-Indigenous — share              | %          | 76.2         | 92.2         | 73.1         | 58.7         | 79.4         | 86.7       | 87.4       | 88.0       | 87.8       | 18.0       | 74.2                |
| Indigenous status unknown — share   | %          | 3.1          | 2.3          | —            | —            | 0.2          | 0.8        | —          | 0.1        | 0.1        | —          | 1.5                 |
| Privately operated prisons          |            |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |                     |
| Held in privately operated prisons  | no.        | 756          | 1 461        | 1 294        | 768          | 116          | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | 4 395               |
| Privately operated prisons — share  | %          | 8.0          | 36.1         | 22.9         | 21.2         | 6.9          | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | 17.0                |
| Periodic detention                  |            |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |                     |
| Total detainees                     | no.        | 741          | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..         | ..         | ..         | 56         | ..         | 797                 |
| Attending residential component     | no.        | 470          | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..         | ..         | ..         | 37         | ..         | 507                 |
| INDIGENOUS COMPENDIUM 2009          |            |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |                     |
|                                     |            |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            | CORRECTIVE SERVICES |

Table 8A.1

**Table 8A.1 Average daily prisoner population (a), (b)**

|  | Units | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT in ACT | ACT in NSW | ACT total | NT | Aust |
|--|-------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|------------|------------|-----------|----|------|
|--|-------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|------------|------------|-----------|----|------|

(a) NSW figures include ACT prisoners held in NSW prisons. ACT data are presented as total prisoners and separately by the jurisdiction in which the ACT prisoner is held. Australian figures are calculated so that ACT prisoners held in NSW prisons are not double counted.

(b) Totals may not equate precisely to the aggregate of figures from other cells due to rounding of decimal places.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.1.



Table 8A.2

Table 8A.2 **Average daily community corrections offender population (a), (b)**

|                                     | Units | NSW    | Vic   | Qld    | WA    | SA    | Tas   | ACT   | NT    | Aust   |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 2007-08                             |       |        |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| <b>Total offenders</b>              | no.   | 17 988 | 7 769 | 13 665 | 5 406 | 6 405 | 1 122 | 1 407 | 1 152 | 54 914 |
| Male/female offenders               |       |        |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Male                                | no.   | 15 141 | 6 259 | 10 896 | 4 211 | 5 208 | 890   | 1 196 | 1 015 | 44 815 |
| Female                              | no.   | 2 786  | 1 392 | 2 769  | 1 195 | 1 197 | 232   | 212   | 137   | 9 920  |
| Gender unknown                      | no.   | 60     | 118   | —      | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 178    |
| Male — share                        | %     | 84.2   | 80.6  | 79.7   | 77.9  | 81.3  | 79.3  | 85.0  | 88.1  | 81.6   |
| Female — share                      | %     | 15.5   | 17.9  | 20.3   | 22.1  | 18.7  | 20.7  | 15.0  | 11.9  | 18.1   |
| Gender unknown — share              | %     | 0.3    | 1.5   | —      | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 0.3    |
| Indigenous/non-Indigenous offenders |       |        |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Indigenous                          | no.   | 3 213  | 342   | 2 528  | 1 723 | 988   | 133   | 123   | 868   | 9 918  |
| Non-Indigenous                      | no.   | 13 952 | 6 726 | 11 138 | 3 672 | 5 388 | 958   | 1 173 | 283   | 43 289 |
| Indigenous status unknown           | no.   | 822    | 700   | —      | 11    | 29    | 31    | 111   | 1     | 1 706  |
| Indigenous — share                  | %     | 17.9   | 4.4   | 18.5   | 31.9  | 15.4  | 11.9  | 8.7   | 75.3  | 18.1   |
| Non-Indigenous — share              | %     | 77.6   | 86.6  | 81.5   | 67.9  | 84.1  | 85.4  | 83.4  | 24.6  | 78.8   |
| Indigenous status unknown — share   | %     | 4.6    | 9.0   | —      | 0.2   | 0.5   | 2.8   | 7.9   | 0.1   | 3.1    |
| Offenders per order type (c)        |       |        |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Restricted movement order           | no.   | 152    | 17    | ..     | 146   | 359   | ..    | ..    | 34    | 708    |
| Reparation order                    | no.   | 4 051  | 2 402 | 2 494  | 1 654 | 1 495 | 537   | 134   | 206   | 12 973 |
| Supervision (compliance) order      | no.   | 15 079 | 5 549 | 12 029 | 4 846 | 4 552 | 718   | 1 273 | 948   | 44 993 |

Table 8A.2

Table 8A.2 **Average daily community corrections offender population (a), (b)**

|                                     | Units | NSW    | Vic   | Qld    | WA    | SA    | Tas   | ACT   | NT    | Aust   |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 2006-07                             |       |        |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| <b>Total offenders</b>              | no.   | 17 970 | 7 304 | 12 250 | 5 241 | 6 294 | 1 193 | 1 223 | 1 183 | 52 658 |
| Male/female offenders               |       |        |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Male                                | no.   | 15 184 | 5 945 | 9 648  | 4 076 | 5 146 | 939   | 1 049 | 1 041 | 43 028 |
| Female                              | no.   | 2 729  | 1 327 | 2 602  | 1 165 | 1 148 | 254   | 174   | 142   | 9 541  |
| Gender unknown                      | no.   | 56     | 32    | —      | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 88     |
| Male — share                        | %     | 84.5   | 81.4  | 78.8   | 77.8  | 81.8  | 78.7  | 85.8  | 88.0  | 81.7   |
| Female — share                      | %     | 15.2   | 18.2  | 21.2   | 22.2  | 18.2  | 21.3  | 14.2  | 12.0  | 18.1   |
| Gender unknown — share              | %     | —      | —     | —      | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —      |
| Indigenous/non-Indigenous offenders |       |        |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Indigenous                          | no.   | 3 112  | 305   | 2 196  | 1 701 | 912   | 142   | 99    | 879   | 9 346  |
| Non-Indigenous                      | no.   | 14 265 | 6 204 | 10 054 | 3 540 | 5 340 | 992   | 1 043 | 301   | 41 739 |
| Indigenous status unknown           | no.   | 592    | 796   | —      | —     | 42    | 59    | 81    | 3     | 1 573  |
| Indigenous — share                  | %     | 17.3   | 4.2   | 17.9   | 32.5  | 14.5  | 11.9  | 8.1   | 74.3  | 17.7   |
| Non-Indigenous — share              | %     | 79.4   | 84.9  | 82.1   | 67.5  | 84.8  | 83.2  | 85.3  | 25.4  | 79.3   |
| Indigenous status unknown — share   | %     | 3.3    | 10.9  | —      | —     | 0.7   | 4.9   | 6.6   | 0.3   | 3.0    |
| Offenders per order type (c)        |       |        |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Restricted movement order           | no.   | 213    | 24    | 4      | 113   | 380   | ..    | ..    | 38    | 772    |
| Reparation order                    | no.   | 4 386  | 1 972 | 2 947  | 1 904 | 1 581 | 607   | 102   | 212   | 13 711 |
| Supervision (compliance) order      | no.   | 14 265 | 5 440 | 10 279 | 4 570 | 4 333 | 733   | 1 121 | 974   | 41 715 |

(a) Includes offenders on inactive orders, although not all offenders on inactive orders are included in all jurisdictions (see tables 8A.10, 8A.13, 8A.33).

(b) Totals may not equate precisely to the aggregate of figures from other cells due to rounding of decimal places.

(c) Total offenders may not equal the sum of offenders per order type because an individual may be serving more than one type of order.

.. Not applicable. — Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.3.

Table 8A.3

Table 8A.3 **Imprisonment, periodic detention and community corrections rates, by sex and Indigenous status (per 100 000 adults) (a), (b)**

|   | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas          | ACT          | NT           | Aust         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2007-08   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Imprisonment (c)  |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>All prisoners</b>                                      | <b>179.5</b> | <b>103.2</b> | <b>168.7</b> | <b>234.6</b> | <b>149.6</b> | <b>142.5</b> | <b>68.3</b>  | <b>562.2</b> | <b>162.6</b> |
| Crude rates   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male prisoners  | 339.1        | 198.5        | 315.5        | 430.6        | 285.7        | 272.8        | 127.5        | 1 028.6      | 306.9        |
| Female prisoners  | 26.2         | 11.8         | 24.7         | 36.9         | 19.4         | 19.1         | 11.0         | 52.9         | 22.6         |
| Indigenous prisoners                                      | 2 350.5      | 1 236.6      | 1 707.2      | 3 637.9      | 2 408.9      | 649.1        | 775.7        | 1 898.8      | 2 156.6      |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                                  | 139.1        | 97.6         | 127.5        | 140.4        | 118.0        | 127.6        | 61.1         | 131.8        | 123.2        |
| Ratio of crude Indigenous/Non-Indigenous rates            | 16.9         | 12.7         | 13.4         | 25.9         | 20.4         | 5.1          | 12.7         | 14.4         | 17.5         |
| Age standardised rates                                    |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous prisoners                                      | 1 815.6      | 935.8        | 1 304.2      | 2 728.4      | 1 809.3      | 496.8        | 563.2        | 1 398.1      | 1 630.4      |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                                  | 145.7        | 100.4        | 131.8        | 144.4        | 129.8        | 147.0        | 57.3         | 120.5        | 128.2        |
| Ratio of age standardised Indigenous/Non-Indigenous rates | 12.5         | 9.3          | 9.9          | 18.9         | 13.9         | 3.4          | 9.8          | 11.6         | 12.7         |
| Periodic detention  |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>All periodic detainees</b>                             | <b>13.7</b>  | <b>..</b>    | <b>..</b>    | <b>..</b>    | <b>..</b>    | <b>..</b>    | <b>21.3</b>  | <b>..</b>    | <b>4.8</b>   |
| Male detainees  | 25.3         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 39.4         | ..           | 8.8          |
| Female detainees  | 2.6          | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 3.8          | ..           | 0.9          |
| Indigenous detainees                                      | 80.9         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 110.1        | ..           | 23.9         |
| Non-Indigenous detainees                                  | 12.4         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 20.4         | ..           | 4.4          |
| Community corrections                                     |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>All offenders (d)</b>                                  | <b>338.7</b> | <b>191.9</b> | <b>419.9</b> | <b>333.5</b> | <b>516.5</b> | <b>296.7</b> | <b>533.4</b> | <b>740.4</b> | <b>337.5</b> |
| Male offenders  | 581.8        | 316.0        | 676.1        | 517.4        | 859.1        | 483.5        | 922.2        | 1 249.7      | 559.5        |
| Female offenders  | 102.8        | 67.3         | 168.6        | 148.1        | 188.9        | 119.5        | 157.7        | 184.2        | 120.1        |
| Indigenous offenders                                      | 3 760.9      | 1 793.3      | 2 974.7      | 3 948.1      | 5 778.5      | 1 225.9      | 4 645.6      | 2 290.3      | 3 288.2      |
| Non-Indigenous offenders                                  | 267.0        | 166.9        | 351.4        | 232.8        | 440.5        | 260.8        | 449.1        | 240.5        | 271.1        |

Table 8A.3

Table 8A.3 **Imprisonment, periodic detention and community corrections rates, by sex and Indigenous status (per 100 000 adults) (a), (b)**

|                               | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas          | ACT          | NT           | Aust         |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2006-07                       |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Imprisonment (c)              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>All prisoners</b>          | <b>178.6</b> | <b>101.6</b> | <b>177.8</b> | <b>229.4</b> | <b>137.6</b> | <b>142.7</b> | <b>65.4</b>  | <b>551.6</b> | <b>162.0</b> |
| Male prisoners                | 337.3        | 195.0        | 332.1        | 420.7        | 263.7        | 273.2        | 124.9        | 1 012.7      | 305.7        |
| Female prisoners              | 26.0         | 12.1         | 26.4         | 36.9         | 17.1         | 19.2         | 7.9          | 49.7         | 22.7         |
| Indigenous prisoners          | 2 329.7      | 1 204.0      | 1 840.1      | 3 521.6      | 2 064.6      | 630.8        | 799.3        | 1 839.6      | 2 142.2      |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners      | 138.1        | 94.1         | 133.4        | 138.3        | 110.7        | 127.4        | 58.0         | 131.6        | 122.4        |
| Periodic detention            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>All periodic detainees</b> | <b>14.1</b>  | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | <b>21.7</b>  | ..           | ..           |
| Male detainees                | 26.1         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 41.1         | ..           | ..           |
| Female detainees              | 2.6          | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 2.9          | ..           | ..           |
| Indigenous detainees          | 78.6         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 137.9        | ..           | ..           |
| Non-Indigenous detainees      | 12.9         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 20.5         | ..           | ..           |
| Community corrections         |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>All offenders (d)</b>      | <b>342.8</b> | <b>183.6</b> | <b>385.5</b> | <b>331.9</b> | <b>513.6</b> | <b>318.5</b> | <b>470.6</b> | <b>782.4</b> | <b>329.4</b> |
| Male offenders                | 591.0        | 305.3        | 613.3        | 514.7        | 859.3        | 515.7        | 821.7        | 1321.0       | 546.8        |
| Female offenders              | 102.1        | 65.3         | 162.2        | 148.0        | 183.2        | 132.0        | 131.5        | 196.1        | 117.5        |
| Indigenous offenders          | 3731.5       | 1649.1       | 2660.2       | 4001.5       | 5473.5       | 1341.0       | 3851.6       | 2364.0       | 3179.6       |
| Non-Indigenous offenders      | 276.5        | 156.6        | 324.9        | 230.4        | 441.7        | 272.6        | 405.3        | 264.0        | 265.9        |

(a) Rates are based on the daily average prisoner, periodic detainee or offender populations supplied by states and territories, calculated against adult population figures at December 2007 for people aged 17 years or over for Queensland and for people aged 18 or over in all other jurisdictions, reflecting the age at which people are remanded or sentenced to adult custody. (Source: ABS National Centre for Crime and Justice Statistics).

(b) Inter jurisdictional comparisons should be treated with caution. Small changes in numbers in those jurisdictions with relatively low Indigenous populations can have a disproportionate effect on the respective rates.

(c) NSW rates exclude ACT prisoners held in NSW prisons. ACT rates are based on total ACT prisoner numbers regardless of whether a prisoner is held in NSW or the ACT. To avoid double counting, Australian rates exclude ACT prisoners held in NSW facilities.

(d) Includes offenders on inactive orders, although not all offenders on inactive orders are included in all jurisdictions (see tables 8A.10, 8A.13, 8A.33).

.. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.4.

Table 8A.4

Table 8A.4 **Deaths from apparent unnatural causes, by Indigenous status, 2007-08 (per 100 prisoners/detainees) (a)**

|                          | <i>NSW</i>  | <i>Vic</i>  | <i>Qld</i>  | <i>WA</i>   | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Prisoners                |             |             |             |             |           |            |            |           |             |
| <b>All prisoners</b>     | <b>0.04</b> | <b>0.05</b> | <b>0.02</b> | <b>0.05</b> | –         | –          | –          | –         | <b>0.03</b> |
| Indigenous prisoners     | –           | –           | –           | –           | –         | –          | –          | –         | –           |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners | 0.05        | 0.05        | 0.02        | 0.09        | –         | –          | –          | –         | 0.05        |
| Periodic detainees       |             |             |             |             |           |            |            |           |             |
| <b>All detainees</b>     | –           | ..          | ..          | ..          | ..        | ..         | –          | ..        | ..          |
| Indigenous detainees     | –           | ..          | ..          | ..          | ..        | ..         | –          | ..        | ..          |
| Non-Indigenous detainees | –           | ..          | ..          | ..          | ..        | ..         | –          | ..        | ..          |

(a) The apparent unnatural death rate is calculated as the number of deaths, divided by the annual average prisoner or detention population, multiplied by 100.

.. Not applicable – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.15.

Table 8A.5

Table 8A.5 **Deaths from apparent unnatural causes, by year and Indigenous status (per 100 prisoners) (a), (b)**

|                          | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| All prisoners            |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2003-04                  | 0.11       | 0.05       | 0.09       | 0.03      | 0.14      | –          | –          | –         | 0.08        |
| 2004-05                  | 0.09       | –          | 0.04       | 0.09      | 0.26      | –          | –          | –         | 0.07        |
| 2005-06                  | 0.05       | 0.03       | –          | 0.06      | 0.13      | –          | –          | –         | 0.04        |
| 2006-07                  | 0.05       | –          | 0.04       | 0.03      | 0.12      | –          | –          | –         | 0.04        |
| 2007-08                  | 0.04       | 0.05       | 0.02       | 0.05      | –         | –          | –          | –         | 0.03        |
| Indigenous prisoners     |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2003-04                  | –          | –          | 0.16       | –         | –         | –          | –          | –         | 0.04        |
| 2004-05                  | 0.17       | –          | –          | 0.07      | –         | –          | –          | –         | 0.07        |
| 2005-06                  | –          | –          | –          | –         | –         | –          | –          | –         | –           |
| 2006-07                  | 0.10       | –          | –          | 0.07      | –         | –          | –          | –         | 0.05        |
| 2007-08                  | –          | –          | –          | –         | –         | –          | –          | –         | –           |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2003-04                  | 0.14       | 0.06       | 0.08       | 0.05      | 0.19      | –          | –          | –         | 0.10        |
| 2004-05                  | 0.07       | –          | 0.05       | 0.10      | 0.37      | –          | –          | –         | 0.07        |
| 2005-06                  | 0.07       | 0.03       | –          | 0.10      | 0.16      | –          | –          | –         | 0.05        |
| 2006-07                  | 0.04       | –          | 0.05       | –         | 0.15      | –          | –          | –         | 0.04        |
| 2007-08                  | 0.05       | 0.05       | 0.02       | 0.09      | –         | –          | –          | –         | 0.05        |

(a) The apparent unnatural death rate is calculated as the number of deaths, divided by the annual average prisoner population, multiplied by 100.

(b) Data for previous years may vary from rates given in previous Reports. Deaths reported as 'unknown cause', where there is insufficient evidence to assess, subject to a Coroner's finding, whether the cause of death was natural or unnatural are not included in the calculation of rates. Deaths occurring in past years where cause of death was recorded as unknown at the time of the Report but were subsequently determined to have been from either natural or unnatural causes are updated in the relevant year's figures and rates when known.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.16.

# Single Jurisdiction Data — NSW

Table 8A.6

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## Table 8A.6 Descriptors, prisons (a)

|   | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Average daily prison population                       |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>Total — all prisons</b>                            | <b>8 367</b> | <b>8 926</b> | <b>9 101</b> | <b>9 468</b> | <b>9 634</b> |
| Male, Indigenous, open prison                         | 566          | 628          | 557          | 617          | 637          |
| Male, non-Indigenous, open prison                     | 2 949        | 3 044        | 2 671        | 2 700        | 2 736        |
| Male, unknown, open prison                            | 55           | 48           | 29           | 14           | 17           |
| Female, Indigenous, open prison                       | 75           | 124          | 77           | 89           | 98           |
| Female, non-Indigenous, open prison                   | 213          | 300          | 164          | 169          | 176          |
| Female, unknown, open prison                          | 3            | 10           | 6            | 6            | 4            |
| Male, Indigenous, secure prison                       | 825          | 905          | 1 063        | 1 137        | 1 160        |
| Male, non-Indigenous, secure prison                   | 3 168        | 3 366        | 3 861        | 4 063        | 4 148        |
| Male, unknown, secure prison                          | 224          | 301          | 272          | 238          | 220          |
| Female, Indigenous, secure prison                     | 88           | 59           | 103          | 113          | 122          |
| Female, non-Indigenous, secure prison                 | 184          | 128          | 280          | 286          | 295          |
| Female, unknown, secure prison                        | 18           | 13           | 18           | 37           | 20           |
| Total — male/female                                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male prisoners, all prisons                           | 7 787        | 8 292        | 8 453        | 8 768        | 8 918        |
| Female prisoners, all prisons                         | 580          | 634          | 648          | 699          | 716          |
| Total — Indigenous/non-Indigenous                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous prisoners, all prisons                     | 1 554        | 1 716        | 1 800        | 1 956        | 2 018        |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners, all prisons                 | 6 514        | 6 838        | 6 976        | 7 217        | 7 355        |
| Unknown, all prisons                                  | 299          | 372          | 325          | 295          | 260          |
| Total — open/secure                                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Open prisoners  | 3 860        | 4 154        | 3 504        | 3 595        | 3 669        |
| Secure prisoners                                      | 4 507        | 4 772        | 5 597        | 5 872        | 5 965        |
| Privately operated prisons                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous prisoners                                  | 140          | 136          | 142          | 163          | 153          |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                              | 582          | 589          | 575          | 590          | 614          |
| Unknown   | 4            | 5            | 7            | 2            | 2            |
| Total prisoners in privately operated prisons         | 726          | 730          | 724          | 756          | 769          |
| Crude imprisonment rate (b)                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| All prisoners/100 000                                 | 161.4        | 170.6        | 173.4        | 178.6        | 179.5        |
| Male prisoners/100 000                                | 305.3        | 321.9        | 327.0        | 337.3        | 339.1        |
| Female prisoners/100 000                              | 22.1         | 24.0         | 24.4         | 26.0         | 26.2         |
| Indigenous prisoners/100 000                          | 2 208.0      | 2 152.8      | 2 199.7      | 2 329.7      | 2 350.5      |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners/100 000                      | 127.1        | 132.9        | 134.9        | 138.1        | 139.1        |
| Number of facilities (c)                              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Government operated prisons                           | 26           | 29           | 29           | 30           | 31           |
| Privately operated prisons                            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| Government operated community<br>custodial facilities | 2            | 2            | 3            | 3            | 3            |



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## Table 8A.6 Descriptors, prisons (a)

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08   |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Privately operated community custodial facilities | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..        |
| 24-hour court cell centres                        | 15      | 15      | 14      | 14      | 14        |
| Total facilities (excluding detention centres)    | 44      | 47      | 47      | 48      | 49        |
| Prison design capacity (d)                        |         |         |         |         |           |
| Open prisons                                      | 3 503   | 3 777   | 3 266   | 3 415   | 3 538     |
| Secure prisons                                    | 4 438   | 4 731   | 5 520   | 5 511   | 5 645     |
| Total — all prisons                               | 7 941   | 8 508   | 8 786   | 8 926   | 9 183     |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (e)</b> |         |         |         |         |           |
| Recurrent expenditure, all prisons                | 687 973 | 711 917 | 744 698 | 763 224 | 794 724   |
| Recurrent receipts, all prisons                   | 45 208  | 46 189  | 39 763  | 42 314  | 38 119    |
| Net recurrent expenditure                         |         |         |         |         |           |
| Open plus periodic detention                      | 274 497 | 293 963 | 272 048 | 270 254 | 265 782   |
| Secure  | 368 267 | 371 764 | 432 887 | 450 656 | 490 822   |
| All prisons                                       | 642 765 | 665 727 | 704 935 | 720 910 | 756 604   |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation       | 685 996 | 713 850 | 768 704 | 781 566 | 816 330   |
| Capital expenditure                               |         |         |         |         |           |
| All prisons                                       | 194 498 | 228 032 | 249 585 | 245 915 | 252 094   |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure       | 837 263 | 893 759 | 954 520 | 966 825 | 1 008 698 |
| Transport and escort services                     | 65 495  | 64 427  | 48 092  | 44 398  | 44 623    |
| Payroll tax                                       |         |         |         |         |           |
| Open plus periodic detention                      | 9 940   | 11 541  | 10 079  | 10 278  | 10 815    |
| Secure  | 13 578  | 14 688  | 17 214  | 18 296  | 19 118    |
| All prisons                                       | 23 517  | 26 229  | 27 292  | 28 574  | 29 933    |

(a) Data include persons received and discharged from a non-24 hour court cell on the same day.

(b) NSW rates exclude ACT prisoners held in NSW prisons.

(c) Excludes periodic detention centres — see 2009 Report, table 8A.8.

(d) Includes 24-hour court cell centre capacity.

(e) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator.

.. Not applicable.

Source: NSW Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.25.

Table 8A.7

**New South Wales****Table 8A.7 Effectiveness, prisons**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assault rates (per cent) (a)                        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Prisoners on prisoners                              |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                    | 0.74    | 0.75    | 0.36    | 0.49    | 0.31    |
| Assaults  | 13.57   | 11.88   | 14.97   | 13.26   | 13.07   |
| Prisoners on officers                               |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                    | —       | —       | —       | 0.01    | —       |
| Assaults  | 1.16    | 1.13    | 0.69    | 0.71    | 0.92    |
| Number of deaths (apparent unnatural causes)        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                                | —       | 3       | —       | 2       | 0       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                            | 9       | 5       | 5       | 3       | 4       |
| Total — all prisoners                               | 9       | 8       | 5       | 5       | 4       |
| Number of deaths (apparent natural causes)          |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                                | —       | 1       | —       | 2       | 1       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                            | 4       | 6       | 5       | 10      | 4       |
| Total — all prisoners                               | 4       | 7       | 5       | 12      | 5       |
| Number of deaths (unknown causes) (b)               |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                                | —       | —       | —       | —       | —       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                            | —       | —       | —       | 3       | 3       |
| Total — all prisoners                               | —       | —       | —       | 3       | 3       |
| Apparent unnatural death rate (per 100 prisoners)   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                                | —       | 0.17    | —       | 0.10    | —       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                            | 0.14    | 0.07    | 0.07    | 0.04    | 0.05    |
| Total — all prisoners                               | 0.11    | 0.09    | 0.05    | 0.05    | 0.04    |
| Escape/abscond rate (per 100 prisoners) (c)         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                              | 0.21    | 0.58    | 0.37    | 0.17    | 0.16    |
| Secure level of security                            | —       | 0.06    | 0.07    | —       | 0.02    |
| Average daily time out of cells (hours per day) (d) |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                              | 12.0    | 11.1    | 11.9    | 12.6    | 11.9    |
| Secure level of security                            | 7.7     | 8.7     | 7.6     | 7.6     | 7.2     |
| Total — all prisoners                               | 9.7     | 9.8     | 9.2     | 9.5     | 8.9     |
| Employment (per cent) (e)                           |         |         |         |         |         |
| Commercial (fee for service) industries             | 34.4    | 35.1    | 39.4    | 43.4    | 44.7    |
| Service (no fee for service) industries             | 39.4    | 35.3    | 33.2    | 34.1    | 34.9    |
| Work release  | 1.1     | 1.4     | 1.5     | 1.2     | 1.1     |
| Total — all industries                              | 75.0    | 71.8    | 74.0    | 78.7    | 80.6    |
| Education (per cent of eligible prisoners) (f)      |         |         |         |         |         |
| Pre-certificate Level 1 courses                     | 2.9     | 3.4     | 3.1     | 3.1     | 1.7     |
| AQF Secondary School sector education               | 20.5    | 17.9    | 15.5    | 15.8    | 15.8    |
| AQF Vocational Education and Training               | 26.4    | 28.0    | 28.9    | 30.1    | 24.9    |
| AQF Higher Education                                | 1.3     | 1.5     | 1.3     | 1.3     | 1.1     |
| Total — all education                               | 35.0    | 37.3    | 34.9    | 34.7    | 32.3    |

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|     | <i>2003-04</i>  | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|-----|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| (a) | In accordance with the national counting rule, assaults that occurred within a court complex are excluded. In 2007-08, there were zero incidents of serious assault by a prisoner under the supervision of corrective services in a court complex on either another prisoner or on staff. There were 16 prisoner on prisoner assaults and 9 prisoner on staff assaults in 24-hour court cell complexes.   |                |                |                |                |
| (b) | Refers to deaths where there is insufficient evidence to assess, subject to a Coroner's finding, whether the cause of death was natural or unnatural. These data are not included in the calculation of rates. Deaths occurring in past years where cause of death was recorded as unknown at the time of the Report but were subsequently determined to have been from either natural or unnatural causes are updated in the relevant year's figures and rates when known.   |                |                |                |                |
| (c) | In accordance with the national counting rule, these rates exclude other escapes/absconds (this category relates to absconds by prisoners on unescorted leave, such as work release or day leave, or by prisoners in work parties or participating in activities outside the perimeter without direct one-to-one supervision). There were three escapes of this type in 2007-08. Escapes by prisoners being transported to or from court or from within a court complex are also not counted within this category. There were zero escapes from court cells or court escorts during the reporting period. |                |                |                |                |
| (d) | NSW figures include all known irregular lockdowns and regular lock-ins, such as closures for meals, in the calculation of time out of cells.  |                |                |                |                |
| (e) | Prisoners in full time education, remandees who choose not to work, hospital patients or aged prisoners who are unable to work, prisoners whose protection status prohibits access to work, fine defaulters who are only incarcerated for a few days at a time, prisoners accommodated in community custodial centres and those held in 24-hour court cell complexes are excluded from this count.  |                |                |                |                |
| (f) | AQF = Australian Qualifications Framework.<br>– Nil or rounded to zero.   |                |                |                |                |

Source: NSW Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.26.

Table 8A.8

**New South Wales****Table 8A.8 Descriptors, periodic detention**

|  | 2003-04    | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Average daily periodic detention population (a)          |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>748</b> | <b>791</b> | <b>802</b> | <b>741</b> | <b>728</b> |
| Male, Indigenous   | 39         | 38         | 43         | 57         | 59         |
| Male, non-Indigenous                                     | 626        | 669        | 661        | 606        | 588        |
| Male, unknown  | 26         | 13         | 33         | 9          | 11         |
| Female, Indigenous                                       | 7          | 7          | 7          | 9          | 10         |
| Female, non-Indigenous                                   | 50         | 63         | 57         | 59         | 60         |
| Female, unknown  | –          | 1          | 1          | 1          | 1          |
| Total — male/female                                      |            |            |            |            |            |
| Male detainees   | 691        | 720        | 737        | 672        | 658        |
| Female detainees   | 57         | 71         | 65         | 69         | 71         |
| Total — Indigenous/non-Indigenous                        |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous detainees                                     | 46         | 45         | 50         | 66         | 69         |
| Non-Indigenous detainees                                 | 676        | 732        | 718        | 665        | 647        |
| Unknown  | 26         | 14         | 34         | 10         | 12         |
| Average daily population attending<br>(residential only) |            |            |            |            |            |
|  | 470        | 494        | 486        | 470        | 468        |
| Periodic detention rate                                  |            |            |            |            |            |
| Detainees/100 000  | 14.6       | 15.3       | 15.4       | 14.1       | 13.7       |
| Male detainees/100 000                                   | 27.5       | 28.3       | 28.7       | 26.1       | 25.3       |
| Female detainees/100 000                                 | 2.2        | 2.7        | 2.5        | 2.6        | 2.6        |
| Indigenous detainees/100 000                             | 65.8       | 56.7       | 61.5       | 78.6       | 80.9       |
| Non-Indigenous detainees/100 000                         | 13.4       | 14.4       | 14.0       | 12.9       | 12.4       |
| Number of periodic detention centres                     | 11         | 10         | 8          | 8          | 7          |
| Useable periodic detention capacity                      | 774        | 754        | 707        | 677        | 657        |

(a) Figures refer to all detainees with periodic detention warrants, regardless of whether this includes attending a residential component.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: NSW Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.27.

Table 8A.9

**New South Wales****Table 8A.9 Effectiveness, periodic detention**

|  | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assault rates (per cent)                 |         |         |         |         |         |
| Detainees on detainees                   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                         | –       | –       | 0.12    | –       | –       |
| Assaults                                 | 3.21    | 0.76    | 1.12    | 1.89    | 2.06    |
| Detainees on officers                    |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                         | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Assaults                                 | 0.13    | –       | 0.12    | 0.54    | 0.14    |
| Unnatural death rate (per 100 detainees) |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous detainees                     | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous detainees                 | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all detainees                    | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Escape/abscond rate (per 100 detainees)  | 0.27    | –       | 0.12    | –       | –       |
| Employment (per cent)                    |         |         |         |         |         |
| Service (no fee for service) industries  | 32.9    | 32.4    | 32.5    | 26.1    | 23.3    |
| Community work                           | 39.3    | 45.9    | 49.5    | 46.8    | 54.1    |
| Total employed                           | 72.2    | 78.3    | 82.0    | 72.9    | 77.4    |

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: NSW Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.28.

Table 8A.10

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## Table 8A.10 Descriptors, community corrections (a)

|   | 2003-04       | 2004-05       | 2005-06       | 2006-07       | 2007-08       |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Average number of offenders</b>        |               |               |               |               |               |
| on restricted movement orders             |               |               |               |               |               |
| Male, Indigenous                          | 8             | 7             | 8             | 9             | 7             |
| Male, non-Indigenous                      | 137           | 141           | 162           | 171           | 117           |
| Male, unknown                             | 19            | 9             | 3             | 0.3           | 0.3           |
| Female, Indigenous                        | 4             | 2             | 4             | 2             | 3             |
| Female, non-Indigenous                    | 25            | 28            | 32            | 28            | 22            |
| Female, unknown                           | 5             | 4             | 1             | 1             | 1             |
| Gender not recorded                       | 2             | 1             | 1             | 1             | 1             |
| <b>Total persons</b>                      | <b>200</b>    | <b>192</b>    | <b>211</b>    | <b>213</b>    | <b>152</b>    |
| on reparation orders                      |               |               |               |               |               |
| Male, Indigenous                          | 426           | 455           | 491           | 457           | 437           |
| Male, non-Indigenous                      | 2 755         | 3 039         | 3 173         | 2 993         | 2 704         |
| Male, unknown                             | 551           | 524           | 337           | 239           | 242           |
| Female, Indigenous                        | 107           | 122           | 137           | 118           | 133           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                    | 436           | 503           | 517           | 516           | 473           |
| Female, unknown                           | 96            | 106           | 77            | 43            | 37            |
| Gender not recorded                       | 33            | 20            | 22            | 19            | 25            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                      | <b>4 404</b>  | <b>4 769</b>  | <b>4 754</b>  | <b>4 386</b>  | <b>4 051</b>  |
| on supervision orders                     |               |               |               |               |               |
| Male, Indigenous                          | 1 648         | 1 818         | 1 960         | 2 109         | 2 202         |
| Male, non-Indigenous                      | 8 904         | 9 447         | 10 056        | 9 726         | 10 100        |
| Male, unknown                             | 1 069         | 874           | 498           | 256           | 465           |
| Female, Indigenous                        | 443           | 478           | 547           | 609           | 661           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                    | 1 324         | 1 422         | 1 461         | 1 472         | 1 496         |
| Female, unknown                           | 226           | 175           | 107           | 55            | 115           |
| Gender not recorded                       | 62            | 45            | 34            | 39            | 40            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                      | <b>13 676</b> | <b>14 259</b> | <b>14 663</b> | <b>14 265</b> | <b>15 079</b> |
| Daily distinct persons serving orders (b) |               |               |               |               |               |
| Male, Indigenous                          | 1 908         | 2 088         | 2 251         | 2 420         | 2 464         |
| Male, non-Indigenous                      | 10 837        | 11 584        | 12 280        | 12 274        | 12 009        |
| Male, unknown                             | 1 517         | 1 302         | 779           | 490           | 668           |
| Female, Indigenous                        | 516           | 564           | 638           | 691           | 748           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                    | 1 663         | 1 805         | 1 876         | 1 941         | 1 891         |
| Female, unknown                           | 310           | 269           | 170           | 98            | 148           |
| Total persons, Indigenous                 | 2 425         | 2 653         | 2 889         | 3 112         | 3 213         |
| Total persons, non-Indigenous             | 12 547        | 13 430        | 14 196        | 14 265        | 13 952        |
| Total persons, unknown                    | 1 868         | 1 593         | 962           | 592           | 822           |
| Total males                               | 14 262        | 14 974        | 15 310        | 15 184        | 15 141        |
| Total females                             | 2 489         | 2 638         | 2 684         | 2 729         | 2 786         |
| Total gender not recorded                 | 89            | 64            | 53            | 56            | 60            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                      | <b>16 840</b> | <b>17 676</b> | <b>18 047</b> | <b>17 970</b> | <b>17 988</b> |

Table 8A.10

**New South Wales****Table 8A.10 Descriptors, community corrections (a)**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Community corrections rates</b>                |         |         |         |         |         |
| Offenders/100 000                                 | 329.4   | 342.3   | 346.4   | 342.8   | 338.7   |
| Male offenders/100 000                            | 567.4   | 589.2   | 596.8   | 591.0   | 581.8   |
| Female offenders/100 000                          | 95.8    | 100.6   | 101.5   | 102.1   | 102.8   |
| Indigenous offenders per 100 000                  | 3 465.7 | 3 340.0 | 3 551.1 | 3 731.5 | 3 760.9 |
| Non-Indigenous offenders/100 000                  | 248.9   | 264.2   | 276.8   | 276.5   | 267.0   |
| Work hours ordered/100 000                        | na      | na      | na      | na      | na      |
| Work hours performed/100 000                      | na      | na      | na      | na      | na      |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (c)</b> |         |         |         |         |         |
| Recurrent expenditure                             | 70 080  | 79 506  | 75 842  | 80 293  | 82 427  |
| Recurrent receipts                                | 467     | 460     | 1 318   | 648     | 931     |
| Net recurrent expenditure                         | 69 613  | 79 046  | 74 523  | 79 645  | 81 496  |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation       | 70 302  | 79 881  | 76 214  | 81 559  | 83 516  |
| Capital expenditure                               | 1 271   | 1 701   | 2 484   | 2 713   | 2 932   |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure       | 70 884  | 80 746  | 77 007  | 82 358  | 84 428  |
| Payroll Tax                                       | 3 154   | 3 630   | 3 858   | 3 783   | 3 748   |

(a) Excludes offenders on orders that have been inactive for over three months where a bench warrant has been issued.

(b) Total persons may not equal the sum of persons per order type because an offender may be serving more than one order type.

(c) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator.

na Not available.

Source: NSW Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.30.

# Single Jurisdiction Data — Vic



Table 8A.11

**Victoria****Table 8A.11 Descriptors, prisons**

|   | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Average daily prison population                       |                |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Total — all prisons</b>                            | <b>3 669</b>   | <b>3 596</b>   | <b>3 648</b>   | <b>4 044</b>   | <b>4 177</b>   |
| Male, Indigenous, open prison                         | 9              | 9              | 12             | 11             | 9              |
| Male, non-Indigenous, open prison                     | 324            | 309            | 344            | 315            | 370            |
| Male, unknown, open prison                            | —              | 2              | 7              | 7              | 1              |
| Female, Indigenous, open prison                       | 1              | 1              | —              | 2              | 0.2            |
| Female, non-Indigenous, open prison                   | 46             | 44             | 37             | 40             | 43             |
| Female, unknown, open prison                          | —              | 0.3            | 1              | 0.2            | 0.4            |
| Male, Indigenous, secure prison                       | 158            | 158            | 178            | 197            | 212            |
| Male, non-Indigenous, secure prison                   | 2 919          | 2 835          | 2 793          | 3 187          | 3 334          |
| Male, unknown, secure prison                          | 8              | 28             | 75             | 80             | 6              |
| Female, Indigenous, secure prison                     | 12             | 15             | 15             | 13             | 15             |
| Female, non-Indigenous, secure prison                 | 192            | 194            | 179            | 186            | 183            |
| Female, unknown, secure prison                        | —              | 3              | 6              | 6              | 3              |
| Total — male/female                                   |                |                |                |                |                |
| Male prisoners, all prisons                           | 3 418          | 3 340          | 3 410          | 3 797          | 3 932          |
| Female prisoners, all prisons                         | 251            | 257            | 238            | 247            | 244            |
| Total — Indigenous/non-Indigenous                     |                |                |                |                |                |
| Indigenous prisoners, all prisons                     | 180            | 182            | 206            | 222            | 236            |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners, all prisons                 | 3 481          | 3 381          | 3 353          | 3 728          | 3 930          |
| Unknown, all prisons                                  | 8              | 33             | 89             | 93             | 10             |
| Total — open/secure                                   |                |                |                |                |                |
| Open prisoners  | 380            | 365            | 401            | 376            | 423            |
| Secure prisoners                                      | 3 289          | 3 232          | 3 247          | 3 668          | 3 753          |
| Privately operated prisons                            |                |                |                |                |                |
| Indigenous prisoners                                  | 79             | 78             | 97             | 82             | 81             |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                              | 1 399          | 1 380          | 1 386          | 1 344          | 1 345          |
| Unknown   | 3              | 15             | 41             | 35             | 1              |
| Total prisoners in privately operated prisons         | 1 481          | 1 473          | 1 523          | 1 461          | 1 426          |
| Crude imprisonment rate (a)                           |                |                |                |                |                |
| Prisoners/100 000                                     | 95.1           | 92.0           | 93.7           | 101.6          | 103.2          |
| Male prisoners/100 000                                | 181.8          | 175.0          | 179.5          | 195.0          | 198.5          |
| Female prisoners/100 000                              | 12.7           | 12.8           | 12.0           | 12.1           | 11.8           |
| Indigenous prisoners/100 000                          | 1 203.7        | 1 010.7        | 1 151.0        | 1 204.0        | 1 236.6        |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners/100 000                      | 90.6           | 86.9           | 86.6           | 94.1           | 97.6           |
| Number of facilities                                  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Government operated prisons                           | 11             | 10             | 11             | 12             | 12             |
| Privately operated prisons                            | 2              | 2              | 2              | 2              | 2              |
| Government operated community<br>custodial facilities | —              | —              | —              | —              | —              |

Table 8A.11

**Victoria****Table 8A.11 Descriptors, prisons**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Privately operated community custodial facilities | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| 24-hour court cell centres                        | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total correctional custodial facilities           | 13      | 12      | 13      | 14      | 14      |
| Prison design capacity (b)                        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open prisons                                      | 453     | 405     | na      | na      | na      |
| Secure prisons                                    | 3 137   | 3 070   | na      | na      | na      |
| Total — all prisons                               | 3 590   | 3 475   | na      | na      | na      |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (c)</b> |         |         |         |         |         |
| Recurrent expenditure, all prisons                | 273 298 | 296 280 | 305 604 | 334 088 | 346 281 |
| Recurrent receipts, all prisons                   | 8 744   | 8 029   | 8 468   | 7 117   | 8 613   |
| Net recurrent expenditure                         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open plus periodic detention                      | 22 730  | 27 958  | 28 934  | 26 228  | 29 480  |
| Secure  | 241 824 | 260 293 | 268 201 | 300 743 | 308 188 |
| All prisons                                       | 264 554 | 288 251 | 297 136 | 326 971 | 337 668 |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation       | 276 006 | 298 636 | 324 032 | 357 929 | 360 293 |
| Capital expenditure                               |         |         |         |         |         |
| All prisons                                       | 54 601  | 53 309  | 79 428  | 97 685  | 87 843  |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure       | 319 154 | 341 561 | 376 564 | 424 656 | 425 512 |
| Transport and escort services                     | 1 643   | 6 110   | 7 317   | 7 873   | 8 206   |
| Payroll tax                                       |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open plus periodic detention                      | 663     | 885     | 847     | 733     | 807     |
| Secure  | 4 239   | 5 047   | 5 394   | 6 029   | 6 326   |
| All prisons                                       | 4 902   | 5 932   | 6 241   | 6 762   | 7 133   |

(a) Based on an adult general population aged 17 years and over for years prior to 2005-06.

(b) Includes design capacity in relocatable accommodation units.

(c) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Victorian Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.33.

Table 8A.12

**Victoria****Table 8A.12 Effectiveness, prisons**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assault rates (per cent)                          |         |         |         |         |         |
| Prisoners on prisoners                            |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                  | 0.93    | 0.56    | 0.93    | 0.64    | 0.67    |
| Assaults  | 5.67    | 5.81    | 7.51    | 8.68    | 7.73    |
| Prisoners on officers                             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                  | 0.03    | –       | 0.03    | 0.02    | –       |
| Assaults  | 0.76    | 0.92    | 1.07    | 0.87    | 0.79    |
| Number of deaths (apparent unnatural causes)      |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | 2       | –       | 1       | –       | 2       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 2       | –       | 1       | –       | 2       |
| Number of deaths (apparent natural causes)        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | –       | 1       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | 2       | 4       | 3       | 2       | 12      |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 2       | 4       | 4       | 2       | 12      |
| Number of deaths (unknown causes) (a)             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Apparent unnatural death rate (per 100 prisoners) |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | 0.06    | –       | 0.03    | –       | 0.05    |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 0.05    | –       | 0.03    | –       | 0.05    |
| Escape/abscond rate (per 100 prisoners) (b)       |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                            | 1.58    | 1.10    | 0.75    | 0.27    | 0.47    |
| Secure level of security                          | –       | –       | –       | –       | 0.08    |
| Average daily time out of cells (hours per day)   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                            | 14.6    | na      | na      | na      | na      |
| Secure level of security                          | 11.5    | na      | na      | na      | na      |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 11.8    | na      | na      | na      | na      |
| Employment (per cent) (c)                         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Commercial (fee for service) industries           | 44.3    | 44.1    | 38.9    | 35.3    | 36.4    |
| Service (no fee for service) industries           | 43.0    | 43.0    | 43.7    | 52.2    | 49.7    |
| Work release                                      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| Total — all industries                            | 87.3    | 87.1    | 82.6    | 87.5    | 86.1    |
| Education (per cent of eligible prisoners) (d)    |         |         |         |         |         |
| Pre-certificate Level 1 courses                   | 0.6     | 0.4     | 0.1     | 3.7     | 3.9     |
| AQF Secondary School sector education             | 1.6     | 0.9     | 0.3     | 0.6     | 0.5     |
| AQF Vocational Education and Training             | 37.4    | 36.1    | 30.9    | 30.1    | 29.0    |
| AQF Higher Education                              | 1.5     | 1.9     | 2.1     | 2.2     | 2.4     |
| Total — all education                             | 38.3    | 37.9    | 32.2    | 32.5    | 32.5    |

(a) Refers to deaths where there is insufficient evidence to assess, subject to a Coroner's finding, whether the cause of death was natural or unnatural. These data are not included in the calculation of rates. Deaths occurring in past years where cause of death was recorded as unknown at the time of the Report but were subsequently determined to have been from either natural or unnatural causes are updated in the relevant year's figures and rates when known.

**Victoria****Table 8A.12 Effectiveness, prisons**

|     | 2003-04   | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|-----|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (b) | In accordance with the national counting rule, these rates exclude other escapes/absconds (this category relates to absconds by prisoners on unescorted leave, such as work release or day leave, or by prisoners in work parties or participating in activities outside the perimeter without direct one-to-one supervision). There were zero escapes of this type in 2007-08. |         |         |         |         |
| (c) | Based on the number of prisoners employed at 30 June and calculated against the number of prisoners in custody on that day.   |         |         |         |         |
| (d) | Based on data collected on the last day of term preceding 30 June and calculated against the number of prisoners in custody on that day. AQF = Australian Qualifications Framework.   |         |         |         |         |

**na** Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Victorian Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.34.

Table 8A.13

## Victoria

Table 8A.13 Descriptors, community corrections (a)

|   | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Average number of offenders</b>                |              |              |              |              |              |
| on restricted movement orders                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 1            | 5            | 2            | –            | 2            |
| Male, unknown                                     | 1            | 10           | 14           | 18           | 11           |
| Female, Indigenous                                | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | –            | 2            | 0.4          | –            | 0.4          |
| Female, unknown                                   | –            | 3            | 4            | 4            | 3            |
| Gender not recorded                               | –            | –            | 1            | 2            | 1            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>2</b>     | <b>20</b>    | <b>22</b>    | <b>24</b>    | <b>17</b>    |
| on reparation orders                              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 81           | 78           | 73           | 59           | 74           |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 1 663        | 1 636        | 1 522        | 1 217        | 1 518        |
| Male, unknown                                     | 80           | 223          | 274          | 208          | 188          |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 39           | 36           | 25           | 30           | 33           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 432          | 433          | 408          | 345          | 417          |
| Female, unknown                                   | 21           | 81           | 116          | 106          | 83           |
| Gender not recorded                               | 244          | 121          | 14           | 7            | 89           |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>2 560</b> | <b>2 609</b> | <b>2 431</b> | <b>1 972</b> | <b>2 402</b> |
| on supervision orders                             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 206          | 209          | 210          | 183          | 197          |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 4 185        | 4 316        | 4 234        | 4 019        | 4 155        |
| Male, unknown                                     | 216          | 314          | 325          | 349          | 275          |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 53           | 52           | 51           | 43           | 50           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 818          | 794          | 802          | 738          | 777          |
| Female, unknown                                   | 48           | 73           | 82           | 88           | 66           |
| Gender not recorded                               | 29           | 44           | 42           | 20           | 29           |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>5 555</b> | <b>5 802</b> | <b>5 745</b> | <b>5 440</b> | <b>5 549</b> |
| Average daily distinct persons serving orders (b) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 278          | 275          | 271          | 232          | 261          |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 5 694        | 5 810        | 5 629        | 5 128        | 5 541        |
| Male, unknown                                     | 290          | 527          | 594          | 585          | 456          |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 88           | 87           | 74           | 72           | 80           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 1 215        | 1 204        | 1 181        | 1 057        | 1 165        |
| Female, unknown                                   | 69           | 151          | 196          | 198          | 147          |
| Total persons, Indigenous                         | 366          | 364          | 346          | 305          | 342          |
| Total persons, non-Indigenous                     | 6 909        | 7 051        | 6 854        | 6 204        | 6 726        |
| Total persons, unknown                            | 633          | 803          | 800          | 796          | 700          |
| Total males                                       | 6 262        | 6 611        | 6 495        | 5 945        | 6 259        |
| Total females                                     | 1 372        | 1 442        | 1 451        | 1 327        | 1 392        |
| Total gender not recorded                         | 274          | 164          | 55           | 32           | 118          |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>7 908</b> | <b>8 218</b> | <b>8 000</b> | <b>7 304</b> | <b>7 769</b> |

Table 8A.13

**Victoria****Table 8A.13 Descriptors, community corrections (a)**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Crude Community corrections rates (c)</b>      |         |         |         |         |         |
| Offenders/100 000                                 | 205.0   | 210.2   | 205.6   | 183.6   | 191.9   |
| Male offenders/100 000                            | 333.1   | 346.4   | 342.0   | 305.3   | 316.0   |
| Female offenders/100 000                          | 69.4    | 72.1    | 72.8    | 65.3    | 67.3    |
| Indigenous offenders/100 000                      | 2 447.5 | 2 024.2 | 1 938.2 | 1 649.1 | 1 793.3 |
| Non-Indigenous offenders/100 000                  | 179.8   | 181.2   | 176.9   | 156.6   | 166.9   |
| Work hours ordered/100 000                        | na      | na      | na      | na      | na      |
| Work hours performed/100 000                      | 18 969  | na      | 18 701  | 18 578  | 17 944  |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (d)</b> |         |         |         |         |         |
| Recurrent expenditure                             | 37 561  | 41 353  | 41 237  | 45 762  | 45 995  |
| Recurrent receipts                                | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Net recurrent expenditure                         | 37 561  | 41 353  | 41 237  | 45 762  | 45 995  |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation       | 39 722  | 43 016  | 42 118  | 46 763  | 46 863  |
| Capital expenditure                               | 2 428   | 1 908   | 1 161   | 1 398   | 1 039   |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure       | 39 989  | 43 261  | 42 398  | 47 160  | 47 034  |
| Payroll tax                                       | 1 169   | 1 254   | 1 360   | 1 395   | 1 480   |

(a) Excludes offenders on orders that are inactive pending the outcome of breach action.

(b) Total persons may not equal the sum of persons per order type because an offender may be serving more than one order type.

(c) Based on an adult general population aged 17 years and over for years prior to 2005-06.

(d) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator.

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Victorian Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.36.

# Single Jurisdiction Data — Qld

Table 8A.14

## Queensland

## Table 8A.14 Descriptors, prisons

|  | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Average daily prison population (a)                |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>Total — all prisons</b>                         | <b>5 264</b> | <b>5 329</b> | <b>5 449</b> | <b>5 649</b> | <b>5 491</b> |
| Male, Indigenous, open prison                      | 151          | 151          | 160          | 156          | 127          |
| Male, non-Indigenous, open prison                  | 645          | 652          | 580          | 537          | 424          |
| Male, unknown, open prison                         | 9            | 8            | —            | —            | —            |
| Female, Indigenous, open prison                    | 15           | 15           | 22           | 24           | 15           |
| Female, non-Indigenous, open prison                | 54           | 57           | 57           | 66           | 65           |
| Female, unknown, open prison                       | 2            | 5            | —            | —            | —            |
| Male, Indigenous, secure prison                    | 999          | 1 040        | 1 160        | 1 241        | 1 217        |
| Male, non-Indigenous, secure prison                | 3 094        | 3 091        | 3 170        | 3 291        | 3 316        |
| Male, unknown, secure prison                       | 27           | 30           | —            | —            | —            |
| Female, Indigenous, secure prison                  | 71           | 79           | 86           | 98           | 91           |
| Female, non-Indigenous, secure prison              | 194          | 189          | 214          | 236          | 235          |
| Female, unknown, secure prison                     | 3            | 12           | —            | —            | —            |
| Total — male/female                                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male prisoners, all prisons                        | 4 925        | 4 972        | 5 070        | 5 225        | 5 085        |
| Female prisoners, all prisons                      | 339          | 357          | 379          | 424          | 406          |
| Total — Indigenous/non-Indigenous                  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous prisoners, all prisons                  | 1 236        | 1 285        | 1 428        | 1 519        | 1 451        |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners, all prisons              | 3 987        | 3 989        | 4 021        | 4 130        | 4 040        |
| Unknown, all prisons                               | 41           | 55           | —            | —            | —            |
| Total — open/secure                                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Open prisoners                                     | 876          | 888          | 820          | 783          | 632          |
| Secure prisoners                                   | 4 388        | 4 441        | 4 629        | 4 866        | 4 859        |
| Privately operated prisons                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous prisoners                               | 167          | 177          | 193          | 208          | 189          |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                           | 1 077        | 1 082        | 1 111        | 1 085        | 1 095        |
| Unknown  | 4            | 4            | —            | —            | —            |
| Total prisoners in privately operated prisons      | 1 248        | 1 263        | 1 304        | 1 294        | 1 284        |
| Crude imprisonment rate                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Prisoners/100 000                                  | 179.0        | 177.2        | 177.0        | 177.8        | 168.7        |
| Male prisoners/100 000                             | 338.9        | 334.0        | 332.0        | 332.1        | 315.5        |
| Female prisoners/100 000                           | 22.8         | 23.5         | 24.4         | 26.4         | 24.7         |
| Indigenous prisoners/100 000                       | 1 714.8      | 1 647.2      | 1 779.7      | 1 840.1      | 1 707.2      |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners/100 000                   | 139.0        | 136.2        | 134.1        | 133.4        | 127.5        |
| Number of facilities (b)                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Government operated prisons                        | 11           | 11           | 11           | 11           | 12           |
| Privately operated prisons                         | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            |
| Government operated community custodial facilities | 3            | 3            | —            | —            | —            |



Table 8A.14

## Queensland

## Table 8A.14 Descriptors, prisons

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Privately operated community custodial facilities | 3       | 1       | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| 24-hour court cell centres                        | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total correctional custodial facilities           | 19      | 17      | 13      | 13      | 14      |
| Prison design capacity                            |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open prisons                                      | 1 126   | 1 078   | 1 038   | 986     | 982     |
| Secure prisons                                    | 5 081   | 5 081   | 4 880   | 4 711   | 4 742   |
| Total — all prisons                               | 6 207   | 6 159   | 5 918   | 5 697   | 5 724   |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (c)</b> |         |         |         |         |         |
| Recurrent expenditure, all prisons                | 336 588 | 344 018 | 364 260 | 344 084 | 386 544 |
| Recurrent receipts, all prisons                   | 21 072  | 21 283  | 20 711  | 18 824  | 24 980  |
| Net recurrent expenditure                         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open plus periodic detention                      | 50 198  | 49 417  | 45 909  | 45 360  | 46 595  |
| Secure  | 265 318 | 273 318 | 297 639 | 279 900 | 314 969 |
| All prisons                                       | 315 516 | 322 735 | 343 549 | 325 260 | 361 564 |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation       | 360 387 | 364 430 | 385 602 | 367 617 | 406 316 |
| Capital expenditure                               |         |         |         |         |         |
| All prisons                                       | 118 513 | 115 943 | 126 441 | 125 818 | 166 588 |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure       | 434 029 | 438 678 | 469 989 | 451 078 | 528 152 |
| Transport and escort services                     | 8 431   | 9 216   | 9 120   | 8 942   | 8 810   |
| Payroll tax                                       |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open plus periodic detention                      | 1 206   | 1 070   | 926     | 914     | 874     |
| Secure  | 6 040   | 5 904   | 5 671   | 5 735   | 6 166   |
| All prisons                                       | 7 246   | 6 974   | 6 597   | 6 649   | 7 040   |

(a) Open prisons includes prisoners in work outreach camps, community custody corrections and outstations where these operated during the reporting period.

(b) The new Brisbane Mens Correctional Centre commenced operations in June 2008.

(c) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Queensland Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.39.

Table 8A.15

**Queensland****Table 8A.15 Effectiveness, prisons**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assault rates (per cent) (a)                      |         |         |         |         |         |
| Prisoners on prisoners                            |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                  | 0.72    | 0.73    | 0.79    | 0.74    | 0.51    |
| Assaults  | 5.49    | 5.35    | 4.28    | 4.20    | 3.68    |
| Prisoners on officers                             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                  | 0.08    | 0.08    | 0.09    | 0.02    | 0.02    |
| Assaults  | 1.35    | 0.58    | 0.17    | 0.27    | 0.22    |
| Number of deaths (apparent unnatural causes)      |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | 2       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | 3       | 2       | –       | 2       | 1       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 5       | 2       | –       | 2       | 1       |
| Number of deaths (apparent natural causes)        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | 3       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | 5       | 2       | 2       | 3       | 6       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 8       | 2       | 2       | 3       | 6       |
| Number of deaths (unknown causes) (b)             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Apparent unnatural death rate (per 100 prisoners) |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | 0.16    | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | 0.08    | 0.05    | –       | 0.05    | 0.02    |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 0.09    | 0.04    | –       | 0.04    | 0.02    |
| Escape/abscond rate (per 100 prisoners) (c)       |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                            | 1.48    | 0.90    | 1.59    | 0.77    | 1.42    |
| Secure level of security                          | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Average daily time out of cells (hours per day)   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                            | 16.3    | 16.4    | 15.2    | 15.3    | 17.9    |
| Secure level of security                          | 10.7    | 10.9    | 10.5    | 10.6    | 10.5    |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 11.7    | 11.8    | 11.2    | 11.1    | 11.2    |
| Employment (per cent)                             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Commercial (fee for service) industries           | 35.5    | 32.2    | 29.9    | 29.0    | 26.9    |
| Service (no fee for service) industries           | 39.9    | 42.4    | 43.2    | 42.4    | 40.8    |
| Work release (d)                                  | 3.8     | 3.2     | 1.7     | ..      | ..      |
| Total — all industries                            | 79.1    | 77.8    | 74.7    | 71.4    | 67.8    |
| Education (per cent of eligible prisoners)        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Pre-certificate Level 1 courses                   | 9.9     | 9.8     | 8.0     | 9.0     | 9.6     |
| AQF Secondary School sector education             | 4.2     | 4.2     | 3.4     | 2.5     | 2.3     |
| AQF Vocational Education and Training             | 14.4    | 13.3    | 12.3    | 14.6    | 16.4    |
| AQF Higher Education                              | 3.1     | 3.5     | 2.8     | 3.2     | 3.1     |
| Total — all education                             | 28.5    | 28.0    | 24.3    | 27.0    | 29.0    |

**Queensland****Table 8A.15 Effectiveness, prisons**

|     | <i>2003-04</i>  | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|-----|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| (a) | Counting rule changes were implemented in 2005-06 to increase the national comparability for this indicator by including perpetrators who were also injured during the assault in this count - these numbers had previously been excluded in Queensland. Figures from 2005-06 are therefore not directly comparable to previous years.  |                |                |                |                |
| (b) | Refers to deaths where there is insufficient evidence to assess, subject to a Coroner's finding, whether the cause of death was natural or unnatural. These data are not included in the calculation of rates. Deaths occurring in past years where cause of death was recorded as unknown at the time of the Report but were subsequently determined to have been from either natural or unnatural causes are updated in the relevant year's figures and rates when known. |                |                |                |                |
| (c) | In accordance with the national counting rule, these rates exclude other escapes/absconds (this category relates to absconds by prisoners on unescorted leave, such as work release or day leave, or by prisoners in work parties or participating in activities outside the perimeter without direct one-to-one supervision). There was one escape of this type in 2007-08.  |                |                |                |                |
| (d) | Release to Work ceased to be a release option following the introduction of the Corrective Services Act 2006 on 28 August 2006.   |                |                |                |                |

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Queensland Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.40.

Table 8A.16

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## Table 8A.16 Descriptors, community corrections

|   | 2003-04       | 2004-05       | 2005-06       | 2006-07       | 2007-08       |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Average number of offenders</b>                |               |               |               |               |               |
| on restricted movement orders (a)                 |               |               |               |               |               |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 7             | 8             | 11            | 0.3           | ..            |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 49            | 55            | 59            | 4             | ..            |
| Male, unknown                                     | 2             | –             | –             | –             | ..            |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 1             | 1             | 1             | 0.1           | ..            |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 4             | 5             | 6             | 0.3           | ..            |
| Female, unknown                                   | –             | –             | –             | –             | ..            |
| Gender not recorded                               | –             | –             | –             | –             | ..            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>63</b>     | <b>69</b>     | <b>77</b>     | <b>4</b>      | <b>..</b>     |
| on reparation orders                              |               |               |               |               |               |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 478           | 494           | 579           | 471           | 385           |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 2 024         | 1 859         | 1 976         | 1 732         | 1 511         |
| Male, unknown                                     | 223           | 181           | –             | –             | –             |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 140           | 156           | 207           | 169           | 139           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 608           | 592           | 630           | 576           | 459           |
| Female, unknown                                   | 79            | 64            | –             | –             | –             |
| Gender not recorded                               | –             | –             | –             | –             | –             |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>3 552</b>  | <b>3 346</b>  | <b>3 392</b>  | <b>2 947</b>  | <b>2 494</b>  |
| on supervision orders                             |               |               |               |               |               |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 1 107         | 1 150         | 1 209         | 1 323         | 1 611         |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 5 554         | 5 767         | 6 429         | 6 918         | 8 084         |
| Male, unknown                                     | 474           | 422           | –             | –             | –             |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 330           | 339           | 368           | 465           | 557           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 1 261         | 1 340         | 1 546         | 1 573         | 1 777         |
| Female, unknown                                   | 165           | 153           | –             | –             | –             |
| Gender not recorded                               | –             | –             | –             | –             | –             |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>8 891</b>  | <b>9 171</b>  | <b>9 552</b>  | <b>10 279</b> | <b>12 029</b> |
| Average daily distinct persons serving orders (b) |               |               |               |               |               |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 1 432         | 1 482         | 1 615         | 1 610         | 1 868         |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 6 979         | 7 042         | 7 829         | 8 038         | 9 028         |
| Male, unknown                                     | 645           | 564           | –             | –             | –             |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 442           | 464           | 540           | 586           | 659           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 1 739         | 1 792         | 2 040         | 2 016         | 2 110         |
| Female, unknown                                   | 231           | 206           | –             | –             | –             |
| Total persons, Indigenous                         | 1 874         | 1 946         | 2 155         | 2 196         | 2 528         |
| Total persons, non-Indigenous                     | 8 718         | 8 834         | 9 869         | 10 054        | 11 138        |
| Total persons, unknown                            | 876           | 770           | –             | –             | –             |
| Total males                                       | 9 056         | 9 088         | 9 444         | 9 648         | 10 896        |
| Total females                                     | 2 412         | 2 462         | 2 580         | 2 602         | 2 769         |
| Total gender not recorded                         | –             | –             | –             | –             | –             |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>11 468</b> | <b>11 550</b> | <b>12 024</b> | <b>12 250</b> | <b>13 665</b> |

Table 8A.16

**Queensland**  
**Table 8A.16 Descriptors, community corrections**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Crude community corrections rates                 |         |         |         |         |         |
| Offenders/100 000                                 | 390.0   | 384.0   | 390.6   | 385.5   | 419.9   |
| Male offenders/100 000                            | 623.2   | 610.5   | 618.4   | 613.3   | 676.1   |
| Female offenders/100 000                          | 162.2   | 162.1   | 166.4   | 162.2   | 168.6   |
| Indigenous offenders/100 000                      | 2 600.0 | 2 494.5 | 2 686.0 | 2 660.2 | 2 974.7 |
| Non-Indigenous offenders/100 000                  | 304.0   | 301.6   | 329.2   | 324.9   | 351.4   |
| Work hours ordered/100 000                        | 32 021  | 30 015  | 26 190  | 23 000  | 19 292  |
| Work hours performed/100 000                      | 18 492  | 16 411  | 14 426  | 13 139  | 11 341  |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (c)</b> |         |         |         |         |         |
| Recurrent expenditure                             | 38 566  | 38 796  | 40 506  | 43 800  | 48 573  |
| Recurrent receipts                                | 858     | 852     | 848     | 727     | 1 153   |
| Net recurrent expenditure                         | 37 708  | 37 944  | 39 658  | 43 073  | 47 420  |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation       | 38 038  | 38 269  | 40 672  | 44 217  | 48 641  |
| Capital expenditure                               | 605     | 625     | 1 267   | 1 603   | 1 971   |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure       | 38 312  | 38 569  | 40 925  | 44 676  | 49 391  |
| Payroll tax                                       | 1 230   | 1 223   | 1 200   | 1 357   | 1 521   |

(a) Restricted movement orders (home detention) were removed as a sentencing option following the introduction of the Corrective Services Act 2006 on 28 August 2006 with the program continuing to operate until all outstanding orders were completed.

(b) Total persons may not equal the sum of persons per order type because an offender may be serving more than one order type.

(c) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Queensland Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.42.

# Single Jurisdiction Data — WA

Table 8A.17

**Western Australia****Table 8A.17 Descriptors, prisons**

|  | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Average daily prison population (a)                |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>Total — all prisons</b>                         | <b>3 006</b> | <b>3 372</b> | <b>3 433</b> | <b>3 622</b> | <b>3 802</b> |
| Male, Indigenous, open prison                      | 298          | 357          | 262          | 317          | 347          |
| Male, non-Indigenous, open prison                  | 521          | 556          | 541          | 536          | 580          |
| Male, unknown, open prison                         | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            |
| Female, Indigenous, open prison                    | 35           | 54           | 36           | 41           | 54           |
| Female, non-Indigenous, open prison                | 53           | 48           | 44           | 40           | 50           |
| Female, unknown, open prison                       | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            |
| Male, Indigenous, secure prison                    | 694          | 850          | 979          | 1 024        | 1 080        |
| Male, non-Indigenous, secure prison                | 1 258        | 1 342        | 1 405        | 1 455        | 1 498        |
| Male, unknown, secure prison                       | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            |
| Female, Indigenous, secure prison                  | 69           | 84           | 88           | 115          | 106          |
| Female, non-Indigenous, secure prison              | 79           | 80           | 78           | 94           | 87           |
| Female, unknown, secure prison                     | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            |
| Total — male/female                                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male prisoners, all prisons                        | 2 771        | 3 105        | 3 187        | 3 332        | 3 505        |
| Female prisoners, all prisons                      | 235          | 267          | 246          | 290          | 298          |
| Total — Indigenous/non-Indigenous                  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous prisoners, all prisons                  | 1 095        | 1 345        | 1 365        | 1 497        | 1 588        |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners, all prisons              | 1 910        | 2 026        | 2 068        | 2 125        | 2 215        |
| Unknown, all prisons                               | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            |
| Total — open/secure                                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Open prisoners                                     | 906          | 1 015        | 883          | 934          | 1 031        |
| Secure prisoners                                   | 2 099        | 2 357        | 2 550        | 2 688        | 2 771        |
| Privately operated prisons                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous prisoners                               | 206          | 235          | 246          | 247          | 254          |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                           | 513          | 494          | 479          | 521          | 525          |
| Unknown  | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            |
| Total prisoners in privately operated prisons      | 719          | 729          | 725          | 768          | 779          |
| Crude imprisonment rate                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Prisoners/100 000                                  | 202.5        | 223.0        | 222.9        | 229.4        | 234.6        |
| Male prisoners/100 000                             | 376.1        | 413.2        | 415.4        | 420.7        | 430.6        |
| Female prisoners/100 000                           | 31.4         | 35.1         | 31.8         | 36.9         | 36.9         |
| Indigenous prisoners/100 000                       | 2 997.2      | 3 346.8      | 3 300.3      | 3 521.6      | 3 637.9      |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners/100 000                   | 132.0        | 137.7        | 138.0        | 138.3        | 140.4        |
| Number of facilities                               |              |              |              |              |              |
| Government operated prisons                        | 12           | 12           | 12           | 12           | 12           |
| Privately operated prisons                         | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| Government operated community custodial facilities | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            |

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**Western Australia****Table 8A.17 Descriptors, prisons**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Privately operated community custodial facilities (a) | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| 24-hour court cell centres                            | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total correctional custodial facilities               | 13      | 13      | 13      | 13      | 13      |
| Prison design capacity                                |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open prisons  | 762     | 835     | 822     | 836     | 838     |
| Secure prisons  | 2 526   | 2 505   | 2 538   | 2 542   | 2 543   |
| Total — all prisons                                   | 3 288   | 3 340   | 3 360   | 3 378   | 3 381   |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (b)</b>     |         |         |         |         |         |
| Recurrent expenditure, all prisons                    | 216 208 | 242 070 | 257 534 | 305 538 | 327 495 |
| Recurrent receipts, all prisons                       | 11 875  | 12 051  | 13 556  | 15 168  | 15 162  |
| Net recurrent expenditure                             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open plus periodic detention                          | 43 169  | 47 412  | 49 700  | 61 572  | 65 575  |
| Secure  | 161 164 | 182 606 | 194 278 | 228 798 | 246 758 |
| All prisons   | 204 334 | 230 018 | 243 978 | 290 370 | 312 333 |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation           | 220 189 | 246 460 | 257 429 | 302 286 | 324 318 |
| Capital expenditure                                   |         |         |         |         |         |
| All prisons   | 15 856  | 54 665  | 54 281  | 59 758  | 59 146  |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure           | 220 189 | 284 683 | 298 260 | 350 127 | 371 479 |
| Transport and escort services                         | na      | na      | na      | na      | na      |
| Payroll tax   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open plus periodic detention                          | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| Secure  | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| All prisons   | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |

(a) Daily average is based upon the personal security rating of prisoners not the type of prison.

(b) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator.

**na** Not available. **..** Not applicable. **–** Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: WA Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.45.



Table 8A.18

**Western Australia****Table 8A.18 Effectiveness, prisons**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assault rates (per cent) (a)                      |         |         |         |         |         |
| Prisoners on prisoners                            |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                  | 0.50    | 0.65    | 0.47    | 0.41    | 0.66    |
| Assaults  | 10.11   | 4.36    | 6.03    | 6.18    | 6.39    |
| Prisoners on officers                             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                  | 0.13    | 0.12    | 0.06    | 0.06    | 0.08    |
| Assaults  | 2.63    | 0.74    | 0.73    | 0.77    | 0.34    |
| Number of deaths (apparent unnatural causes)      |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | 1       | –       | 1       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | 1       | 2       | 2       | –       | 2       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 1       | 3       | 2       | 1       | 2       |
| Number of deaths (apparent natural causes)        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | 2       | 1       | 1       | 3       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | 3       | 2       | 3       | 1       | 1       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 3       | 4       | 4       | 2       | 4       |
| Number of deaths (unknown causes) (b)             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | –       | –       | –       | 1       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | –       | –       | –       | –       | 1       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | –       | –       | –       | –       | 2       |
| Apparent unnatural death rate (per 100 prisoners) |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | 0.07    | –       | 0.07    | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | 0.05    | 0.10    | 0.10    | –       | 0.09    |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 0.03    | 0.09    | 0.06    | 0.03    | 0.05    |
| Escape/abscond rate (per 100 prisoners) (c)       |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                            | 3.09    | 3.45    | 3.62    | 1.71    | 0.97    |
| Secure level of security                          | 0.10    | –       | –       | 0.11    | 0.32    |
| Average daily time out of cells (hours per day)   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                            | 13.9    | 14.5    | 13.6    | 13.6    | 15.1    |
| Secure level of security                          | 11.7    | 11.2    | 11.3    | 11.2    | 11.1    |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 12.2    | 11.6    | 12.2    | 12.1    | 11.7    |
| Employment (per cent)                             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Commercial (fee for service) industries           | 18.2    | 17.0    | 15.8    | 14.2    | 12.8    |
| Service (no fee for service) industries           | 74.3    | 70.4    | 69.9    | 68.6    | 64.4    |
| Work release                                      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| Total — all industries                            | 92.5    | 87.4    | 85.7    | 82.7    | 77.1    |
| Education (per cent of eligible prisoners) (d)    |         |         |         |         |         |
| Pre-certificate Level 1 courses                   | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| AQF Secondary School sector education             | 0.2     | 0.1     | 0.1     | 0.2     | 0.1     |
| AQF Vocational Education and Training             | 39.7    | 40.7    | 42.5    | 40.2    | 35.6    |
| AQF Higher Education                              | 1.8     | 1.6     | 1.6     | 1.3     | 1.2     |
| Total — all education                             | 40.7    | 41.4    | 43.1    | 40.9    | 36.2    |

**Western Australia****Table 8A.18 Effectiveness, prisons**

|     | 2003-04   | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|-----|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (a) | A complete audit of all assault incidents recorded on the prison information system was conducted in 2004-05, applying the national counting rules in strict accordance with the data collection manual definitions. This resulted in many recorded incidents being reclassified in terms of whether they fall within the scope of the national definition for this indicator and whether they are defined as 'assaults' or 'serious assaults'. Figures for 2003-04 are therefore not directly comparable with subsequent years.  |         |         |         |         |
| (b) | Refers to deaths where there is insufficient evidence to assess, subject to a Coroner's finding, whether the cause of death was natural or unnatural. These data are not included in the calculation of rates. Deaths occurring in past years where cause of death was recorded as unknown at the time of the Report but were subsequently determined to have been from either natural or unnatural causes are updated in the relevant year's figures and rates when known.   |         |         |         |         |
| (c) | In accordance with the national counting rule, these rates exclude other escapes/absconds (this category relates to absconds by prisoners on unescorted leave, such as work release or day leave, or by prisoners in work parties or participating in activities outside the perimeter without direct one-to-one supervision). In WA, escapes from Work Camp Centres are also excluded from the calculation of escape rates. There were eight such escapes in 2007-08. Open and secure escape counts are based on the security rating of the prison area from which the prisoner escaped, not the personal security rating of individual prisoners. |         |         |         |         |
| (d) | Prisoners ineligible for education programs include those older than 80 years of age, prisoners placed at the facility within the last ten working days, remandees of less than 28 days, short term fine defaulters, prisoners on temporary transfer to an external hospital, and prisoners placed with police as a trusty. AQF = Australian Qualifications Framework.  |         |         |         |         |
|     | .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.  |         |         |         |         |

Source: WA Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.46.

Table 8A.19

**Western Australia****Table 8A.19 Descriptors, community corrections**

|   | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Average number of offenders</b>                |              |              |              |              |              |
| on restricted movement orders                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 17           | 21           | 17           | 17           | 27           |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 46           | 94           | 92           | 76           | 97           |
| Male, unknown                                     | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 5            | 7            | 9            | 5            | 6            |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 12           | 20           | 19           | 15           | 16           |
| Female, unknown                                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Gender not recorded                               | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>80</b>    | <b>142</b>   | <b>137</b>   | <b>113</b>   | <b>146</b>   |
| on reparation orders                              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 531          | 580          | 625          | 582          | 516          |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 1 206        | 1 204        | 1 030        | 803          | 681          |
| Male, unknown                                     | 5            | 3            | 3            | –            | 3            |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 206          | 219          | 249          | 248          | 223          |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 376          | 362          | 323          | 271          | 230          |
| Female, unknown                                   | 4            | 2            | 1            | –            | 1            |
| Gender not recorded                               | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>2 328</b> | <b>2 370</b> | <b>2 231</b> | <b>1 904</b> | <b>1 654</b> |
| on supervision orders                             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 766          | 893          | 1 046        | 990          | 1 053        |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 2 570        | 2 701        | 2 682        | 2 622        | 2 757        |
| Male, unknown                                     | –            | 1            | –            | –            | 6            |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 239          | 286          | 343          | 358          | 387          |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 677          | 658          | 619          | 600          | 641          |
| Female, unknown                                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | 2            |
| Gender not recorded                               | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>4 252</b> | <b>4 539</b> | <b>4 690</b> | <b>4 570</b> | <b>4 846</b> |
| Average daily distinct persons serving orders (a) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 1 026        | 1 163        | 1 305        | 1 223        | 1 238        |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 2 941        | 3 102        | 2 996        | 2 853        | 2 965        |
| Male, unknown                                     | 5            | 4            | 3            | –            | 8            |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 366          | 416          | 475          | 478          | 485          |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 804          | 812          | 742          | 687          | 707          |
| Female, unknown                                   | 4            | 2            | 2            | –            | 3            |
| Total persons, Indigenous                         | 1 392        | 1 579        | 1 780        | 1 701        | 1 723        |
| Total persons, non-Indigenous                     | 3 745        | 3 914        | 3 738        | 3 540        | 3 672        |
| Total persons, unknown                            | 9            | 6            | 5            | –            | 11           |
| Total males                                       | 3 972        | 4 269        | 4 304        | 4 076        | 4 211        |
| Total females                                     | 1 174        | 1 230        | 1 219        | 1 165        | 1 195        |
| Total gender not recorded                         | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>5 146</b> | <b>5 499</b> | <b>5 523</b> | <b>5 241</b> | <b>5 406</b> |

Table 8A.19

**Western Australia****Table 8A.19 Descriptors, community corrections**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Community corrections rates                       |         |         |         |         |         |
| Offenders/100 000                                 | 346.7   | 363.7   | 358.5   | 331.9   | 333.5   |
| Male offenders/100 000                            | 539.2   | 568.2   | 560.9   | 514.7   | 517.4   |
| Female offenders/100 000                          | 157.0   | 161.7   | 157.7   | 148.0   | 148.1   |
| Indigenous offenders per 100 000                  | 3 809.1 | 3 928.0 | 4 304.3 | 4 001.5 | 3 948.1 |
| Non-Indigenous offenders/100 000                  | 258.7   | 265.9   | 249.3   | 230.4   | 232.8   |
| Work hours ordered/100 000                        | 35 982  | 34 520  | 30 233  | 24 846  | 21 172  |
| Work hours performed/100 000                      | 17 351  | 16 116  | 12 363  | 10 928  | 9 270   |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (b)</b> |         |         |         |         |         |
| Recurrent expenditure                             | 40 366  | 44 667  | 48 697  | 44 949  | 45 336  |
| Recurrent receipts                                | 437     | 753     | 1 874   | 5 914   | 2 522   |
| Net recurrent expenditure                         | 39 929  | 43 913  | 46 823  | 39 035  | 42 814  |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation       | 40 265  | 44 650  | 47 484  | 39 470  | 43 695  |
| Capital expenditure                               | 868     | 1 841   | 2 377   | 2 331   | 2 796   |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure       | 40 797  | 45 754  | 49 201  | 41 367  | 45 610  |
| Payroll tax                                       | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |

(a) Total persons may not equal the sum of persons per order type because an offender may be serving more than one order type. Program only orders have been included under supervision.

(b) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: WA Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.48.

# Single Jurisdiction Data — SA

Table 8A.20

## South Australia

## Table 8A.20 Descriptors, prisons

|  | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Average daily prison population (a)                |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>Total — all prisons</b>                         | <b>1 469</b> | <b>1 510</b> | <b>1 548</b> | <b>1 686</b> | <b>1 855</b> |
| Male, Indigenous, open prison                      | 11           | 10           | 16           | 21           | 20           |
| Male, non-Indigenous, open prison                  | 136          | 138          | 148          | 168          | 178          |
| Male, unknown, open prison                         | 20           | 24           | 10           | —            | —            |
| Female, Indigenous, open prison                    | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            |
| Female, non-Indigenous, open prison                | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            |
| Female, unknown, open prison                       | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            |
| Male, Indigenous, secure prison                    | 225          | 243          | 260          | 295          | 363          |
| Male, non-Indigenous, secure prison                | 874          | 891          | 999          | 1 091        | 1 171        |
| Male, unknown, secure prison                       | 111          | 112          | 17           | 4            | —            |
| Female, Indigenous, secure prison                  | 20           | 20           | 26           | 28           | 29           |
| Female, non-Indigenous, secure prison              | 61           | 61           | 70           | 79           | 94           |
| Female, unknown, secure prison                     | 11           | 11           | 2            | —            | —            |
| Total — male/female                                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male prisoners, all prisons                        | 1 377        | 1 418        | 1 450        | 1 579        | 1 732        |
| Female prisoners, all prisons                      | 92           | 92           | 98           | 107          | 123          |
| Total — Indigenous/non-Indigenous                  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous prisoners, all prisons                  | 256          | 273          | 302          | 344          | 412          |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners, all prisons              | 1 071        | 1 090        | 1 217        | 1 338        | 1 443        |
| Unknown, all prisons                               | 142          | 147          | 29           | 4            | —            |
| Total — open/secure                                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Open prisoners                                     | 167          | 172          | 174          | 189          | 198          |
| Secure prisoners                                   | 1 302        | 1 338        | 1 374        | 1 497        | 1 657        |
| Privately operated prisons                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous prisoners                               | 5            | 6            | 11           | 9            | 13           |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                           | 75           | 71           | 98           | 107          | 126          |
| Unknown  | 27           | 30           | —            | —            | —            |
| Total prisoners in privately operated prisons      | 107          | 107          | 109          | 116          | 139          |
| Crude imprisonment rate                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Prisoners/100 000                                  | 124.1        | 126.6        | 128.8        | 137.6        | 149.6        |
| Male prisoners/100 000                             | 237.6        | 242.5        | 245.8        | 263.7        | 285.7        |
| Female prisoners/100 000                           | 15.2         | 15.1         | 16.0         | 17.1         | 19.4         |
| Indigenous prisoners/100 000                       | 1 782.1      | 1 731.4      | 1 862.0      | 2 064.6      | 2 408.9      |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners/100 000                   | 91.6         | 92.6         | 102.6        | 110.7        | 118.0        |
| Number of facilities                               |              |              |              |              |              |
| Government operated prisons                        | 8            | 8            | 8            | 8            | 8            |
| Privately operated prisons                         | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| Government operated community custodial facilities | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            |

Table 8A.20

**South Australia****Table 8A.20 Descriptors, prisons**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Privately operated community custodial facilities | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| 24-hour court cell centres                        | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total correctional custodial facilities           | 9       | 9       | 9       | 9       | 9       |
| Prison design capacity                            |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open prisons                                      | 191     | 191     | 189     | 189     | 205     |
| Secure prisons                                    | 1 168   | 1 168   | 1 194   | 1 194   | 1 206   |
| Total — all prisons                               | 1 359   | 1 359   | 1 383   | 1 383   | 1 411   |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (b)</b> |         |         |         |         |         |
| Recurrent expenditure, all prisons                | 118 671 | 123 011 | 124 630 | 122 823 | 131 325 |
| Recurrent receipts, all prisons                   | 12 634  | 13 061  | 10 881  | 10 004  | 10 936  |
| Net recurrent expenditure                         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open plus periodic detention                      | 11 670  | 11 517  | 11 804  | 11 576  | 11 534  |
| Secure (c)  | 94 367  | 98 434  | 101 945 | 101 243 | 108 855 |
| All prisons                                       | 106 037 | 109 951 | 113 749 | 112 819 | 120 389 |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation       | 113 314 | 117 205 | 121 093 | 120 391 | 128 624 |
| Capital expenditure                               |         |         |         |         |         |
| All prisons                                       | 23 128  | 22 630  | 22 640  | 25 001  | 27 498  |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure       | 129 165 | 132 581 | 136 389 | 137 819 | 147 887 |
| Transport and escort services                     | 2 127   | 2 321   | 2 249   | 2 231   | 2 226   |
| Payroll tax                                       |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open plus periodic detention                      | 454     | 406     | 426     | 423     | 390     |
| Secure  | 3 553   | 3 449   | 3 618   | 3 676   | 3 712   |
| All prisons                                       | 4 007   | 3 855   | 4 045   | 4 099   | 4 102   |

(a) Numbers in 2006-07 include prisoners held in up to 40 beds in the City Watch House allocated for corrective services use.

(b) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator.

(c) Recurrent expenditure for 2007-08 does not include costs associated with the New Prisons and Secure Facilities project.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SA Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.51.

Table 8A.21

**South Australia****Table 8A.21 Effectiveness, prisons**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assault rates (per cent)                          |         |         |         |         |         |
| Prisoners on prisoners                            |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                  | 0.27    | 0.73    | 0.65    | 0.89    | 0.49    |
| Assaults  | 8.51    | 7.75    | 7.04    | 4.15    | 8.57    |
| Prisoners on officers                             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                  | 0.07    | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Assaults  | 1.50    | 1.32    | 0.97    | 0.30    | 0.65    |
| Number of deaths (apparent unnatural causes)      |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | 2       | 4       | 2       | 2       | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 2       | 4       | 2       | 2       | –       |
| Number of deaths (apparent natural causes)        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | –       | 2       | 1       | 2       | 4       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | –       | 2       | 1       | 2       | 4       |
| Number of deaths (unknown causes) (a)             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Apparent unnatural death rate (per 100 prisoners) |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | 0.19    | 0.37    | 0.16    | 0.15    | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 0.14    | 0.26    | 0.13    | 0.12    | –       |
| Escape/abscond rate (per 100 prisoners) (b)       |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                            | 0.60    | 1.74    | 3.45    | 1.59    | 1.01    |
| Secure level of security                          | 0.15    | –       | –       | 0.07    | 0.24    |
| Average daily time out of cells (hours per day)   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                            | 16.2    | 16.3    | 17.0    | 15.3    | 15.9    |
| Secure level of security                          | 9.0     | 9.3     | 9.6     | 10.4    | 9.0     |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 9.8     | 10.1    | 10.4    | 11.5    | 9.8     |
| Employment (per cent)                             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Commercial (fee for service) industries           | 31.9    | 30.7    | 25.5    | 23.5    | 22.2    |
| Service (no fee for service) industries           | 40.4    | 43.4    | 50.9    | 49.1    | 47.4    |
| Work release                                      | 1.4     | 1.3     | 1.8     | 2.3     | 1.5     |
| Total — all industries                            | 73.7    | 75.4    | 78.2    | 74.9    | 71.1    |
| Education (per cent of eligible prisoners) (c)    |         |         |         |         |         |
| Pre-certificate Level 1 courses                   | 5.3     | 3.7     | 2.8     | 7.1     | 3.3     |
| AQF Secondary School sector education             | 1.2     | 2.4     | 0.9     | 2.2     | 1.8     |
| AQF Vocational Education and Training             | 30.2    | 29.1    | 45.0    | 36.0    | 41.1    |
| AQF Higher Education                              | 1.9     | 1.7     | 1.3     | 1.0     | 4.3     |
| Total — all education                             | 38.7    | 36.9    | 50.0    | 46.4    | 47.2    |



**South Australia****Table 8A.21 Effectiveness, prisons**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (a) Refers to deaths where there is insufficient evidence to assess, subject to a Coroner's finding, whether the cause of death was natural or unnatural. These data are not included in the calculation of rates. Deaths occurring in past years where cause of death was recorded as unknown at the time of the Report but were subsequently determined to have been from either natural or unnatural causes are updated in the relevant year's figures and rates when known.   |         |         |         |         |         |
| (b) In accordance with the national counting rule, these rates exclude other escapes/absconds (this category relates to absconds by prisoners on unescorted leave, such as work release or day leave, or by prisoners in work parties or participating in activities outside the perimeter without direct one-to-one supervision). There were zero escapes of this type in 2007-08.   |         |         |         |         |         |
| (c) Remand prisoners, prisoners at court and prisoners confined to James Nash House (a forensic psychiatric facility that provides secure accommodation for prisoners undergoing psychiatric assessment and treatment) are excluded from this count. From 2003-04 to 2006-07, the count of prisoners in education was taken on a single day (28 June) whereas in 2007-08 the number of prisoners was based on a count of enrollments over the whole year. Figures are therefore not directly comparable with previous years. AQF = Australian Qualifications Framework. |         |         |         |         |         |

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SA Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.52.

Table 8A.22

## South Australia

## Table 8A.22 Descriptors, community corrections

|   | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Average number of offenders</b>                |              |              |              |              |              |
| on restricted movement orders                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 17           | 19           | 42           | 43           | 40           |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 178          | 211          | 292          | 291          | 275          |
| Male, unknown                                     | 52           | 44           | 8            | 3            | 3            |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 3            | 4            | 5            | 4            | 6            |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 18           | 20           | 29           | 38           | 33           |
| Female, unknown                                   | 6            | 5            | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| Gender not recorded                               | 4            | 4            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>278</b>   | <b>307</b>   | <b>376</b>   | <b>380</b>   | <b>359</b>   |
| on reparation orders                              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 183          | 200          | 198          | 178          | 182          |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 1 429        | 1 228        | 1 090        | 1 020        | 966          |
| Male, unknown                                     | 60           | 33           | 16           | 13           | 8            |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 62           | 47           | 51           | 60           | 61           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 370          | 332          | 316          | 308          | 276          |
| Female, unknown                                   | 14           | 16           | 3            | 2            | 2            |
| Gender not recorded                               | 27           | 21           | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>2 145</b> | <b>1 877</b> | <b>1 674</b> | <b>1 581</b> | <b>1 495</b> |
| on supervision orders                             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 352          | 372          | 481          | 509          | 551          |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 2 363        | 2 534        | 2 941        | 3 069        | 3 171        |
| Male, unknown                                     | 436          | 416          | 49           | 20           | 12           |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 85           | 80           | 113          | 119          | 149          |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 460          | 493          | 580          | 612          | 666          |
| Female, unknown                                   | 76           | 90           | 10           | 4            | 3            |
| Gender not recorded                               | 48           | 56           | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>3 820</b> | <b>4 041</b> | <b>4 174</b> | <b>4 333</b> | <b>4 552</b> |
| Average daily distinct persons serving orders (a) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 552          | 591          | 721          | 729          | 773          |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 3 969        | 3 973        | 4 323        | 4 381        | 4 412        |
| Male, unknown                                     | 546          | 493          | 73           | 36           | 23           |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 150          | 131          | 168          | 183          | 216          |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 847          | 845          | 925          | 959          | 976          |
| Female, unknown                                   | 96           | 111          | 14           | 6            | 6            |
| Total persons, Indigenous                         | 710          | 733          | 889          | 912          | 988          |
| Total persons, non-Indigenous                     | 4 873        | 4 878        | 5 247        | 5 340        | 5 388        |
| Total persons, unknown                            | 655          | 614          | 87           | 42           | 29           |
| Total males                                       | 5 067        | 5 057        | 5 117        | 5 146        | 5 208        |
| Total females                                     | 1 093        | 1 087        | 1 106        | 1 148        | 1 197        |
| Total gender not recorded                         | 78           | 81           | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>6 238</b> | <b>6 225</b> | <b>6 223</b> | <b>6 294</b> | <b>6 405</b> |

Table 8A.22

**South Australia****Table 8A.22 Descriptors, community corrections**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Crude community corrections rates                 |         |         |         |         |         |
| Offenders/100 000                                 | 527.1   | 522.1   | 517.8   | 513.6   | 516.5   |
| Male offenders/100 000                            | 874.2   | 865.0   | 867.6   | 859.3   | 859.1   |
| Female offenders/100 000                          | 181.0   | 178.9   | 180.7   | 183.2   | 188.9   |
| Indigenous offenders/100 000                      | 4 942.6 | 4 648.7 | 5 479.4 | 5 473.5 | 5 778.5 |
| Non-Indigenous offenders/100 000                  | 416.8   | 414.6   | 442.6   | 441.7   | 440.5   |
| Work hours ordered/100 000                        | 56 149  | 48 639  | 44 436  | 45 031  | 41 043  |
| Work hours performed/100 000                      | 28 553  | 27 459  | 20 578  | 20 926  | 10 987  |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (b)</b> |         |         |         |         |         |
| Recurrent expenditure                             | 26 931  | 28 791  | 29 757  | 27 798  | 28 749  |
| Recurrent receipts                                | 1 717   | 1 695   | 1 289   | 1 508   | 1 469   |
| Net recurrent expenditure                         | 25 214  | 27 096  | 28 468  | 26 290  | 27 280  |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation       | 25 426  | 27 309  | 28 895  | 26 643  | 27 744  |
| Capital expenditure                               | 1 024   | 964     | 1 274   | 1 456   | 1 630   |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure       | 26 238  | 28 060  | 29 742  | 27 745  | 28 910  |
| Payroll tax                                       | 1 043   | 1 032   | 1 111   | 1 100   | 1 066   |

(a) Total persons may not equal the sum of persons per order type because an offender may be serving more than one order type.

(b) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SA Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.54.

# Single Jurisdiction Data — Tas

Table 8A.23

**Tasmania****Table 8A.23 Descriptors, prisons**

|   | 2003-04    | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Average daily prison population                       |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total — all prisons</b>                            | <b>457</b> | <b>521</b> | <b>504</b> | <b>534</b> | <b>539</b> |
| Male, Indigenous, open prison                         | 6          | 8          | 9          | 6          | 7          |
| Male, non-Indigenous, open prison                     | 89         | 82         | 68         | 59         | 53         |
| Male, unknown, open prison                            | —          | 1          | 0.2        | 1          | —          |
| Female, Indigenous, open prison                       | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          |
| Female, non-Indigenous, open prison                   | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          |
| Female, unknown, open prison                          | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          |
| Male, Indigenous, secure prison                       | 50         | 51         | 46         | 52         | 56         |
| Male, non-Indigenous, secure prison                   | 283        | 348        | 343        | 378        | 386        |
| Male, unknown, secure prison                          | —          | 2          | 2          | 2          | —          |
| Female, Indigenous, secure prison                     | 6          | 6          | 6          | 8          | 8          |
| Female, non-Indigenous, secure prison                 | 23         | 24         | 28         | 27         | 29         |
| Female, unknown, secure prison                        | —          | —          | —          | 2          | —          |
| Total - male/female                                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Male prisoners, all prisons                           | 428        | 491        | 469        | 497        | 502        |
| Female prisoners, all prisons                         | 29         | 30         | 35         | 37         | 37         |
| Total — Indigenous/non-Indigenous                     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous prisoners, all prisons                     | 62         | 65         | 62         | 67         | 70         |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners, all prisons                 | 395        | 453        | 440        | 463        | 469        |
| Unknown, all prisons                                  | —          | 3          | 3          | 4          | —          |
| Total — open/secure                                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Open prisoners  | 95         | 91         | 78         | 66         | 60         |
| Secure prisoners                                      | 362        | 430        | 426        | 468        | 479        |
| Privately operated prisons                            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous prisoners                                  | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                              | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Unknown   | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Total prisoners in privately operated prisons         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Crude imprisonment rate                               |            |            |            |            |            |
| Prisoners/100 000                                     | 126.2      | 142.0      | 136.1      | 142.7      | 142.5      |
| Male prisoners/100 000                                | 243.0      | 274.8      | 260.2      | 273.2      | 272.8      |
| Female prisoners/100 000                              | 15.6       | 15.8       | 18.2       | 19.2       | 19.1       |
| Indigenous prisoners/100 000                          | 626.8      | 642.4      | 594.0      | 630.8      | 649.1      |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners/100 000                      | 112.2      | 127.0      | 122.2      | 127.4      | 127.6      |
| Number of facilities                                  |            |            |            |            |            |
| Government operated prisons                           | 5          | 5          | 5          | 6          | 6          |
| Privately operated prisons                            | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          |
| Government operated community<br>custodial facilities | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          |

Table 8A.23

**Tasmania****Table 8A.23 Descriptors, prisons**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Privately operated community custodial facilities | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| 24-hour court cell centres                        | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total correctional custodial facilities           | 5       | 5       | 5       | 6       | 6       |
| Prison design capacity                            |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open prisons                                      | 94      | 72      | 69      | 69      | 69      |
| Secure prisons                                    | 432     | 430     | 461     | 557     | 581     |
| Total — all prisons                               | 526     | 502     | 530     | 626     | 650     |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (a)</b> |         |         |         |         |         |
| Recurrent expenditure, all prisons                | 36 486  | 38 201  | 46 160  | 52 261  | 52 238  |
| Recurrent receipts, all prisons                   | 3 605   | 3 292   | 3 655   | 3 276   | 3 313   |
| Net recurrent expenditure                         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open plus periodic detention                      | 5 257   | 4 723   | 5 092   | 4 847   | 4 487   |
| Secure  | 27 625  | 30 186  | 37 413  | 44 139  | 44 438  |
| All prisons                                       | 32 882  | 34 909  | 42 505  | 48 985  | 48 925  |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation       | 33 775  | 36 284  | 43 848  | 52 077  | 51 240  |
| Capital expenditure                               |         |         |         |         |         |
| All prisons                                       | 4 131   | 4 345   | 4 590   | 11 182  | 10 109  |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure       | 37 012  | 39 253  | 47 095  | 60 168  | 59 034  |
| Transport and escort services                     | na      | na      | na      | na      | na      |
| Payroll tax                                       |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open plus periodic detention                      | 155     | 134     | 153     | 141     | 140     |
| Secure  | 922     | 1 006   | 1 269   | 1 394   | 1 433   |
| All prisons                                       | 1 077   | 1 139   | 1 422   | 1 534   | 1 573   |

(a) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator.

**na** Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tasmanian Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.57.

Table 8A.24

**Tasmania****Table 8A.24 Effectiveness, prisons**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assault rates (per cent)                            |         |         |         |         |         |
| Prisoners on prisoners                              |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                    | 0.66    | 0.58    | 0.20    | 0.37    | 0.19    |
| Assaults  | 15.32   | 14.02   | 8.14    | 5.05    | 3.52    |
| Prisoners on officers                               |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                    | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Assaults  | 6.78    | 1.54    | 0.99    | 0.19    | 0.37    |
| Number of deaths (apparent unnatural causes)        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                                | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                            | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                               | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Number of deaths (apparent natural causes)          |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                                | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                            | –       | 2       | 1       | 2       | 1       |
| Total — all prisoners                               | –       | 2       | 1       | 2       | 1       |
| Number of deaths (unknown causes) (a)               |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                                | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                            | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                               | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Apparent unnatural death rate (per 100 prisoners)   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                                | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                            | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                               | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Escape/abscond rate (per 100 prisoners) (b)         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                              | 3.16    | 9.94    | 1.29    | –       | 4.97    |
| Secure level of security                            | 0.28    | –       | –       | 0.43    | –       |
| Average daily time out of cells (hours per day) (c) |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                              | 12.9    | 13.6    | 14.1    | 14.2    | 14.1    |
| Secure level of security                            | 9.6     | 8.6     | 8.7     | 11.6    | 11.8    |
| Total — all prisoners                               | 10.3    | 9.0     | 9.5     | 11.9    | 12.1    |
| Employment (per cent) (d)                           |         |         |         |         |         |
| Commercial (fee for service) industries             | 17.9    | 20.2    | 19.9    | 16.5    | 18.3    |
| Service (no fee for service) industries             | 50.7    | 32.1    | 33.7    | 40.9    | 51.3    |
| Work release  | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | 0.4     |
| Total — all industries                              | 68.6    | 52.3    | 53.6    | 57.4    | 70.1    |
| Education (per cent of eligible prisoners) (e)      |         |         |         |         |         |
| Pre-certificate Level 1 courses                     | 14.8    | 8.6     | 8.9     | 13.3    | –       |
| AQF Secondary School sector education               | 9.9     | 12.3    | 19.6    | 24.5    | 27.2    |
| AQF Vocational Education and Training               | 36.8    | 28.2    | 40.2    | 35.6    | 37.6    |
| AQF Higher Education                                | 1.3     | 1.4     | 0.5     | 1.3     | 2.4     |
| Total — all education                               | 56.5    | 41.8    | 62.2    | 61.8    | 50.5    |

**Tasmania****Table 8A.24 Effectiveness, prisons**

|     | 2003-04   | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|-----|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (a) | Refers to deaths where there is insufficient evidence to assess, subject to a Coroner's finding, whether the cause of death was natural or unnatural. These data are not included in the calculation of rates. Deaths occurring in past years where cause of death was recorded as unknown at the time of the Report but were subsequently determined to have been from either natural or unnatural causes are updated in the relevant year's figures and rates when known.   |         |         |         |         |
| (b) | The rate for escape from secure custody in 2003-04 comprises a single incident where the escape occurred during a 'handcuffed' escort from an escort van into a court building, not from a secure prison facility. In 2006-07, the secure escape rate comprised two escapes from the re-commissioned Ron Barwick Minimum Security Prison, which, although classified as a minimum security prison and holding only minimum security prisoners, retained a secure perimeter and was therefore considered a secure facility under the national counting rules. In accordance with the national counting rule, escape rates exclude other escapes/absconds (this category relates to absconds by prisoners on unescorted leave, such as work release or day leave, or by prisoners in work parties or participating in activities outside the perimeter without direct one-to-one supervision). There were zero escapes of this type in 2007-08. |         |         |         |         |
| (c) | Due to the decommissioning and commissioning of three prisons and staged transition to new facilities during 2006-07, out of cell hours was calculated as at 30 June 2007 for the 2006-07 counting period. Figures exclude prisoners accommodated at the Wilfred Lopes Secure Mental Health Unit and inpatients at the Risdon Prison Complex Primary Health Centre and Royal Hobart Hospital.   |         |         |         |         |
| (d) | Employment rates are based on prisoners employed at 30 June, calculated against prisoners in custody on 30 June.  |         |         |         |         |
| (e) | Pre-certificate Level 1 was removed from the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) scope in November 2007. AQF = Australian Qualifications Framework.  |         |         |         |         |
|     | .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.  |         |         |         |         |

Source: Tasmanian Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.58.



Table 8A.25

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## Table 8A.25 Descriptors, community corrections

|   | 2003-04    | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|---|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Average number of offenders</b>                |            |              |              |              |              |
| on restricted movement orders                     |            |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | ..         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | ..         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Male, unknown                                     | ..         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Female, Indigenous                                | ..         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | ..         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Female, unknown                                   | ..         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Gender not recorded                               | ..         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | ..         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| on reparation orders                              |            |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 31         | 36           | 39           | 49           | 47           |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 223        | 280          | 380          | 381          | 351          |
| Male, unknown                                     | 133        | 121          | 43           | 37           | 12           |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 10         | 21           | 24           | 12           | 11           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 53         | 57           | 100          | 115          | 111          |
| Female, unknown                                   | 31         | 40           | 13           | 13           | 5            |
| Gender not recorded                               | –          | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>481</b> | <b>555</b>   | <b>599</b>   | <b>607</b>   | <b>537</b>   |
| on supervision orders                             |            |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 50         | 50           | 62           | 74           | 72           |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 349        | 384          | 463          | 508          | 507          |
| Male, unknown                                     | 92         | 57           | 20           | 10           | 10           |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 14         | 22           | 27           | 24           | 21           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 60         | 73           | 99           | 114          | 103          |
| Female, unknown                                   | 28         | 19           | 9            | 3            | 5            |
| Gender not recorded                               | –          | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>593</b> | <b>605</b>   | <b>680</b>   | <b>733</b>   | <b>718</b>   |
| Average daily distinct persons serving orders (a) |            |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 71         | 74           | 86           | 109          | 104          |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 515        | 585          | 740          | 786          | 765          |
| Male, unknown                                     | 198        | 162          | 60           | 44           | 21           |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 20         | 35           | 41           | 33           | 29           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 100        | 116          | 173          | 206          | 193          |
| Female, unknown                                   | 52         | 54           | 21           | 15           | 10           |
| Total persons, Indigenous                         | 91         | 109          | 127          | 142          | 133          |
| Total persons, non-Indigenous                     | 615        | 701          | 913          | 992          | 958          |
| Total persons, unknown                            | 250        | 216          | 81           | 59           | 31           |
| Total males                                       | 784        | 821          | 886          | 939          | 890          |
| Total females                                     | 172        | 205          | 235          | 254          | 232          |
| Total gender not recorded                         | –          | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>956</b> | <b>1 026</b> | <b>1 121</b> | <b>1 193</b> | <b>1 122</b> |

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**Table 8A.25 Descriptors, community corrections**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Crude community corrections rates                 |         |         |         |         |         |
| Offenders/100 000                                 | 264.0   | 279.8   | 302.9   | 318.5   | 296.7   |
| Male offenders/100 000                            | 445.1   | 459.5   | 491.4   | 515.7   | 483.5   |
| Female offenders/100 000                          | 92.5    | 109.1   | 123.8   | 132.0   | 119.5   |
| Indigenous offenders/100 000                      | 919.9   | 1 077.2 | 1 225.9 | 1 341.0 | 1 225.9 |
| Non-Indigenous offenders/100 000                  | 174.6   | 196.6   | 253.8   | 272.6   | 260.8   |
| Work hours ordered/100 000 (b)                    | 20 826  | 15 207  | 14 339  | 13 837  | 10 899  |
| Work hours performed/100 000                      | na      | na      | na      | na      | na      |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (c)</b> |         |         |         |         |         |
| Recurrent expenditure                             | 3 959   | 3 916   | 3 720   | 4 110   | 4 325   |
| Recurrent receipts                                | 79      | 72      | 60      | 38      | 3       |
| Net recurrent expenditure                         | 3 879   | 3 844   | 3 660   | 4 073   | 4 322   |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation       | 3 879   | 3 844   | 3 660   | 4 073   | 4 322   |
| Capital expenditure                               | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure       | 3 879   | 3 844   | 3 660   | 4 073   | 4 322   |
| Payroll tax                                       | 174     | 171     | 185     | 175     | 197     |

(a) Total persons may not equal the sum of persons per order type because an offender may be serving more than one type of order.

(b) Figures are based only on the number of hours to be worked in new orders made during the year; hours for orders made in the previous year which continue into the current year are not available.

(c) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tasmanian Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.60.

# Single Jurisdiction Data — ACT

Table 8A.26

**Australian Capital Territory**  
**Table 8A.26 Descriptors, prisons**

|   | 2003-04    | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Average daily prison population (a)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total — all prisons</b>                            | <b>181</b> | <b>185</b> | <b>191</b> | <b>170</b> | <b>180</b> |
| Male, Indigenous, open prison                         | 7          | 6          | 3          | 9          | 6          |
| Male, non-Indigenous, open prison                     | 82         | 60         | 38         | 63         | 59         |
| Male, unknown, open prison                            | —          | 21         | 41         | —          | —          |
| Female, Indigenous, open prison                       | 0.1        | —          | —          | 0.3        | 0.4        |
| Female, non-Indigenous, open prison                   | 5          | 4          | 2          | 4          | 6          |
| Female, unknown, open prison                          | —          | 2          | 5          | 0.2        | —          |
| Male, Indigenous, secure prison                       | 10         | 8          | 11         | 11         | 12         |
| Male, non-Indigenous, secure prison                   | 73         | 77         | 69         | 77         | 88         |
| Male, unknown, secure prison                          | —          | 5          | 17         | —          | —          |
| Female, Indigenous, secure prison                     | 0.1        | 0.1        | 1          | 0.4        | 2          |
| Female, non-Indigenous, secure prison                 | 4          | 3          | 3          | 6          | 6          |
| Female, unknown, secure prison                        | —          | —          | 0.3        | —          | —          |
| Total - male/female                                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Male prisoners, all prisons                           | 172        | 176        | 179        | 159        | 165        |
| Female prisoners, all prisons                         | 9          | 8          | 11         | 10         | 15         |
| Total — Indigenous/non-Indigenous                     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous prisoners, all prisons                     | 17         | 13         | 15         | 21         | 21         |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners, all prisons                 | 164        | 143        | 112        | 149        | 160        |
| Unknown, all prisons                                  | —          | 28         | 64         | 0.2        | —          |
| Total — open/secure                                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Open prisoners  | 95         | 92         | 90         | 76         | 72         |
| Secure prisoners                                      | 87         | 93         | 101        | 94         | 108        |
| Privately operated prisons                            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous prisoners                                  | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                              | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Unknown   | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Total prisoners in privately operated prisons         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Crude imprisonment rate                               |            |            |            |            |            |
| Prisoners/100 000                                     | 73.7       | 74.4       | 76.0       | 65.4       | 68.3       |
| Male prisoners/100 000                                | 142.8      | 145.0      | 145.7      | 124.9      | 127.5      |
| Female prisoners/100 000                              | 7.4        | 6.5        | 8.8        | 7.9        | 11.0       |
| Indigenous prisoners/100 000                          | 747.3      | 545.0      | 580.3      | 799.3      | 775.7      |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners/100 000                      | 67.4       | 58.4       | 45.3       | 58.0       | 61.1       |
| Number of facilities (b)                              |            |            |            |            |            |
| Government operated prisons                           | 2          | 2          | 2          | 2          | 2          |
| Privately operated prisons                            | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          |
| Government operated community<br>custodial facilities | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          |

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**Table 8A.26 Descriptors, prisons**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Privately operated community custodial facilities | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| 24-hour court cell centres                        | —       | —       | —       | —       | —       |
| Total facilities (excluding detention centres)    | 2       | 2       | 2       | 2       | 2       |
| Prison design capacity (c)                        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open prisons                                      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| Secure prisons                                    | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| Total — all prisons                               | 91      | 99      | 99      | 99      | 99      |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (d)</b> |         |         |         |         |         |
| Recurrent expenditure, all prisons                | 23 119  | 22 430  | 22 800  | 20 650  | 24 979  |
| Recurrent receipts, all prisons                   | —       | —       | —       | —       | —       |
| Net recurrent expenditure                         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open plus periodic detention                      | 8 301   | 8 208   | 8 046   | 7 028   | 7 511   |
| Secure  | 14 818  | 14 223  | 14 754  | 13 622  | 17 469  |
| All prisons                                       | 23 119  | 22 430  | 22 800  | 20 650  | 24 979  |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation       | 23 398  | 22 695  | 23 038  | 20 936  | 25 386  |
| Capital expenditure                               |         |         |         |         |         |
| All prisons                                       | 1 063   | 1 376   | 1 301   | 1 451   | 1 467   |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure       | 24 182  | 23 806  | 24 101  | 22 101  | 26 446  |
| Transport and escort services                     | 1 834   | 1 701   | 1 592   | 1 747   | 1 695   |
| Payroll tax                                       |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open plus periodic detention                      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| Secure  | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| All prisons                                       | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |

(a) Figures on unknown Indigenous status in 2004-05 relate to data collated from January to end of June 2005 only.

(b) Excludes periodic detention centres — see Table 8A.28.

(c) Open and secure custody disaggregations are not applicable to the ACT. This refers to the design capacity of the Belconnen Remand Centre and the Symonston Temporary Remand Centre (STRC). It does not include the transfer capacity of remandees to NSW prisons.

(d) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator.

.. Not applicable. — Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ACT Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.63.

Table 8A.27

**Australian Capital Territory****Table 8A.27 Effectiveness, prisons**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assault rates (per cent) (a)                        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Prisoners on prisoners                              |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                    | na      | na      | 1.49    | –       | 1.21    |
| Assaults  | na      | na      | 2.98    | 6.21    | 7.28    |
| Prisoners on officers                               |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                    | na      | na      | –       | –       | –       |
| Assaults  | na      | na      | 1.49    | 1.55    | –       |
| Number of deaths (apparent unnatural causes)        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                                | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                            | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                               | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Number of deaths (apparent natural causes)          |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                                | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                            | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                               | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Number of deaths (unknown causes) (b)               |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                                | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                            | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                               | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Apparent unnatural death rate (per 100 prisoners)   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                                | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                            | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                               | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Escape/abscond rate (per 100 prisoners) (c)         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                              | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| Secure level of security                            | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Average daily time out of cells (hours per day) (d) |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                              | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| Secure level of security                            | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| Total   | 9.0     | 9.0     | 9.5     | 9.5     | 9.5     |
| Employment (per cent) (e)                           |         |         |         |         |         |
| Commercial (fee for service) industries             | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| Service (no fee for service) industries             | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| Work release  | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| Total — all industries                              | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| Education (per cent of eligible prisoners) (f)      |         |         |         |         |         |
| Pre-certificate Level 1 courses                     | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| AQF Secondary School sector education               | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| AQF Vocational Education and Training               | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| AQF Higher Education                                | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| Total — all education                               | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |

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**Table 8A.27 Effectiveness, prisons**

|     | 2003-04  | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|-----|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (a) | ACT assault rates are calculated against the daily average prisoner population held only in ACT facilities, which comprises a relatively small number of prisoners relative to other jurisdictions. Small changes in the actual number of assaults from year to year can have a disproportionate effect on rates. For example, in 2005-06 there were two incidents of prisoner on prisoner assaults and in 2006-07 there were four such incidents, which more than doubled the rate from the previous year. In 2007-08 there were six actual incidents of prisoner on prisoner assaults, but because the daily average prisoner population held in ACT facilities was higher in the counting period than in the previous year, this did not have the same impact on the assault rate. Serious assault rates in both 2005-06 and 2007-08 represent only a single incident in each year. |         |         |         |         |
| (b) | Refers to deaths where there is insufficient evidence to assess, subject to a Coroner's finding, whether the cause of death was natural or unnatural. These data are not included in the calculation of rates. Deaths occurring in past years where cause of death was recorded as unknown at the time of the Report but were subsequently determined to have been from either natural or unnatural causes are updated in the relevant year's figures and rates when known.  |         |         |         |         |
| (c) | In accordance with the national counting rule, these rates exclude other escapes/absconds (this category relates to absconds by prisoners on unescorted leave, such as work release or day leave, or by prisoners in work parties or participating in activities outside the perimeter without direct one-to-one supervision). There were zero escapes of this type in 2007-08.  |         |         |         |         |
| (d) | Open and secure custody disaggregations are not applicable to the ACT.   |         |         |         |         |
| (e) | Employment figures are not applicable because ACT prisoners held in the ACT are remand prisoners only, who are not required to work.   |         |         |         |         |
| (f) | Education figures are not applicable because ACT prisoners held in the ACT are remand prisoners only. AQF = Australian Qualifications Framework.   |         |         |         |         |
|     | .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.   |         |         |         |         |

Source: ACT Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.64.

Table 8A.28

**Australian Capital Territory**  
**Table 8A.28 Descriptors, periodic detention**

|  | 2003-04   | 2004-05    | 2005-06   | 2006-07   | 2007-08   |
|--|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Average daily periodic detention population (a)          |           |            |           |           |           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>83</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>56</b> | <b>56</b> |
| Male, Indigenous   | 5         | 5          | 1         | 3         | 2         |
| Male, non-Indigenous                                     | 75        | 90         | 55        | 49        | 49        |
| Male, unknown  | –         | –          | –         | –         | –         |
| Female, Indigenous                                       | 0.5       | 0.3        | 1         | 0.4       | 1         |
| Female, non-Indigenous                                   | 3         | 5          | 4         | 3         | 4         |
| Female, unknown  | –         | –          | –         | –         | –         |
| Total — male/female                                      |           |            |           |           |           |
| Male detainees   | 80        | 94         | 56        | 52        | 51        |
| Female detainees   | 3         | 6          | 4         | 4         | 5         |
| Total — Indigenous/non-Indigenous                        |           |            |           |           |           |
| Indigenous detainees                                     | 5         | 5          | 1         | 4         | 3         |
| Non-Indigenous detainees                                 | 78        | 95         | 58        | 53        | 53        |
| Unknown  | –         | –          | –         | –         | –         |
| Average daily population attending<br>(residential only) |           |            |           |           |           |
|  | 22        | 27         | 31        | 37        | 40        |
| Crude periodic detention rate                            |           |            |           |           |           |
| Detainees/100 000  | 33.7      | 40.3       | 23.9      | 21.7      | 21.3      |
| Male detainees/100 000                                   | 66.2      | 77.5       | 45.1      | 41.1      | 39.4      |
| Female detainees/100 000                                 | 2.5       | 4.5        | 3.4       | 2.9       | 3.8       |
| Indigenous detainees/100 000                             | 219.5     | 195.7      | 57.9      | 137.9     | 110.1     |
| Non-Indigenous detainees/100 000                         | 31.9      | 38.8       | 23.5      | 20.5      | 20.4      |
| Number of periodic detention centres                     | 1         | 1          | 1         | 1         | 1         |
| Useable periodic detention capacity                      | 30        | 30         | 30        | 30        | 30        |

(a) Figures refer to all detainees with periodic detention warrants, regardless of whether this includes attending a residential component. In 2005-06 ACT reviewed the way it treats and counts periodic detention orders that have been breached in order to improve national comparability. Figures as of and including 2005-06 are therefore not directly comparable with previous year counts.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ACT Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.65.



Table 8A.29

**Australian Capital Territory****Table 8A.29 Effectiveness, periodic detention**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assault rates (per cent)                |         |         |         |         |         |
| Detainees on detainees                  |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                        | na      | na      | –       | 1.78    | –       |
| Assaults                                | na      | na      | –       | 1.78    | –       |
| Detainees on officers                   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                        | na      | na      | –       | –       | –       |
| Assaults                                | na      | na      | –       | –       | –       |
| Death rates (per 100 detainees)         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous detainees                    | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous detainees                | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all detainees                   | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Escape/abscond rate (per 100 detainees) | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Employment (per cent)                   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Service (no fee for service) industries | 16.9    | 18.0    | 26.1    | 28.4    | 56.3    |
| Community work                          | 9.7     | 9.0     | 25.9    | 34.3    | 11.5    |
| Total employed                          | 26.6    | 27.0    | 51.9    | 62.8    | 67.8    |

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ACT Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.66.

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### Table 8A.30 Descriptors, community corrections

|   | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Average number of offenders</b>                |              |              |              |              |              |
| on restricted movement orders (a)                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | –            | 1            | –            | ..           | ..           |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 3            | 5            | 1            | ..           | ..           |
| Male, unknown                                     | –            | –            | –            | ..           | ..           |
| Female, Indigenous                                | –            | 1            | –            | ..           | ..           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | –            | –            | 0.3          | ..           | ..           |
| Female, unknown                                   | –            | –            | –            | ..           | ..           |
| Gender not recorded                               | –            | –            | –            | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>3</b>     | <b>6</b>     | <b>1</b>     | <b>..</b>    | <b>..</b>    |
| on reparation orders                              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 13           | 6            | 4            | 4            | 4            |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 99           | 80           | 51           | 72           | 99           |
| Male, unknown                                     | –            | 4            | 8            | 4            | 7            |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 1            | 1            | 0.1          | 1            | 1            |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 16           | 11           | 16           | 19           | 20           |
| Female, unknown                                   | –            | 1            | 2            | 2            | 3            |
| Gender not recorded                               | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>128</b>   | <b>103</b>   | <b>81</b>    | <b>102</b>   | <b>134</b>   |
| on supervision orders                             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 69           | 73           | 74           | 81           | 97           |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 896          | 794          | 700          | 823          | 905          |
| Male, unknown                                     | –            | 91           | 159          | 66           | 84           |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 15           | 22           | 18           | 13           | 21           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 147          | 134          | 119          | 129          | 149          |
| Female, unknown                                   | –            | 18           | 30           | 10           | 17           |
| Gender not recorded                               | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>1 127</b> | <b>1 132</b> | <b>1 099</b> | <b>1 121</b> | <b>1 273</b> |
| Average daily distinct persons serving orders (b) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 82           | 79           | 78           | 85           | 101          |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 995          | 874          | 750          | 895          | 1 004        |
| Male, unknown                                     | –            | 95           | 167          | 70           | 91           |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 16           | 23           | 18           | 14           | 22           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 163          | 146          | 134          | 149          | 169          |
| Female, unknown                                   | –            | 19           | 32           | 11           | 21           |
| Total persons, Indigenous                         | 98           | 103          | 96           | 99           | 123          |
| Total persons, non-Indigenous                     | 1 157        | 1 020        | 885          | 1 043        | 1 173        |
| Total persons, unknown                            | –            | 114          | 200          | 81           | 111          |
| Total males                                       | 1 076        | 1 048        | 996          | 1 049        | 1 196        |
| Total females                                     | 179          | 187          | 184          | 174          | 212          |
| Total gender not recorded                         | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>1 255</b> | <b>1 236</b> | <b>1 180</b> | <b>1 223</b> | <b>1 407</b> |

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**Table 8A.30 Descriptors, community corrections**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Crude community corrections rates                 |         |         |         |         |         |
| Offenders/100 000                                 | 510.8   | 498.0   | 470.2   | 470.6   | 533.4   |
| Male offenders/100 000                            | 894.5   | 861.5   | 809.1   | 821.7   | 922.2   |
| Female offenders/100 000                          | 142.8   | 148.2   | 144.0   | 131.5   | 157.7   |
| Indigenous offenders/100 000                      | 4 285.1 | 4 178.6 | 3 794.9 | 3 851.6 | 4 645.6 |
| Non-Indigenous offenders/100 000                  | 475.3   | 415.0   | 356.1   | 405.3   | 449.1   |
| Work hours ordered/100 000                        | 15 524  | 12 446  | 11 991  | 12 583  | 19 637  |
| Work hours performed/100 000                      | 7 304   | 6 448   | 6 636   | 7 328   | 9 649   |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (c)</b> |         |         |         |         | –       |
| Recurrent expenditure                             | 8 171   | 8 174   | 6 842   | 6 186   | 6 565   |
| Recurrent receipts                                | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Net recurrent expenditure                         | 8 171   | 8 174   | 6 842   | 6 186   | 6 565   |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation       | 8 194   | 8 192   | 6 857   | 6 215   | 6 640   |
| Capital expenditure (d)                           | 28      | 34      | 28      | 29      | 106     |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure       | 8 200   | 8 208   | 6 870   | 6 215   | 6 670   |
| Payroll tax                                       | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |

(a) Home Detention was removed as a sentencing option from ACT legislation as of 30 June 2005 with the program continuing to operate up to 23 September 2005 until all outstanding orders were completed. Data for 2005-06 is averaged over the 85 days of operation, not the entire financial year.

(b) Total persons may not equal the sum of persons per order type because an offender may be serving more than one order type.

(c) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator.

(d) Capital expenditure increased in 2007-08 as a result of leasehold improvements to office buildings.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ACT Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.68.

# Single Jurisdiction Data — NT

Table 8A.31

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## Table 8A.31 Descriptors, prisons

|   | 2003-04    | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Average daily prison population                       |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total — all prisons</b>                            | <b>719</b> | <b>770</b> | <b>791</b> | <b>834</b> | <b>875</b> |
| Male, Indigenous, open prison                         | 135        | 153        | 156        | 187        | 195        |
| Male, non-Indigenous, open prison                     | 14         | 14         | 12         | 24         | 40         |
| Male, unknown, open prison                            | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          |
| Female, Indigenous, open prison                       | —          | —          | —          | 6          | 9          |
| Female, non-Indigenous, open prison                   | —          | —          | —          | 4          | 3          |
| Female, unknown, open prison                          | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          |
| Male, Indigenous, secure prison                       | 423        | 432        | 465        | 470        | 493        |
| Male, non-Indigenous, secure prison                   | 128        | 149        | 129        | 117        | 108        |
| Male, unknown, secure prison                          | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          |
| Female, Indigenous, secure prison                     | 11         | 15         | 22         | 21         | 24         |
| Female, non-Indigenous, secure prison                 | 8          | 7          | 7          | 5          | 4          |
| Female, unknown, secure prison                        | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          |
| Total — male/female                                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Male prisoners, all prisons                           | 700        | 747        | 762        | 798        | 835        |
| Female prisoners, all prisons                         | 19         | 22         | 29         | 36         | 39         |
| Total — Indigenous/non-Indigenous                     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous prisoners, all prisons                     | 569        | 600        | 643        | 684        | 720        |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners, all prisons                 | 150        | 169        | 148        | 150        | 155        |
| Unknown, all prisons                                  | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          |
| Total — open/secure                                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Open prisoners  | 149        | 166        | 168        | 221        | 246        |
| Secure prisoners                                      | 570        | 603        | 623        | 613        | 629        |
| Privately operated prisons                            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous prisoners                                  | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                              | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Unknown   | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Total prisoners in privately operated prisons         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Crude imprisonment rate                               |            |            |            |            |            |
| Prisoners/100 000                                     | 515.6      | 544.0      | 546.4      | 551.6      | 562.2      |
| Male prisoners/100 000                                | 948.8      | 997.8      | 990.5      | 1 012.7    | 1 028.6    |
| Female prisoners/100 000                              | 28.9       | 33.6       | 42.8       | 49.7       | 52.9       |
| Indigenous prisoners/100 000                          | 1 643.1    | 1 680.4    | 1 763.0    | 1 839.6    | 1 898.8    |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners/100 000                      | 143.1      | 160.2      | 136.7      | 131.6      | 131.8      |
| Number of facilities (a)                              |            |            |            |            |            |
| Government operated prisons                           | 4          | 4          | 4          | 4          | 4          |
| Privately operated prisons                            | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          |
| Government operated community<br>custodial facilities | —          | —          | —          | —          | —          |

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**Table 8A.31 Descriptors, prisons**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Privately operated community custodial facilities | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      |
| 24-hour court cell centres                        | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total correctional custodial facilities           | 4       | 4       | 4       | 4       | 4       |
| Prison design capacity                            |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open prisons                                      | 176     | 176     | 180     | 230     | 230     |
| Secure prisons                                    | 624     | 624     | 620     | 620     | 620     |
| Total — all prisons                               | 800     | 800     | 800     | 850     | 850     |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (b)</b> |         |         |         |         |         |
| Recurrent expenditure, all prisons                | 48 262  | 53 057  | 52 663  | 51 030  | 52 322  |
| Recurrent receipts, all prisons                   | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Net recurrent expenditure                         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open plus periodic detention                      | na      | na      | na      | na      | na      |
| Secure  | na      | na      | na      | na      | na      |
| All prisons                                       | 48 262  | 53 057  | 52 663  | 51 030  | 52 322  |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation       | 49 759  | 54 667  | 55 458  | 52 724  | 53 976  |
| Capital expenditure                               |         |         |         |         |         |
| All prisons                                       | 5 821   | 5 675   | 7 299   | 6 439   | 5 663   |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure       | 54 082  | 58 732  | 59 962  | 57 470  | 57 985  |
| Transport and escort services                     | na      | na      | na      | na      | na      |
| Payroll tax                                       |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open plus periodic detention                      | na      | na      | na      | na      | na      |
| Secure  | na      | na      | na      | na      | na      |
| All prisons                                       | 1 620   | 2 091   | 1 688   | 1 947   | 1 907   |

(a) NT open prisons are annexes of secure prisons, but included as separate facilities in these data.

(b) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: NT Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.71.

Table 8A.32

**Northern Territory****Table 8A.32 Effectiveness, prisons**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assault rates (per cent)                          |         |         |         |         |         |
| Prisoners on prisoners                            |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                  | 0.42    | 0.26    | 0.88    | 0.84    | 0.46    |
| Assaults  | 6.95    | 4.55    | 7.08    | 3.12    | 4.80    |
| Prisoners on officers                             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Serious assaults                                  | 0.56    | –       | 0.76    | 0.12    | –       |
| Assaults  | 0.83    | 0.65    | 2.15    | 0.48    | 0.69    |
| Number of deaths (apparent unnatural causes)      |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Number of deaths (apparent natural causes)        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | –       |
| Number of deaths (unknown causes) (a)             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Apparent unnatural death rate (per 100 prisoners) |         |         |         |         |         |
| Indigenous prisoners                              | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Non-Indigenous prisoners                          | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Total — all prisoners                             | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Escape/abscond rate (per 100 prisoners) (b)       |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                            | 0.67    | 0.60    | 0.60    | 2.26    | –       |
| Secure level of security                          | 0.18    | –       | –       | –       | 0.16    |
| Average daily time out of cells (hours per day)   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Open level of security                            | 17.7    | 20.5    | 20.7    | 19.7    | 19.6    |
| Secure level of security                          | 8.3     | 9.4     | 8.9     | 9.0     | 9.1     |
| Total — all prisoners                             | 8.9     | 11.8    | 11.4    | 11.8    | 12.0    |
| Employment (per cent)                             |         |         |         |         |         |
| Commercial (fee for service) industries           | 4.1     | 4.7     | 4.5     | 3.6     | 3.6     |
| Service (no fee for service) industries           | 68.3    | 64.1    | 75.9    | 76.4    | 85.7    |
| Work release                                      | 0.2     | –       | –       | 1.1     | 0.9     |
| Total — all industries                            | 72.6    | 68.8    | 80.4    | 81.1    | 90.2    |
| Education (per cent of eligible prisoners) (c)    |         |         |         |         |         |
| Pre-certificate Level 1 courses                   | 9.2     | 9.6     | –       | –       | –       |
| AQF Secondary School sector education             | 2.4     | 2.6     | 5.9     | 35.5    | 1.2     |
| AQF Vocational Education and Training             | 39.4    | 61.4    | 86.6    | 39.4    | 24.1    |
| AQF Higher Education                              | 0.3     | 0.3     | 1.2     | 0.1     | 1.1     |
| Total — all education                             | 51.3    | 73.9    | 88.6    | 74.2    | 26.4    |

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**Northern Territory****Table 8A.32 Effectiveness, prisons**

|     | 2003-04   | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|-----|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (a) | Refers to deaths where there is insufficient evidence to assess, subject to a Coroner's finding, whether the cause of death was natural or unnatural. These data are not included in the calculation of rates. Deaths occurring in past years where cause of death was recorded as unknown at the time of the Report but were subsequently determined to have been from either natural or unnatural causes are updated in the relevant year's figures and rates when known.   |         |         |         |         |
| (b) | In accordance with the national counting rule, these rates exclude other escapes/absconds (this category relates to absconds by prisoners on unescorted leave, such as work release or day leave, or by prisoners in work parties or participating in activities outside the perimeter without direct one-to-one supervision). There were zero escapes of this type in 2007-08.   |         |         |         |         |
| (c) | During 2007-08 the NT prison education system experienced staffing difficulties, resulting in a reduction in education services being offered in the prisons. NT Corrective Services also implemented new education data recording systems and changed reporting methods during the counting period, including remand prisoners in the count of prisoners eligible for education in 2007-08. The net result was a significant drop in the education rate. AQF = Australian Qualifications Framework.<br>– Nil or rounded to zero. |         |         |         |         |

Source: NT Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.72.



Table 8A.33

**Northern Territory****Table 8A.33 Descriptors, community corrections (a)**

|   | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Average number of offenders</b>                |              |              |              |              |              |
| on restricted movement orders                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 27           | 24           | 17           | 14           | 12           |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 26           | 26           | 21           | 17           | 19           |
| Male, unknown                                     | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 3            | 2            | 1            | 3            | 2            |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 2            | 3            | 2            | 3            | 1            |
| Female, unknown                                   | –            | 1            | 1            | 1            | –            |
| Gender not recorded                               | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>58</b>    | <b>56</b>    | <b>42</b>    | <b>38</b>    | <b>34</b>    |
| on reparation orders                              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 178          | 166          | 134          | 138          | 139          |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 29           | 37           | 34           | 38           | 36           |
| Male, unknown                                     | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 38           | 37           | 31           | 30           | 26           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 7            | 7            | 7            | 6            | 5            |
| Female, unknown                                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Gender not recorded                               | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>252</b>   | <b>247</b>   | <b>206</b>   | <b>212</b>   | <b>206</b>   |
| on supervision orders                             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 453          | 499          | 585          | 652          | 630          |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 203          | 218          | 224          | 217          | 208          |
| Male, unknown                                     | 1            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 1            |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 48           | 55           | 63           | 78           | 91           |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 29           | 35           | 36           | 25           | 18           |
| Female, unknown                                   | –            | 1            | 2            | –            | –            |
| Gender not recorded                               | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>734</b>   | <b>810</b>   | <b>912</b>   | <b>974</b>   | <b>948</b>   |
| Average daily distinct persons serving orders (b) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Male, Indigenous                                  | 636          | 664          | 715          | 772          | 755          |
| Male, non-Indigenous                              | 253          | 275          | 270          | 267          | 259          |
| Male, unknown                                     | 1            | 3            | 2            | 2            | 1            |
| Female, Indigenous                                | 84           | 90           | 91           | 107          | 113          |
| Female, non-Indigenous                            | 36           | 43           | 45           | 34           | 24           |
| Female, unknown                                   | –            | 2            | 2            | 1            | –            |
| Total persons, Indigenous                         | 720          | 754          | 806          | 879          | 868          |
| Total persons, non-Indigenous                     | 289          | 318          | 315          | 301          | 283          |
| Total persons, unknown                            | 1            | 5            | 4            | 3            | 1            |
| Total males                                       | 890          | 942          | 987          | 1 041        | 1 015        |
| Total females                                     | 120          | 135          | 138          | 142          | 137          |
| Total gender not recorded                         | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total persons</b>                              | <b>1 010</b> | <b>1 077</b> | <b>1 125</b> | <b>1 183</b> | <b>1 152</b> |

Table 8A.33

**Northern Territory****Table 8A.33 Descriptors, community corrections (a)**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Crude community corrections rates</b>          |         |         |         |         |         |
| Offenders/100 000 adults                          | 724.2   | 761.2   | 777.2   | 782.4   | 740.4   |
| Male offenders/100 000                            | 1 206.3 | 1 257.8 | 1 283.0 | 1 321.0 | 1 249.7 |
| Female offenders/100 000                          | 182.7   | 202.7   | 203.5   | 196.1   | 184.2   |
| Indigenous offenders/100 000 adults               | 2 079.1 | 2 110.6 | 2 210.0 | 2 364.0 | 2 290.3 |
| Non-Indigenous/100 000                            | 275.7   | 300.7   | 290.9   | 264.0   | 240.5   |
| Work hours ordered/100 000                        | 38 467  | 33 666  | 26 376  | 25 619  | 22 306  |
| Work hours performed/100 000                      | 16 545  | 16 201  | 12 868  | 11 328  | 7 832   |
| <b>Recurrent expenditure (2007-08 \$'000) (c)</b> |         |         |         |         |         |
| Recurrent expenditure                             | 7 277   | 6 985   | 6 843   | 6 889   | 7 464   |
| Recurrent receipts                                | –       | –       | –       | –       | –       |
| Net recurrent expenditure                         | 7 277   | 6 985   | 6 843   | 6 889   | 7 464   |
| Net recurrent expenditure plus depreciation       | 7 288   | 7 051   | 7 012   | 7 021   | 7 525   |
| Capital expenditure                               | 31      | 86      | 187     | 138     | 91      |
| Total net recurrent and capital expenditure       | 7 308   | 7 071   | 7 030   | 7 027   | 7 555   |
| Payroll tax                                       | 241     | 315     | 261     | 275     | 309     |

(a) Figures include offenders on inactive orders except for those on orders that have been pending breach for more than three years but have not been formally breached by the courts.

(b) Total persons may not equal the sum of persons per order type because an offender may be serving more than one order type.

(c) Data for previous years have been adjusted by the gross domestic product deflator. Recurrent expenditure excludes estimated costs attributable to juvenile justice functions (that is, supervision of young offenders by community corrections staff) which falls outside the scope of the corrective services function as defined in the Report.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: NT Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 8A.74.

# HPA Health preface — attachment

Data in this Report are examined by the Health Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat. Unsourced information was obtained from the Australian, State and Territory governments.

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Data reported in the attachment tables are the most accurate available at the time of data collection. Historical data may have been updated since the last report.

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Table HPA.1

Table HPA.1 Indigenous health workforce, by State/Territory, 2006 (a), (b), (c)

|  | NSW       | Vic       | Qld       | WA        | SA        | Tas     | ACT     | NT      | Aust (c)   |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| <b>Number of Indigenous health workers</b>   |           |           |           |           |           |         |         |         |            |
| Number of total health workforce   | 1 743     | 381       | 1 343     | 486       | 302       | 196     | 47      | 390     | 4 891      |
| Indigenous health workforce as a proportion of total health workforce                    | 159 158   | 125 749   | 93 404    | 47 749    | 42 386    | 11 820  | 7 613   | 4 428   | 492 342    |
|  | 1.1       | 0.3       | 1.4       | 1.0       | 0.7       | 1.7     | 0.6     | 8.8     | 1.0        |
| Indigenous population  | 85 320    | 19 017    | 77 958    | 37 017    | 16 268    | 10 687  | 2 471   | 35 014  | 283 911    |
| Total population   | 5 250 262 | 3 982 037 | 3 097 997 | 1 562 653 | 1 233 516 | 382 453 | 262 107 | 145 290 | 15 918 080 |
| <b>Indigenous health workers as a proportion of the Indigenous population (per cent)</b> |           |           |           |           |           |         |         |         |            |
|  | 2.0       | 2.0       | 1.7       | 1.3       | 1.9       | 1.8     | 1.9     | 1.1     | 1.7        |
| <b>Proportion of State/Territory population that is Indigenous</b>                       |           |           |           |           |           |         |         |         |            |
|  | 1.6       | 0.5       | 2.5       | 2.4       | 1.3       | 2.8     | 0.9     | 24.1    | 1.8        |

(a) Aged 15 years and over.

(b) Cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data.

(c) See table HPA.3 for information about the scope of the Indigenous Health Workforce.

(d) Includes Other Territories.

Source: ABS (unpublished); ABS (2007) 2006 Census of Population and Housing, Canberra; 2009 Report, table EA.10.

Table HPA.2

Table HPA.2 **Indigenous people in health workforce as a proportion of total health workforce, by age group and sex, 2006 (a)**

| <i>Age group</i>   | <i>15-24</i>  | <i>25-34</i>   | <i>35-44</i>   | <i>45-54</i>   | <i>55-64</i>  | <i>Total (b)</i> |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Indigenous persons in health workforce, by age by sex</b> |               |                |                |                |               |                  |
| Males  | 108           | 301            | 388            | 314            | 104           | 1 223            |
| Females  | 406           | 803            | 1 100          | 984            | 347           | 3 666            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>518</b>    | <b>1 098</b>   | <b>1 486</b>   | <b>1 290</b>   | <b>453</b>    | <b>4 891</b>     |
| <b>All persons in health workforce, by age by sex</b>        |               |                |                |                |               |                  |
| Males  | 5 604         | 24 496         | 31 374         | 32 748         | 19 048        | 119 386          |
| Females  | 30 549        | 78 498         | 97 751         | 110 928        | 49 611        | 372 961          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>36 150</b> | <b>102 996</b> | <b>129 125</b> | <b>143 676</b> | <b>68 658</b> | <b>492 342</b>   |
| <b>Proportion of total health workforce (per cent)</b>       |               |                |                |                |               |                  |
| Males  | 0.3           | 0.3            | 0.3            | 0.2            | 0.2           | 0.2              |
| Females  | 1.1           | 0.8            | 0.9            | 0.7            | 0.5           | 0.7              |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>1.4</b>    | <b>1.1</b>     | <b>1.2</b>     | <b>0.9</b>     | <b>0.7</b>    | <b>1.0</b>       |

(a) Cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data.

(b) Includes persons aged 65 years and over.

Source: ABS (unpublished); ABS (2007) *2006 Census of Population and Housing*, Canberra; 2009 Report, table EA.11.

Table HPA.3

Table HPA.3 Indigenous persons employed in selected health-related occupations, 2006 (a)

|  | <i>Indigenous people</i> | <i>All persons</i> | <i>Percent of Indigenous people in selected health-related occupations</i> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Health and Welfare Services Managers (b)   | 141                      | 10 807             | 1.3  |
| Psychologists (c)  | 39                       | 13 437             | 0.3  |
| <i>Health diagnostic and promotion professionals</i>                                     |                          |                    |  |
| Medical Imaging Professionals (d)  | 18                       | 10 147             | 0.2  |
| Environmental Health Officer   | 98                       | 3 907              | 2.5  |
| Occupational Health and Safety Adviser   | 50                       | 6 840              | 0.7  |
| Health Promotion Officer   | 437                      | 3 898              | 11.2   |
| Other health diagnostic and promotion professionals (e)                                  | 45                       | 23 287             | 0.2  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>648</b>               | <b>48 079</b>      | <b>1.3</b>   |
| <i>Health therapy professionals</i>  |                          |                    |  |
| Dental Practitioners (f)   | 16                       | 9 065              | 0.2  |
| Dental Hygienists, Technicians and Therapists (g)  | 22                       | 5 169              | 0.4  |
| Dental Assistant   | 171                      | 15 378             | 1.1  |
| Physiotherapist  | 54                       | 12 286             | 0.4  |
| Other health therapy professionals (h)   | 58                       | 22 699             | 0.3  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>321</b>               | <b>64 597</b>      | <b>0.5</b>   |
| <i>Medical practitioners</i>   |                          |                    |  |
| General Medical Practitioner   | 60                       | 29 920             | 0.2  |
| Other medical practitioners, Internal Medicine (i) specialists, Psychiatrists & Surgeons | 40                       | 25 155             | 0.2  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>100</b>               | <b>55 075</b>      | <b>0.2</b>   |
| <i>Midwifery and nursing professionals</i>   |                          |                    |  |
| Midwives (j)   | 53                       | 13 164             | 0.4  |
| Nurse Educators and Researchers (k)  | 17                       | 3 762              | 0.5  |
| Nurse Manager  | 46                       | 10 899             | 0.4  |
| Registered Nurse (Aged Care)   | 239                      | 25 070             | 1.0  |
| Registered Nurse (Community Health)  | 51                       | 8 771              | 0.6  |

Table HPA.3

Table HPA.3 Indigenous persons employed in selected health-related occupations, 2006 (a)

|   | <i>Indigenous people</i> | <i>All persons</i> | <i>Percent of Indigenous people in selected health-related occupations</i> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Registered Nurse (Critical Care and Emergency)      | 44                       | 9 917              | 0.4  |
| Registered Nurse (Mental Health)                    | 48                       | 7 712              | 0.6  |
| Registered Nurse (Perioperative)                    | 46                       | 10 009             | 0.5  |
| Other Registered Nurses (l)                         | 679                      | 111 096            | 0.6  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1 223</b>             | <b>200 400</b>     | <b>0.6</b>   |
| <i>Health and welfare support workers</i>           |                          |                    |  |
| Ambulance Officers and Paramedics                   | 153                      | 9 098              | 1.7  |
| Diversional Therapist                               | 41                       | 4 078              | 1.0  |
| Enrolled and Mothercraft Nurses                     | 215                      | 19 397             | 1.1  |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker | 965                      | 1 010              | 95.5   |
| Massage Therapist                                   | 54                       | 8 200              | 0.7  |
| Hospital Orderly                                    | 165                      | 9 939              | 1.7  |
| Nursing Support Worker                              | 442                      | 22 380             | 2.0  |
| Personal Care Assistant                             | 339                      | 21 956             | 1.5  |
| Other Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers (m) | 39                       | 3 899              | 1.0  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>2 413</b>             | <b>99 957</b>      | <b>2.4</b>   |
| <b>Total aged 15 years and over (n)</b>             | <b>4 891</b>             | <b>492 342</b>     | <b>1.0</b>   |

(a) Aged 15 years and over.

(b) Comprises Health and Welfare Services Managers, nfd, Medical Administrator, Nursing Clinical Director, Primary Health Organisation Manager, Health and Welfare Services Managers, nec.

(c) Comprises Psychologists, nfd, Clinical Psychologist, Educational Psychologist, Organisational Psychologist, Psychotherapist, Psychologists, nec.

(d) Comprises Medical Imaging Professionals, nfd, Medical Diagnostic Radiographer, Medical Radiation Therapist, Nuclear Medicine Technologist, Sonographer.

(e) Comprises Health Professionals, nfd, Health Diagnostic and Promotion Professionals, nfd, Dietician, Occupational and Environmental Health Professionals, nfd, Optometrists and Orthoptists, nfd, Optometrist, Orthoptist, Pharmacists, nfd, Hospital Pharmacist, Industrial Pharmacist, Retail Pharmacist, Other Health Diagnostic and Promotion Professionals, nfd, Orthotist or Prosthetist, Health Diagnostic and Promotion Professionals, nec.

(f) Comprises Dental Practitioners, nfd, Dental Specialist, Dentist.

(g) Comprises Dental Hygienists, Technicians and Therapists, nfd, Dental Hygienist, Dental Prosthetist, Dental Technician, Dental Therapist.

(h) Comprises Health Therapy Professionals, nfd, Chiropractors and Osteopaths, nfd, Chiropractor, Osteopath, Complementary Health Therapists, nfd, Acupuncturist, Homeopath, Naturopath, Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner, Complementary Health Therapists, nec., Occupational Therapist, Podiatrist, Speech Professionals and Audiologists, nfd, Audiologist, Speech Pathologist.



**Table HPA.3 Indigenous persons employed in selected health-related occupations, 2006 (a)**

|     | <i>Indigenous<br/>people</i>  | <i>All persons</i> | <i>Percent of<br/>Indigenous<br/>people in<br/>selected health-<br/>related<br/>occupations</i> |
|-----|---|--------------------|---|
| (i) | Comprises Medical Practitioners, nfd, Generalist Medical Practitioners, nfd, Resident Medical Officer, Anaesthetist, Internal Medicine Specialists, nfd, Specialist Physician (General Medicine), Cardiologist, Clinical Haematologist, Clinical Oncologist, Endocrinologist, Gastroenterologist, Intensive Care Specialist, Neurologist, Paediatrician, Renal Medicine Specialist, Rheumatologist, Thoracic Medicine Specialist, Internal Medicine Specialists, nec, Psychiatrist, Surgeons, nfd, Surgeon (General), Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Neurosurgeon, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Otorhinolaryngologist, Paediatric Surgeon, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Urologist, Vascular Surgeon, Other Medical Practitioners, nfd, Dermatologist, Emergency Medicine Specialist, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Ophthalmologist, Pathologist, Radiologist, Medical Practitioners, nec. |                    |   |
| (j) | Comprises Midwifery and Nursing Professionals, nfd, Midwife.  |                    |   |
| (k) | Comprises Nurse Educators and Researchers, nfd, Nurse Educator, Nurse Researcher.   |                    |   |
| (l) | Comprises Registered Nurses, nfd, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse (Child and Family Health), Registered Nurse (Developmental Disability), Registered Nurse (Disability and Rehabilitation), Registered Nurse (Medical), Registered Nurse (Medical Practice), Registered Nurse (Surgical), Registered Nurses, nec.  |                    |   |
| (m) | Comprises Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers, nfd, Therapy Aide.   |                    |   |
| (n) | Components may not add to total due to perturbation of component data.  |                    |   |

Source: ABS (2007) *2006 Census of Population and Housing*, Canberra; 2009 Report, table EA.12.

Table HPA.4

Table HPA.4 **Mortality rates, age standardised for all causes (per 1000 people) (a)**

|                         | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> (b) |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| All Australians, annual |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                 |
| 2001                    | 6.6        | 6.5        | 6.7        | 6.3       | 6.8       | 7.6        | 6.3        | 9.4       | 6.6             |
| 2002                    | 6.7        | 6.6        | 6.8        | 6.5       | 6.7       | 7.6        | 6.0        | 9.2       | 6.7             |
| 2003                    | 6.5        | 6.3        | 6.4        | 6.3       | 6.6       | 7.4        | 5.9        | 9.4       | 6.5             |
| 2004                    | 6.4        | 6.1        | 6.5        | 6.0       | 6.2       | 7.1        | 5.7        | 8.7       | 6.3             |
| 2005                    | 6.1        | 5.9        | 6.0        | 5.9       | 6.2       | 6.9        | 5.7        | 9.3       | 6.0             |
| 2006                    | 6.0        | 5.9        | 6.0        | 5.8       | 6.0       | 6.8        | 5.5        | 8.7       | 6.0             |
| Indigenous (c)          |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                 |
| 1999–2003               | na         | na         | 12.0       | 12.7      | 11.6      | na         | na         | 17.2      | 13.2            |
| 2000–2004               | na         | na         | 12.0       | 13.2      | 11.7      | na         | na         | 17.1      | 13.4            |
| 2001–2005               | na         | na         | 11.7       | 13.3      | 11.2      | na         | na         | 16.7      | 13.1            |
| 2002–2006               | na         | na         | 11.9       | 14.0      | 11.0      | na         | na         | 16.8      | 13.3            |
| Non-Indigenous (d)      |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                 |
| 1999–2003               | na         | na         | 6.7        | 6.4       | 6.7       | na         | na         | 7.3       | 6.6             |
| 2000–2004               | na         | na         | 6.6        | 6.2       | 6.6       | na         | na         | 7.0       | 6.5             |
| 2001–2005               | na         | na         | 6.4        | 6.1       | 6.5       | na         | na         | 7.0       | 6.4             |
| 2002–2006               | na         | na         | 6.3        | 6.0       | 6.4       | na         | na         | 6.9       | 6.2             |

(a) Deaths per 1000 standard population. Standardised death rates use total persons in the 2001 Australian population as the standard population.

(b) Total, Indigenous and non-Indigenous mortality rates are for Queensland, WA, SA and NT combined.

(c) Calculations of rates for the Indigenous population are based on *ABS Experimental Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians 1991 to 2009* (ABS cat. no. 3238.0, low series, 2001 base). There are no comparable population data for the non-Indigenous population. Calculations of rates for comparison with the Indigenous population are derived by subtracting Indigenous population projections from total Estimated Resident Population and should be used with care, as these data include deaths and population units for which Indigenous status were not stated. ERP used in calculations are final ERP based on 2006 Census.

(d) Includes non-Indigenous and not stated Indigenous status.

na Not available.

Source: ABS (unpublished) *Deaths Australia*; ABS (2007) *Deaths 2006*, Australia, Cat. no. 3302.0, AusInfo, Canberra; 2009 Report, table EA.13.

Table HPA.5

Table HPA.5 Infant mortality rate, three year average (per 1000 live births) (a), (b)

|                 | NSW | Vic | Qld  | WA   | SA  | Tas | ACT (c) | NT   | Aust (d) |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|---------|------|----------|
| All Australians |     |     |      |      |     |     |         |      |          |
| 1995–1997       | 5.5 | 5.0 | 6.2  | 5.6  | 5.2 | 5.6 | 4.8     | 12.5 | 5.6      |
| 1996–1998       | 5.1 | 4.9 | 6.2  | 5.6  | 4.6 | 5.5 | 5.2     | 12.1 | 5.4      |
| 1997–1999       | 5.1 | 5.1 | 6.0  | 5.0  | 4.4 | 6.6 | 5.1     | 12.2 | 5.3      |
| 1998–2000       | 5.1 | 4.9 | 6.1  | 4.7  | 4.3 | 6.4 | 5.3     | 11.9 | 5.3      |
| 1999–2001       | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.9  | 4.7  | 4.5 | 6.6 | 4.3     | 11.4 | 5.4      |
| 2000–2002       | 5.0 | 4.8 | 6.0  | 4.6  | 4.8 | 6.1 | 3.5     | 11.2 | 5.2      |
| 2001–2003       | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.5  | 4.5  | 4.5 | 6.5 | 4.1     | 10.1 | 5.0      |
| 2002–2004       | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.3  | 4.1  | 4.0 | 5.6 | 5.4     | 10.1 | 4.8      |
| 2003–2005       | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.0  | 4.2  | 4.0 | 4.7 | 6.1     | 9.6  | 4.8      |
| 2004–2006       | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.2  | 4.5  | 3.8 | 3.7 | 5.9     | 9.7  | 4.8      |
| Indigenous      |     |     |      |      |     |     |         |      |          |
| 2003–2005       | 8.4 | na  | 10.9 | 12.8 | 7.7 | na  | na      | 15.6 | na       |
| 2004–2006       | 7.5 | na  | 11.1 | 11.9 | 6.7 | na  | na      | 16.7 | na       |
| Non-Indigenous  |     |     |      |      |     |     |         |      |          |
| 2003–2005       | 4.4 | na  | 4.5  | 3.6  | 3.7 | na  | na      | 5.0  | na       |
| 2004–2006       | 4.6 | na  | 4.7  | 3.9  | 3.6 | na  | na      | 4.7  | na       |

(a) Infant deaths per 1000 live births.

(b) Deaths and births for which Indigenous status was not stated are excluded. As a result, infant mortality rates may be underestimated.

(c) Four infant deaths were coded to an incorrect state of usual residence in 2005, which led to the revision of the rate of the ACT.

(d) Figures for Australia include 'Other territories'.

na Not available.

Source: ABS (various years) *Deaths 2006*, Australia, Cat. no. 3302.0, AusInfo, Canberra; 2009 Report, table EA.14.

Table HPA.6

**Table HPA.6 Indigenous infant mortality rates, three year average (a), (b), (c)**

|           | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>NT (d)</i> |
|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| 2000–2002 | 9.5        | 11.5       | 16.5      | 10.4      | 18.1          |
| 2001–2003 | 8.6        | 11.2       | 15.9      | 9.1       | 14.8          |
| 2002–2004 | 8.5        | 10.9       | 14.1      | 9.4       | 15.4          |
| 2003–2005 | 8.4        | 10.9       | 12.8      | 7.7       | 15.6          |
| 2004–2006 | 7.5        | 11.1       | 11.9      | 6.7       | 16.7          |

(a) Per 1000 live births.

(b) Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT are excluded due to poor coverage rates or small numbers.

(c) Deaths for which Indigenous status was not stated are excluded. As a result, Indigenous infant mortality rates may be underestimated.

(d) The contribution of Indigenous deaths to total deaths is much larger in the NT than in the other states presented.

*Source:* ABS (2007) *Deaths 2006*, Australia, Cat. no. 3302.0, AusInfo, Canberra; 2009 Report, table EA.15.

Table HPA.7

Table HPA.7 **Leading causes of death, indirect age standardised death rate ratio, 2002–2006 (per 100 000 standard population) (a), (b)**

|  | QLD            | WA             | SA             | NT             | Total          |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Indigenous</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Underlying causes of death</i>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Trachea and lung cancers (C33, C34)  | 67.4           | 60.5           | 51.2           | 85.4           | 67.8           |
| Diabetes (E10-E14)   | 159.8          | 190.4          | 134.8          | 196.3          | 395.1          |
| Ischaemic heart diseases (I20-I25) include angina, heart attacks, blocked arteries of the heart              | 350.2          | 305.4          | 383.1          | 443.8          | 96.9           |
| Strokes (I60-I69)  | 108.7          | 126.5          | 99.7           | 135.4          | 68.4           |
| Influenza and pneumonia (J10-J18)  | 38.3           | 85.9           | 89.2           | 82.7           | 168.1          |
| Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47) which include diseases such as asthma, bronchitis and emphysema | 88.5           | 97.9           | 73.7           | 187.5          | 131.0          |
| Cirrhosis and other diseases of liver (K70-K76)  | 34.1           | 52.1           | 47.3           | 92.8           | 305.6          |
| Diseases of the urinary system (N00-N39)   | 44.8           | 76.6           | 59.7           | 153.8          | 198.4          |
| Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (P00-P96)   | 6.9            | 8.3            | 3.7            | 11.3           | 80.7           |
| Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions (R00-R99)   | 16.0           | 47.1           | 19.3           | 30.0           | 350.3          |
| Land transport accidents (V01-V89)   | 15.0           | 31.1           | 25.8           | 45.7           | 98.2           |
| Intentional self-harm (X60-X84) [suicide]  | 26.2           | 21.2           | 40.7           | 45.4           | 87.1           |
| <b>All causes</b>  | <b>1 490.9</b> | <b>1 825.2</b> | <b>1 596.8</b> | <b>2 537.0</b> | <b>1 802.5</b> |
| <b>Non-Indigenous (c)</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| <i>Underlying causes of death</i>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Trachea and lung cancers (C33, C34)  | 36.0           | 36.6           | 33.3           | 39.0           | 35.5           |
| Diabetes (E10-E14)   | 14.8           | 16.1           | 15.9           | 19.8           | 35.3           |
| Ischaemic heart diseases (I20-I25) include angina, heart attacks, blocked arteries of the heart              | 126.2          | 105.6          | 118.2          | 120.0          | 32.0           |
| Strokes (I60-I69)  | 60.1           | 48.6           | 55.9           | 44.3           | 32.5           |

Table HPA.7

Table HPA.7 **Leading causes of death, indirect age standardised death rate ratio, 2002–2006 (per 100 000 standard population) (a), (b)**

|  | QLD          | WA           | SA           | NT           | Total        |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Influenza and pneumonia (J10-J18)  | 14.7         | 12.6         | 23.5         | 13.2         | 42.9         |
| Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47) which include diseases such as asthma, bronchitis and emphysema | 28.2         | 24.1         | 25.1         | 45.3         | 31.6         |
| Cirrhosis and other diseases of liver (K70-K76)  | 6.0          | 5.4          | 6.7          | 8.7          | 35.6         |
| Diseases of the urinary system (N00-N39)   | 12.7         | 12.4         | 15.1         | 12.0         | 34.0         |
| Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (P00-P96)   | 3.2          | 2.6          | 2.2          | 3.4          | 29.7         |
| Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions (R00-R99)   | 6.0          | 7.5          | 3.9          | 11.4         | 78.3         |
| Land transport accidents (V01-V89)   | 8.6          | 8.8          | 9.6          | 17.9         | 33.5         |
| Intentional self-harm (X60-X84) [suicide]  | 11.2         | 10.5         | 11.8         | 14.8         | 32.1         |
| <b>All causes</b>  | <b>628.5</b> | <b>599.6</b> | <b>640.8</b> | <b>700.5</b> | <b>625.1</b> |
| <b>Ratio (d)</b>   |              |              |              |              |              |
| <i>Underlying causes of death</i>  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Trachea and lung cancers (C33, C34)  | 1.9          | 1.7          | 1.5          | 2.2          | 1.9          |
| Diabetes (E10-E14)   | 10.8         | 11.8         | 8.5          | 9.9          | 11.2         |
| Ischaemic heart diseases (I20-I25) include angina, heart attacks, blocked arteries of the heart              | 2.8          | 2.9          | 3.2          | 3.7          | 3.0          |
| Strokes (I60-I69)  | 1.8          | 2.6          | 1.8          | 3.1          | 2.1          |
| Influenza and pneumonia (J10-J18)  | 2.6          | 6.8          | 3.8          | 6.3          | 3.9          |
| Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47) which include diseases such as asthma, bronchitis and emphysema | 3.1          | 4.1          | 2.9          | 4.1          | 4.1          |
| Cirrhosis and other diseases of liver (K70-K76)  | 5.7          | 9.7          | 7.1          | 10.7         | 8.6          |
| Diseases of the urinary system (N00-N39)   | 3.5          | 6.2          | 4.0          | 12.8         | 5.8          |
| Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (P00-P96)   | 2.1          | 3.2          | 1.7          | 3.3          | 2.7          |
| Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions (R00-R99)   | 2.7          | 6.3          | 5.0          | 2.6          | 4.5          |

Table HPA.7

Table HPA.7 **Leading causes of death, indirect age standardised death rate ratio, 2002–2006 (per 100 000 standard population) (a), (b)**

|   | QLD        | WA         | SA         | NT         | Total      |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Land transport accidents (V01-V89)        | 1.8        | 3.5        | 2.7        | 2.6        | 2.9        |
| Intentional self-harm (X60-X84) [suicide] | 2.3        | 2.0        | 3.5        | 3.1        | 2.7        |
| <b>All causes</b>                         | <b>2.4</b> | <b>3.0</b> | <b>2.5</b> | <b>3.6</b> | <b>2.9</b> |

(a) Calculations of rates for the Indigenous population are based on ABS *Experimental Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians* (ABS cat. no. 3238.0, low series, 2001 base). There are no comparable population data for the non-Indigenous population. Calculations of rates for comparison with the Indigenous population are derived by subtracting Indigenous population projections from Total Estimated Resident Population and should be used with care, as these data include deaths and population units for which Indigenous status were not stated. Population estimates have not been re-based using 2006 Census data as re-based data is not yet available for the Indigenous population.

(b) Coded according to the International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems Revision 10 (ICD-10).

(c) Includes non-Indigenous and not stated Indigenous status.

(d) Indigenous rate divided by non-Indigenous rate.

Source: ABS (2007) *Deaths 2006, Australia*, Cat. no. 3302.0, AusInfo, Canberra; 2009 Report, table EA.17.

Table HPA.8

Table HPA.8 **Indigenous life expectancy at birth (years) (a), (b), (c)**

|           | <i>Indigenous males<br/>born 1996–2001</i> | <i>Indigenous females<br/>born 1996–2001</i> | <i>Total males born<br/>1997–1999</i> | <i>Total females born<br/>1997–1999</i> |
|-----------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| NSW/Vic   | 60.0                                       | 65.1   | na                                    | na                                      |
| Qld       | 58.9                                       | 62.6   | 76.0                                  | 81.7                                    |
| SA/WA     | 58.5                                       | 67.2   | na                                    | na                                      |
| NT        | 57.6                                       | 65.2   | 70.6                                  | 75.1                                    |
| Australia | 59.4                                       | 64.8   | 76.2                                  | 81.8                                    |

(a) Indigenous data are for the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, and include an adjustment for undercoverage of Indigenous deaths.

(b) Life expectancy data for Indigenous males and Indigenous females are for the period 1996–2001. Data for total males and females cover the period 1997–1999, the approximate mid-point of the Indigenous data.

(c) For Tasmania and the ACT, use life tables for NSW and Victoria.

**na** Not available

*Source:* ABS (various years), *Deaths 2006*, Australia, Cat. no. 3302.0, ABS, Canberra; ABS (2004), *Calculating Experimental Life Tables for Use in Population Estimates and Projections of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians*, Demography Working Paper 2004-3, Cat. no. 3106.0.55.003, ABS Canberra; 2009 Report, table EA.19.



Table HPA.9

Table HPA.9 Median age at death (years) (a), (b)

|                         | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust (c)</i> |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| All Australians         |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                 |
| Males                   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                 |
| 2001                    | 75.6       | 76.1       | 74.7       | 74.8      | 76.7      | 76.0       | 72.1       | 55.6      | 75.5            |
| 2002                    | 76.2       | 76.8       | 75.6       | 75.4      | 77.2      | 76.2       | 76.4       | 55.9      | 76.2            |
| 2003                    | 76.3       | 76.8       | 75.6       | 75.5      | 77.5      | 75.9       | 73.9       | 56.7      | 76.2            |
| 2004                    | 76.9       | 77.3       | 75.9       | 75.6      | 77.5      | 76.5       | 75.2       | 55.0      | 76.6            |
| 2005                    | 77.0       | 77.5       | 76.0       | 76.0      | 77.5      | 76.2       | 75.3       | 56.6      | 76.8            |
| 2006 (d)                | 77.6       | 77.9       | 76.3       | 76.4      | 78.1      | 77.0       | 76.0       | 57.2      | 77.3            |
| Females                 |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                 |
| 2001                    | 81.8       | 82.1       | 81.4       | 81.5      | 82.4      | 81.2       | 81.3       | 61.4      | 81.8            |
| 2002                    | 82.2       | 82.5       | 81.9       | 81.8      | 82.7      | 81.9       | 81.5       | 55.8      | 82.2            |
| 2003                    | 82.6       | 82.6       | 81.9       | 82.1      | 83.1      | 82.1       | 81.5       | 63.8      | 82.4            |
| 2004                    | 82.7       | 83.0       | 82.2       | 81.9      | 83.2      | 82.5       | 80.8       | 61.2      | 82.6            |
| 2005                    | 83.1       | 83.2       | 82.3       | 82.8      | 83.6      | 82.7       | 82.0       | 56.9      | 82.9            |
| 2006 (d)                | 83.4       | 83.6       | 82.9       | 82.6      | 84.0      | 83.3       | 82.6       | 64.5      | 83.3            |
| Indigenous (e), (f)     |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                 |
| Males                   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                 |
| 2001                    | 56.3       | np         | 52.5       | 51.0      | 51.0      | np         | np         | 45.1      | np              |
| 2002                    | 56.3       | np         | 51.8       | 51.2      | 48.9      | np         | np         | 47.1      | np              |
| 2003                    | 56.8       | np         | 51.2       | 50.2      | 48.8      | np         | np         | 46.3      | np              |
| 2004                    | 55.8       | np         | 53.7       | 50.0      | 49.5      | np         | np         | 43.8      | np              |
| 2005                    | 54.3       | np         | 51.1       | 52.8      | 42.4      | np         | np         | 45.8      | np              |
| 2006                    | 59.3       | np         | 55.6       | 47.9      | 50.4      | np         | np         | 45.4      | np              |
| Females                 |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                 |
| 2001                    | 62.9       | np         | 54.1       | 53.5      | 55.5      | np         | np         | 52.8      | np              |
| 2002                    | 61.9       | np         | 58.8       | 53.0      | 55.0      | np         | np         | 50.0      | np              |
| 2003                    | 58.9       | np         | 62.1       | 55.0      | 50.0      | np         | np         | 52.8      | np              |
| 2004                    | 62.7       | np         | 57.9       | 63.6      | 53.5      | np         | np         | 54.0      | np              |
| 2005                    | 65.8       | np         | 59.5       | 57.8      | 47.5      | np         | np         | 50.4      | np              |
| 2006                    | 64.8       | np         | 57.0       | 57.0      | 59.3      | np         | np         | 55.3      | np              |
| Non-Indigenous (e), (f) |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                 |
| Males                   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                 |
| 2001                    | 75.7       | np         | 75.1       | 75.4      | 76.9      | np         | np         | 63.2      | np              |
| 2002                    | 76.5       | np         | 75.9       | 75.9      | 77.3      | np         | np         | 63.0      | np              |
| 2003                    | 76.5       | np         | 75.9       | 76.1      | 77.7      | np         | np         | 65.9      | np              |
| 2004                    | 77.0       | np         | 76.2       | 76.3      | 77.6      | np         | np         | 63.0      | np              |
| 2005                    | 77.2       | np         | 76.4       | 76.6      | 77.9      | np         | np         | 63.7      | np              |
| 2006                    | 77.8       | np         | 76.7       | 76.9      | 78.3      | np         | np         | 64.7      | np              |

Table HPA.9

Table HPA.9 Median age at death (years) (a), (b)

|         | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust (c)</i> |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Females |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                 |
| 2001    | 81.9       | np         | 81.7       | 81.9      | 82.4      | np         | np         | 71.5      | np              |
| 2002    | 82.3       | np         | 82.1       | 82.2      | 82.8      | np         | np         | 70.5      | np              |
| 2003    | 82.7       | np         | 82.2       | 82.4      | 83.2      | np         | np         | 74.5      | np              |
| 2004    | 82.8       | np         | 82.5       | 82.3      | 83.3      | np         | np         | 71.3      | np              |
| 2005    | 83.1       | np         | 82.6       | 83.2      | 83.7      | np         | np         | 70.5      | np              |
| 2006    | 83.5       | np         | 83.1       | 83.1      | 84.1      | np         | np         | 75.0      | np              |

- (a) Median age at death does not adjust for the age structure of the populations involved.
- (b) Based on deaths registered to 31 December 2006.
- (c) Figures for Australia include 'Other Territories'.
- (d) Data for 2006 are incomplete due to the delay between the occurrence and registration of a death.
- (e) Deaths for whom the Indigenous status was not specified have not been prorated over Indigenous and non-Indigenous deaths. As a result, Indigenous and non-Indigenous deaths may be underestimated.
- (f) Care should be exercised when comparing median age at death of Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians. For example, higher coverage of Indigenous infant deaths compared with older age groups may result in the median age at death being underestimated.

**np** Not published.

Source: ABS (2007) *Deaths 2006*, Australia, Cat. no. 3302.0, AusInfo, Canberra; 2009 Report, table EA.20.

Table HPA.10

Table HPA.10 Birthweights of babies of Indigenous mothers, live births, by State and Territory 2006 (a)

|                                     | Unit       | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas          | ACT (b)      | NT           | Aust          |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Mean birthweight                    | grams      | 3 201        | 3 179        | 3 211        | 3 113        | 3 140        | 3 325        | 2 975        | 3 092        | 3 169         |
| Number of babies by birthweight     |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Less than 1500g                     | no.        | 46           | 11           | 60           | 53           | 15           | —            | 6            | 45           | 236           |
| 1500–2499g                          | no.        | 268          | 63           | 252          | 194          | 59           | 17           | 14           | 162          | 1 029         |
| 2500–2999g                          | no.        | 562          | 131          | 645          | 425          | 129          | 47           | 24           | 377          | 2 340         |
| 3000–3499g                          | no.        | 905          | 178          | 993          | 577          | 189          | 65           | 35           | 509          | 3 451         |
| 3500–3999g                          | no.        | 617          | 136          | 711          | 359          | 123          | 63           | 20           | 267          | 2 296         |
| 4000–4499g                          | no.        | 200          | np           | 223          | 97           | 26           | np           | 7            | 72           | 688           |
| 4500g and over                      | no.        | 33           | <5           | 43           | 31           | 12           | np           | —            | 22           | 150           |
| Not stated                          | no.        | 1            | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            | 1             |
| <b>All births</b>                   | <b>no.</b> | <b>2 632</b> | <b>567</b>   | <b>2 927</b> | <b>1 736</b> | <b>553</b>   | <b>216</b>   | <b>106</b>   | <b>1 454</b> | <b>10 191</b> |
| Less than 2500g                     | no.        | 314          | 74           | 312          | 247          | 74           | 17           | 20           | 207          | 1 265         |
| Proportion of babies by birthweight |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Less than 1500g                     | %          | 1.7          | 1.9          | 2.0          | 3.1          | 2.7          | —            | 5.7          | 3.1          | 2.3           |
| 1500–2499g                          | %          | 10.2         | 11.1         | 8.6          | 11.2         | 10.7         | 7.9          | 13.2         | 11.1         | 10.1          |
| 2500–2999g                          | %          | 21.4         | 23.1         | 22.0         | 24.5         | 23.3         | 21.8         | 22.6         | 25.9         | 23.0          |
| 3000–3499g                          | %          | 34.4         | 31.4         | 33.9         | 33.2         | 34.2         | 30.1         | 33.0         | 35.0         | 33.9          |
| 3500–3999g                          | %          | 23.4         | 24.0         | 24.3         | 20.7         | 22.2         | 29.2         | 18.9         | 18.4         | 22.5          |
| 4000–4499g                          | %          | 7.6          | np           | 7.6          | 5.6          | 4.7          | np           | 6.6          | 5.0          | 6.8           |
| 4500g and over                      | %          | 1.3          | np           | 1.5          | 1.8          | 2.2          | np           | —            | 1.5          | 1.5           |
| Not stated                          | %          | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            | —            | —             |
| <b>All births</b>                   | <b>%</b>   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| Less than 2500g                     | %          | 11.9         | 13.1         | 10.7         | 14.2         | 13.4         | 7.9          | 18.9         | 14.2         | 12.4          |

(a) This table cannot be compared with birthweight for all births to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander mothers in previous reports.

**Table HPA.10 Birthweights of babies of Indigenous mothers, live births, by State and Territory 2006 (a)**

| <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (b)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|

(b) In the ACT, 16.3 per cent of women who gave birth were non-ACT residents. Care must be taken when interpreting percentages. For example, the percentage of live births of ACT residents who gave birth in the ACT where the birthweight was less than 1500 grams was 0.8 per cent and where the birthweight was less than 2500 grams the percentage was 4.9 per cent.

– Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

Source: Laws P. & Hilder L. (2008) *Australia's Mothers and Babies 2006*, AIHW Cat. No. PER 46, AIHW National Perinatal Statistics Unit (Perinatal Statistics Series No. 22), Sydney; 2009 Report, table EA22.

# 10A Public hospitals — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 10.8 of the chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report). Data in this Report are examined by the Health Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat. Unsourced information was obtained from the Australian, State and Territory governments.

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Table 10A.1

Table 10A.1 Separations by hospital sector and Indigenous status of patient, 2006-07 (a), (b)

| Unit   | NSW                  | Vic              | Qld            | WA             | SA             | Tas       | ACT       | NT            | Total (c)        |
|--|----------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|------------------|
| Public hospitals   |                      |                  |                |                |                |           |           |               |                  |
| Indigenous people  | no. 50 557           | 11 444           | 60 193         | 42 251         | 17 278         | np        | np        | 57 863        | 239 586          |
| Non-Indigenous people                                    | no. 1 394 539        | 1 296 086        | 710 634        | 408 645        | 362 120        | np        | np        | 27 914        | 4 199 938        |
| Not reported   | no. 17 033           | 6 712            | 13 803         | –              | 11 249         | np        | np        | 36            | 48 833           |
| <b>Total population</b>                                  | <b>no. 1 462 129</b> | <b>1 314 242</b> | <b>784 630</b> | <b>450 896</b> | <b>390 647</b> | <b>np</b> | <b>np</b> | <b>85 813</b> | <b>4 488 357</b> |
| Private hospitals  |                      |                  |                |                |                |           |           |               |                  |
| Indigenous people  | no. 1 138            | 480              | 3 855          | 8 294          | 457            | np        | np        | np            | 14 224           |
| Non-Indigenous people                                    | no. 797 112          | 755 411          | 654 547        | 280 869        | 225 520        | np        | np        | np            | 2 713 459        |
| Not reported   | no. 10 126           | 5 526            | 83 612         | –              | 3 347          | np        | np        | np            | 102 611          |
| <b>Total population</b>                                  | <b>no. 808 376</b>   | <b>761 417</b>   | <b>742 014</b> | <b>289 163</b> | <b>229 324</b> | <b>np</b> | <b>np</b> | <b>np</b>     | <b>2 830 294</b> |
| Indigenous separations (% of total separations)          |                      |                  |                |                |                |           |           |               |                  |
| Public hospitals   | % 3.5                | 0.9              | 7.7            | 9.4            | 4.4            | np        | np        | 67.4          | 5.3              |
| Private hospitals  | % 0.1                | 0.1              | 0.5            | 2.9            | 0.2            | np        | np        | np            | 0.5              |
| All hospitals  | % 2.3                | 0.6              | 4.2            | 6.8            | 2.9            | np        | np        | np            | 3.5              |
| Separations in public hospitals (% of total separations) |                      |                  |                |                |                |           |           |               |                  |
| Indigenous people  | % 97.8               | 96.0             | 94.0           | 83.6           | 97.4           | np        | np        | np            | 94.4             |
| Non-Indigenous people                                    | % 63.6               | 63.2             | 52.1           | 59.3           | 61.6           | np        | np        | np            | 60.8             |

(a) Separations for which the care type was reported as newborn with no qualified days, and records for hospital boarders and posthumous organ procurement have been excluded.

(b) Identification of Indigenous patients is not considered to be complete and completeness varies among the jurisdictions.

(c) Total includes data only for NSW, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT (public hospitals only), for which the quality of Indigenous identification is considered acceptable for the purposes of analysis. Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality. In addition, these jurisdictions are not necessarily representative of the excluded jurisdictions.

– Nil or rounded to zero. np Not published.

Source: AIHW 2008. Australian hospital statistics 2006-07. Health Services series no. 31. Cat. No. HSE 55. Canberra: AIHW; 2009 Report, table 10A.10.

Table 10A.2

**Table 10A.2 Separations per 1000 people, by Indigenous status of patient (number) (a), (b), (c)**

|                       | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA (d)</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> | <i>Total (e)</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| 2002-03               |            |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| Public hospitals      |            |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| Indigenous people     | np         | np         | 685.2      | 809.4         | 788.1     | np         | np         | 1 223.3   | np          | np               |
| Total population      | np         | np         | 189.4      | 195.4         | 231.0     | np         | np         | 422.5     | np          | np               |
| Private Hospitals     |            |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| Indigenous people     | np         | np         | 64.1       | 109.7         | 16.2      | np         | np         | np        | np          | np               |
| Total population      | np         | np         | 162.8      | 148.1         | 130.0     | np         | np         | np        | np          | np               |
| 2003-04               |            |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| Public hospitals      |            |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| Indigenous people     | np         | np         | 710.9      | 789.3         | 853.9     | np         | np         | 1 286.2   | np          | np               |
| Total population      | np         | np         | 189.3      | 191.0         | 235.9     | np         | np         | 428.9     | np          | np               |
| Private Hospitals     |            |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| Indigenous people     | np         | np         | 70.7       | 198.3         | 51.2      | np         | np         | np        | np          | np               |
| Total population      | np         | np         | 167.8      | 149.8         | 124.8     | np         | np         | np        | np          | np               |
| 2004-05               |            |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| Public hospitals      |            |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| Indigenous people     | np         | np         | 733.6      | 821.5         | 822.2     | np         | np         | 1 441.0   | np          | 907.0            |
| Total population      | np         | np         | 188.1      | 195.2         | 225.3     | np         | np         | 456.2     | np          | 205.2            |
| Private Hospitals (f) |            |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| Indigenous people     | np         | np         | np         | np            | np        | np         | np         | np        | np          | np               |
| Total population      | np         | np         | np         | np            | np        | np         | np         | np        | np          | np               |
| 2005-06               |            |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| Public hospitals      |            |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| Indigenous people     | 495.6      | np         | 745.4      | 845.2         | 875.0     | np         | np         | 1 548.0   | np          | 792.1            |
| Total population      | 204.7      | np         | 188.5      | 198.8         | 229.7     | np         | np         | 491.4     | np          | 205.7            |
| Private Hospitals (f) |            |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| Indigenous people     | np         | np         | np         | np            | np        | np         | np         | np        | np          | np               |
| Total population      | np         | np         | np         | np            | np        | np         | np         | np        | np          | np               |
| 2006-07               |            |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| Public hospitals      |            |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| Indigenous people     | 528.0      | 624.3      | 756.7      | 876.5         | 929.3     | np         | np         | 1 584.8   | np          | 787.5            |
| Total population      | 205.9      | 246.6      | 218.7      | 218.1         | 232.6     | np         | np         | 480.6     | np          | 218.7            |
| Private Hospitals (f) |            |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| Indigenous people     | np         | np         | np         | np            | np        | np         | np         | np        | np          | np               |
| Total population      | np         | np         | np         | np            | np        | np         | np         | np        | np          | np               |

(a) Directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001.

(b) Identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients is not considered to be complete and completeness varies among jurisdictions. The variation in the number of Indigenous separations per 1000 Indigenous population among the states and territories suggests that there was variation in the proportion of Indigenous persons who were identified as such in the hospital morbidity data collections and/or in the total population.



Table 10A.2 **Separations per 1000 people, by Indigenous status of patient (number) (a), (b), (c)**

|     | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA (d)</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> | <i>Total (e)</i> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| (c) | The quality of the data provided for Indigenous status since 2001-02 has improved due to the use of the National Health Data Dictionary definitions by all jurisdictions. It is still in need of improvement, however, the AIHW has advised that data for for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, SA, WA and the NT are of acceptable quality in 2005-06. Nevertheless data for these jurisdictions should be interpreted with caution as there are jurisdictional differences in data quality and changes in hospitalisation rates for Indigenous people over time may include a component due to improved identification. Indigenous status should therefore be interpreted cautiously. |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| (d) | In WA, separations for public patients at Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses are included in 2006-07 public hospitals figures but not in those for previous years.   |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| (e) | For 2005-06, the total rates include data only for NSW, Queensland, WA, SA, and the NT. Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality. It should be noted that data for these jurisdictions are not necessarily representative of the other jurisdictions.  |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |
| (f) | Data quality of Indigenous status in the private sector is considered to be unacceptable and therefore data have been suppressed for the private sector.   |            |            |               |           |            |            |           |             |                  |

**na** Not available. **np** Not published.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; 2009 Report, table 10A.11.

Table 10A.3

**Table 10A.3 Hospitalisations with a procedure recorded, selected principal diagnoses, by Indigenous status of patient, July 2005 – June 2007 (per cent) (a), (b)**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust (c)</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Procedures for Indigenous patients             |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                 |
| Neoplasms (Cancer)                             | 87         | 93         | 86         | 88        | 92        | np         | np         | 82        | 87              |
| Diseases of the blood                          | 80         | 85         | 80         | 90        | 87        | np         | np         | 81        | 83              |
| Diseases of the eye                            | 84         | 90         | 77         | 81        | 84        | np         | np         | 73        | 80              |
| Diseases of the ear                            | 80         | 92         | 77         | 80        | 70        | np         | np         | 77        | 79              |
| Diseases of the musculoskeletal system         | 63         | 79         | 59         | 66        | 69        | np         | np         | 64        | 64              |
| Pregnancy, childbirth                          | 59         | 64         | 55         | 68        | 65        | np         | np         | 56        | 59              |
| Diseases of the digestive system               | 63         | 72         | 58         | 60        | 60        | np         | np         | 60        | 61              |
| Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic disorders | 56         | 68         | 50         | 62        | 60        | np         | np         | 72        | 60              |
| Diseases of the genitourinary system           | 63         | 72         | 56         | 55        | 63        | np         | np         | 54        | 58              |
| Injury, poisoning, external causes             | 55         | 65         | 52         | 60        | 55        | np         | np         | 61        | 57              |
| Diseases of the skin                           | 50         | 60         | 45         | 54        | 57        | np         | np         | 60        | 53              |
| Diseases of the circulatory system             | 53         | 63         | 46         | 56        | 65        | np         | np         | 49        | 52              |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases              | 19         | 41         | 21         | 32        | 33        | np         | np         | 36        | 28              |
| Diseases of the nervous system                 | 43         | 60         | 38         | 35        | 44        | np         | np         | 50        | 42              |
| Diseases of the respiratory system             | 34         | 48         | 27         | 36        | 31        | np         | np         | 32        | 33              |
| <b>All diagnoses</b>                           | 62         | 75         | 67         | 76        | 73        | np         | np         | 80        | 72              |
| Procedures for all other patients (d)          |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                 |
| Neoplasms (Cancer)                             | 93         | 95         | 92         | 93        | 94        | np         | np         | 90        | 94              |
| Diseases of the blood                          | 90         | 93         | 91         | 95        | 93        | np         | np         | 81        | 92              |
| Diseases of the eye                            | 95         | 97         | 93         | 97        | 97        | np         | np         | 91        | 96              |
| Diseases of the ear                            | 73         | 83         | 80         | 80        | 78        | np         | np         | 76        | 79              |
| Diseases of the musculoskeletal system         | 81         | 83         | 81         | 90        | 85        | np         | np         | 79        | 83              |
| Pregnancy, childbirth                          | 69         | 68         | 67         | 78        | 74        | np         | np         | 62        | 70              |
| Diseases of the digestive system               | 77         | 78         | 75         | 85        | 78        | np         | np         | 78        | 78              |
| Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic disorders | 73         | 77         | 70         | 83        | 73        | np         | np         | 73        | 75              |
| Diseases of the genitourinary system           | 76         | 79         | 75         | 83        | 78        | np         | np         | 72        | 78              |
| Injury, poisoning, external causes             | 68         | 70         | 64         | 75        | 65        | np         | np         | 70        | 68              |
| Diseases of the skin                           | 61         | 66         | 60         | 69        | 72        | np         | np         | 59        | 64              |
| Diseases of the circulatory system             | 68         | 67         | 60         | 72        | 66        | np         | np         | 59        | 66              |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases              | 31         | 42         | 31         | 41        | 33        | np         | np         | 32        | 35              |
| Diseases of the nervous system                 | 74         | 73         | 66         | 82        | 76        | np         | np         | 76        | 73              |
| Diseases of the respiratory system             | 52         | 57         | 49         | 55        | 48        | np         | np         | 42        | 53              |
| <b>All diagnoses</b>                           | 73         | 77         | 71         | 83        | 75        | np         | np         | 67        | 75              |

Table 10A.3 **Hospitalisations with a procedure recorded, selected principal diagnoses, by Indigenous status of patient, July 2005 – June 2007 (per cent) (a), (b)**

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(a) Includes all patients treated in public hospitals and public patients treated in private hospitals.

(b) Proportions are indirectly age standardised using the age and cause specific rates of other Australians as the standard.

(c) Includes data for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and NT only.

(d) Includes non-Indigenous patients and those for whom Indigenous status was not stated.

**np** Not published.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; 2009 Report, table 10A.12.

**Table 10A.4 Hospitalisations with a procedure recorded, by Indigenous status of patient, July 2005 – June 2007 (per cent) (a), (b)**

|   | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> (c) |
|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Public hospitals and public patients (d)                            |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |               |
| Indigenous hospitalisations with procedure reported                 | 50         | 62         | 47         | 55        | 55        | np         | np         | 52            |
| Hospitalisations with procedure reported for all other patients (e) | 68         | 73         | 67         | 79        | 72        | np         | np         | 64            |
| Total patients (f)  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |               |
| Indigenous hospitalisations with procedure reported                 | 51         | 62         | 49         | 55        | 56        | np         | np         | 52            |
| Hospitalisations with procedure reported for all other patients (e) | 79         | 80         | 80         | 85        | 80        | np         | np         | 64            |

(a) Proportions are indirectly age standardised using the age and cause specific rates of other Australians as the standard.

(b) Excludes hospitalisations with a principal diagnosis of care involving dialysis.

(c) Excludes private hospital data for NT.

(d) Includes all patients treated in public hospitals and public patients treated in private hospitals.

(e) Includes non-Indigenous patients and those for whom Indigenous status was not stated.

(f) Includes all patients in public and private hospitals.

**np** Not published.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; 2008 Report, table 10A.13.

**Table 10A.5 Hospitalisations with a procedure recorded, by Indigenous status of patient and remoteness, July 2005 – June 2007 (per cent) (a), (b)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>Major cities</i> | <i>Regional areas</i> | <i>Remote areas</i> | <i>All areas (c)</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Public hospitals and public patients (d)                            |             |                     |                       |                     |                      |
| Indigenous hospitalisations with procedure reported                 | %           | 63                  | 51                    | 45                  | 51                   |
| Hospitalisations with procedure reported for all other patients (e) | %           | 73                  | 68                    | 57                  | 71                   |
| Total patients (f)  |             |                     |                       |                     |                      |
| Indigenous hospitalisations with procedure reported                 | %           | 64                  | 52                    | 45                  | 52                   |
| Hospitalisations with procedure reported for all other patients (e) | %           | 82                  | 76                    | 65                  | 80                   |

(a) Proportions are indirectly age standardised using the age and cause specific rates of other Australians as the standard.

(b) Excludes hospitalisations with a principal diagnosis of care involving dialysis.

(c) Includes data for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and NT only. Excludes private hospital data for NT.

(d) Includes all patients treated in public hospitals and public patients treated in private hospitals.

(e) Includes non-Indigenous patients and those for whom Indigenous status was not stated.

(f) Includes all patients in public and private hospitals.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; 2009 Report, table 10A.14.

Table 10A.6

Table 10A.6 Perinatal, neonatal and fetal deaths, by Indigenous status of mother 2001–2005 (a)

|                          | Unit                  | NSW | Vic | Qld     | WA      | SA     | Tas | ACT | NT     | Total (b) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|---------|---------|--------|-----|-----|--------|-----------|
| Fetal deaths             |                       |     |     |         |         |        |     |     |        |           |
| Indigenous               |                       |     |     |         |         |        |     |     |        |           |
| Total births (c)         | no.                   | np  | np  | 17 333  | 8 261   | 3 144  | np  | np  | 8 084  | 36 822    |
| Fetal deaths             | no.                   | np  | np  | 111     | 55      | 30     | np  | np  | 77     | 273       |
| Fetal death rate         | per 1000 total births | np  | np  | 6.4     | 6.7     | 9.5    | np  | np  | 9.5    | 7.4       |
| Non-Indigenous           |                       |     |     |         |         |        |     |     |        |           |
| Total births (c)         | no.                   | np  | np  | 223 793 | 109 944 | 82 780 | np  | np  | 10 389 | 426 906   |
| Fetal deaths             | no.                   | np  | np  | 1 220   | 605     | 451    | np  | np  | 59     | 2 335     |
| Fetal death rate         | per 1000 total births | np  | np  | 5.5     | 5.5     | 5.4    | np  | np  | 5.7    | 5.5       |
| Neonatal deaths          |                       |     |     |         |         |        |     |     |        |           |
| Indigenous               |                       |     |     |         |         |        |     |     |        |           |
| Adjusted live births (d) | no.                   | np  | np  | 17 222  | 8 206   | 3 114  | np  | np  | 8 007  | 36 549    |
| Neonatal deaths          | no.                   | np  | np  | 103     | 39      | 13     | np  | np  | 67     | 222       |
| Neonatal death rate      | per 1000 live births  | np  | np  | 6.0     | 4.8     | 4.2    | np  | np  | 8.4    | 6.1       |
| Non-Indigenous           |                       |     |     |         |         |        |     |     |        |           |
| Adjusted live births (d) | no.                   | np  | np  | 222 573 | 109 339 | 82 329 | np  | np  | 10 330 | 424 571   |
| Neonatal deaths          | no.                   | np  | np  | 705     | 253     | 196    | np  | np  | 35     | 1 189     |
| Neonatal death rate      | per 1000 live births  | np  | np  | 3.2     | 2.3     | 2.4    | np  | np  | 3.4    | 2.8       |
| Perinatal deaths         |                       |     |     |         |         |        |     |     |        |           |
| Indigenous               |                       |     |     |         |         |        |     |     |        |           |
| Total births (c)         | no.                   | np  | np  | 17 333  | 8 261   | 3 144  | np  | np  | 8 084  | 36 822    |
| Perinatal deaths         | no.                   | np  | np  | 214     | 94      | 43     | np  | np  | 144    | 495       |
| Perinatal death rate     | per 1000 total births | np  | np  | 12.3    | 11.4    | 13.7   | np  | np  | 17.8   | 13.4      |
| Non-Indigenous           |                       |     |     |         |         |        |     |     |        |           |
| Total births (c)         | no.                   | np  | np  | 223 793 | 109 944 | 82 780 | np  | np  | 10 389 | 426 906   |
| Perinatal deaths         | no.                   | np  | np  | 1 925   | 858     | 647    | np  | np  | 94     | 3 524     |

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## Table 10A.6 Perinatal, neonatal and fetal deaths, by Indigenous status of mother 2001–2005 (a)

|                      | Unit                  | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA  | SA  | Tas | ACT | NT  | Total (b) |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Perinatal death rate | per 1000 total births | np  | np  | 8.6 | 7.8 | 7.8 | np  | np  | 9.0 | 8.3       |

(a) Rates are expressed per 1000 total births for fetal and perinatal deaths and per 1000 adjusted live births for neonatal deaths.

(b) Total relates to the jurisdictions for which data are published.

(c) Total births is the sum of adjusted live births and fetal deaths.

(d) Live births adjusted to exclude those records where birthweight was known to be less than 400 grams.

np Not published.

Source: ABS, *Causes of Death, Cat. no. 3303.0*, Canberra (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 10A.106.

# 11A Primary and community health — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 11.5. Data in this Report are examined by the Health Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat. Unsourced information was obtained from the Australian, State and Territory governments.

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**Table 11A.1 Indigenous primary healthcare services for which service activity reporting (SAR) data are reported (number) (a), (b)**

|             | <i>NSW and ACT (c)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-------------|------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2002-03     | 26                     | 21         | 26         | 21        | 8         | 5          | 27        | 134         |
| 2003-04     | 29                     | 21         | 26         | 20        | 10        | 5          | 27        | 138         |
| 2004-05     | 28                     | 22         | 26         | 20        | 13        | 5          | 27        | 141         |
| 2005-06     | 30                     | 22         | 27         | 23        | 14        | 5          | 29        | 150         |
| 2006-07 (d) | 28                     | 22         | 28         | 25        | 10        | 6          | 27        | 146         |

- (a) The SAR only includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health organisations that receive at least some of their funding from the Australian government to facilitate access to primary health care (including health promotion, dental and counselling services).
- (b) The number of services that provide SAR data changes each year. Changes are due to new Australian government funded primary health care services opening and existing services gaining Australian government funding. In addition, previously excluded Australian government funded services may be required to commence SAR data reporting if there are changes in the types of services provided and/or reporting arrangements.
- (c) Data for NSW and the ACT have been combined in order to avoid the identification of individual services.
- (d) 2006-07 data are preliminary results.

*Source:* DoHA (unpublished), derived from the Service Activity Reporting data collection; 2009 Report, table 11A.4.

Table 11A.2

**Table 11A.2 Services and episodes of healthcare by services for which service activity reporting (SAR) data are reported, by remoteness category (number) (a)(b)**

|                               | <i>Highly<br/>accessible</i> | <i>Accessible</i> | <i>Moderately<br/>accessible</i> | <i>Remote</i> | <i>Very remote</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>Services</b>               |                              |                   |                                  |               |                    |              |
| 2002-03                       | 38                           | 29                | 13                               | 17            | 37                 | 134          |
| 2003-04                       | 41                           | 30                | 13                               | 14            | 40                 | 138          |
| 2004-05                       | 41                           | 34                | 13                               | 15            | 38                 | 141          |
| 2005-06                       | 44                           | 36                | 15                               | 16            | 39                 | 150          |
| 2006-07 (c)                   | 47                           | 32                | 13                               | 16            | 38                 | 146          |
| <b>Episodes of healthcare</b> |                              |                   |                                  |               |                    |              |
| 2002-03                       | 507 000                      | 338 000           | 91 000                           | 270 000       | 294 000            | 1 500 000    |
| 2003-04                       | 572 000                      | 345 000           | 110 000                          | 207 000       | 378 000            | 1 612 000    |
| 2004-05                       | 554 000                      | 399 000           | 85 000                           | 213 000       | 335 000            | 1 586 000    |
| 2005-06                       | 644 000                      | 388 000           | 92 000                           | 243 000       | 317 000            | 1 684 000    |
| 2006-07 (c)                   | 564 000                      | 417 000           | 89 000                           | 269 000       | 313 000            | 1 652 000    |

(a) An episode of care involves contact between an individual client and service staff for the provision of health care. Group work is not included. Transport is included only if it involves provision of health care/information by staff. Outreach provision, for example episodes at outstation visits, park clinics, satellite clinics, is included. Episodes of health care delivered over the phone are included.

(b) The denominator used in calculating the proportions is 'all SAR services for that year'. However, some services in the SAR are funded for and provide a full range of comprehensive primary health care activities, while others focus on specific elements of primary health care such as health promotion.

(b) 2006-07 data are preliminary results.

*Source:* DoHA (unpublished), derived from the Service Activity Reporting data collection; 2009 Report, table 11A.5.

**Table 11A.3 Proportion of services for which service activity reporting (SAR) data are reported that undertook selected health related activities, 2006-07 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Diagnosis and treatment of illness/disease | 83 |
| Management of chronic illness              | 89 |
| Transportation to medical appointments     | 94 |
| Outreach clinic services                   | 66 |
| 24 hour emergency care                     | 28 |
| Monitoring child growth                    | 72 |
| School-based activities                    | 84 |
| Hearing screening                          | 76 |
| Pneumococcal immunisation                  | 81 |
| Influenza immunisation                     | 83 |
| Child immunisation                         | 81 |
| Women's health group                       | 84 |
| Support for public housing issues          | 67 |
| Community development work                 | 73 |
| Legal/police/prison/advocacy services      | 63 |
| Dental services                            | 58 |
| Involvement in steering groups on health   | 87 |
| Participation in regional planning forums  | 69 |
| Dialysis services                          | 10 |

(a) The SAR only includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health organisations that receive at least some of their funding from the Australian government to facilitate access to primary health care (including health promotion, dental and counselling services).

(b) The denominator used in calculating the proportions is 'all SAR services for that year'. However, some services in the SAR are funded for and provide a full range of comprehensive primary health care activities, while others focus on specific elements of primary health care such as health promotion.

(c) Data for 2006-07 are preliminary results.

Source: DoHA (unpublished), derived from the Service Activity Reporting data collection; 2009 Report, table 11A.6.

Table 11A.4

**Table 11A.4 Full time equivalent (FTE) health staff employed by services for which service activity reporting (SAR) data are reported, as at 30 June 2007 (number) (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>Indigenous staff</i> | <i>Non-Indigenous staff</i> | <i>Total staff (d)</i> |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Aboriginal health workers                 | 727                     | 13                          | 740                    |
| Doctors                                   | 8                       | 248                         | 257                    |
| Nurses                                    | 52                      | 339                         | 391                    |
| Specialists                               | –                       | 3                           | 3                      |
| Emotional and Social Well Being staff (e) | 171                     | 61                          | 232                    |
| Allied health professionals               | 3                       | 43                          | 46                     |
| Dentists                                  | 5                       | 34                          | 39                     |
| Dental assistants                         | 41                      | 18                          | 59                     |
| Traditional healers                       | 21                      | –                           | 21                     |
| Substance misuse workers                  | 84                      | 28                          | 112                    |
| Environmental health workers              | 23                      | 5                           | 28                     |
| Driver/field officers                     | 161                     | 22                          | 184                    |
| Other health staff (f)                    | 54                      | 33                          | 87                     |
| <b>Total health staff (d)</b>             | <b>1 351</b>            | <b>847</b>                  | <b>2 198</b>           |

(a) Preliminary results.

(b) The number of services that provide SAR data changes each year. Changes are due to new Australian government funded primary health care services opening and existing services gaining Australian government funding. In addition, previously excluded Australian government funded services may be required to commence SAR data reporting if there are changes in the types of services provided and/or reporting arrangements.

(c) FTE positions are rounded to the nearest whole number.

(d) Totals may not add due to rounding and cell suppression.

(e) Emotional and Social Well Being staff includes counsellors, social workers, psychologists and other emotional and social well being staff.

(f) Other health staff includes: hearing coordinators, eye health workers, nutrition workers, sexual health workers, youth workers, hospital liaison, masseurs, maternal health workers, domestic violence support workers, and family health workers.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* DoHA (unpublished), derived from the Service Activity Reporting data collection; 2009 Report, table 11A.7.

Table 11A.5

Table 11A.5 Voluntary annual health assessments for older people by Indigenous status (a) (b)

|  | Unit | NSW     | Vic    | Qld    | WA     | SA     | Tas   | ACT   | NT    | Aust (c) |
|--|------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| 2006-07                                |      |         |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |          |
| Indigenous older people (a)            |      |         |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |          |
| Health assessments (d)                 | no.  | 995     | 237    | 989    | 461    | 140    | 7     | 15    | 629   | 3 473    |
| Target population (e)                  | no.  | 11 594  | 2 383  | 9 817  | 5 411  | 2 117  | 1 383 | 228   | 4 546 | 37 504   |
| Assessments per 1000 target population | no.  | 85.8    | 99.5   | 100.7  | 85.2   | 66.1   | 5.1   | 65.9  | 138.4 | 92.6     |
| All older people (a)                   |      |         |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |          |
| Health assessments (d)                 | no.  | 97 145  | 64 817 | 51 188 | 17 810 | 24 831 | 7 918 | 1 760 | 183   | 265 652  |
| Target population (f)                  | '000 | 455     | 337    | 231    | 113    | 120    | 34    | 14    | 3     | 1 307    |
| Assessments per 1000 target population | no.  | 213.7   | 192.5  | 221.5  | 158.0  | 206.6  | 232.5 | 121.4 | 58.2  | 203.2    |
| 2007-08                                |      |         |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |          |
| Indigenous older people (a)            |      |         |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |          |
| Health assessments (d)                 | no.  | 1 155   | 271    | 1 256  | 628    | 123    | 8     | 8     | 813   | 4 262    |
| Target population (e)                  | no.  | 11 995  | 2 482  | 10 176 | 5 623  | 2 208  | 1 448 | 243   | 4 698 | 38 898   |
| Assessments per 1000 target population | no.  | 96.3    | 109.2  | 123.4  | 111.7  | 55.7   | 5.5   | 32.9  | 173.1 | 109.6    |
| All older people (a)                   |      |         |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |          |
| Health assessments (d)                 | no.  | 104 008 | 66 444 | 56 404 | 18 891 | 26 735 | 8 297 | 2 333 | 185   | 283 297  |
| Target population (f)                  | '000 | 457     | 341    | 236    | 115    | 121    | 34    | 15    | 3     | 1 324    |
| Assessments per 1000 target population | no.  | 227.4   | 194.9  | 239.1  | 164.0  | 220.1  | 241.2 | 155.4 | 56.5  | 214.0    |

(a) Older people are defined as Indigenous people aged 55 years and over and non-Indigenous people aged 75 years and over, excluding people living in residential aged care facilities.

(b) Excludes services that qualify under the DVA National Treatment Account and services provided in public hospitals.

(c) Includes Other Territories.

Table 11A.5

**Table 11A.5 Voluntary annual health assessments for older people by Indigenous status (a) (b)**

|         | Unit  |  | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust (c) |
|---------|---|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----------|
| (d)     | Medicare items 700, 702, 704 and 706 are for annual health assessments for older people. Items 700 and 702 apply to non-Indigenous people, while items 704 and 706 apply to Indigenous people. Indigenous status is determined by self-identification.  |  |     |     |     |    |    |     |     |    |          |
| (e)     | Projected population of Indigenous people aged 55 years and over at 31 December. Calculated as the average of the population projections (low series) at 30 June in the reported and preceding financial year. Projections are based on estimated resident population (ERP) at 30 June 2001 (ABS 2004).   |  |     |     |     |    |    |     |     |    |          |
| (f)     | Estimated resident population aged 75 years or over at 31 December.   |  |     |     |     |    |    |     |     |    |          |
| Source: | Medicare Australia (unpublished), derived from Medicare Benefits Schedule Item Statistics Reports, available: <a href="http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/statistics/dyn_mbs/forms/mbs_tab4.shtml">http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/statistics/dyn_mbs/forms/mbs_tab4.shtml</a> (accessed 9 October 2008); ABS (2004), <i>Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians</i> , Cat. no. 3238.0; <i>Australian Demographic Statistics March Quarter 2008</i> , Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (unpublished), derived from the 2006 Census of Population and Housing; 2009 Report, table 11A.16. |  |     |     |     |    |    |     |     |    |          |

Table 11A.6

Table 11A.6 Older Indigenous people who received an annual health assessment (per 1000 people) (a), (b)

|         | Unit                                   | NSW        | Vic   | Qld    | WA    | SA    | Tas   | ACT  | NT    | Aust (c) |
|---------|--|------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|----------|
| 2003-04 |  |            |       |        |       |       |       |      |       |          |
|         | Number of health assessments conducted | no. 556    | 118   | 387    | 246   | 49    | 5     | 4    | 205   | 1 570    |
|         | Target population (d)                  | no. 10 488 | 2 097 | 8 827  | 4 844 | 1 899 | 1 245 | 181  | 4 068 | 33 673   |
|         | Health assessments per 1000 people     | no. 53.0   | 56.3  | 43.8   | 50.8  | 25.8  | 4.0   | 22.1 | 50.4  | 46.6     |
| 2004-05 |  |            |       |        |       |       |       |      |       |          |
|         | Number of health assessments conducted | no. 636    | 143   | 568    | 348   | 132   | 17    | 3    | 309   | 2 156    |
|         | Target population (d)                  | no. 10 832 | 2 183 | 9 116  | 4 996 | 1 972 | 1 275 | 197  | 4 160 | 34 756   |
|         | Health assessments per 1000 people     | no. 58.7   | 65.5  | 62.3   | 69.7  | 67.0  | 13.3  | 15.3 | 74.3  | 62.0     |
| 2005-06 |  |            |       |        |       |       |       |      |       |          |
|         | Number of health assessments conducted | no. 800    | 158   | 713    | 394   | 92    | 13    | 2    | 345   | 2 517    |
|         | Target population (d)                  | no. 11 192 | 2 285 | 9 442  | 5 187 | 2 040 | 1 321 | 212  | 4 336 | 36 040   |
|         | Health assessments per 1000 people     | no. 71.5   | 69.2  | 75.5   | 76.0  | 45.1  | 9.8   | 9.4  | 79.6  | 69.8     |
| 2006-07 |  |            |       |        |       |       |       |      |       |          |
|         | Number of health assessments conducted | no. 995    | 237   | 989    | 461   | 140   | 7     | 15   | 629   | 3 473    |
|         | Target population (d)                  | no. 11 594 | 2 383 | 9 817  | 5 411 | 2 117 | 1 383 | 228  | 4 546 | 37 504   |
|         | Health assessments per 1000 people     | no. 85.8   | 99.5  | 100.7  | 85.2  | 66.1  | 5.1   | 65.9 | 138.4 | 92.6     |
| 2007-08 |  |            |       |        |       |       |       |      |       |          |
|         | Number of health assessments conducted | no. 1 155  | 271   | 1 256  | 628   | 123   | 8     | 8    | 813   | 4 262    |
|         | Target population (d)                  | no. 11 995 | 2 482 | 10 176 | 5 623 | 2 208 | 1 448 | 243  | 4 698 | 38 898   |
|         | Health assessments per 1000 people     | no. 96.3   | 109.2 | 123.4  | 111.7 | 55.7  | 5.5   | 32.9 | 173.1 | 109.6    |

(a) Older Indigenous people are defined as aged 55 years and over, excluding people living in residential aged care facilities.

(b) Excludes services that qualify under the DVA National Treatment Account and services provided in public hospitals.

(c) Includes Other Territories.

(d) Projected population of Indigenous people aged 55 years and over at 31 December. Calculated as the average of the population projections (low series) at 30 June in the reported and preceding financial years. Projections are based on the estimated resident population (ERP) at 30 June 2001.



Table 11A.6

Source: Medicare Australia (unpublished), derived from Medicare Benefits Schedule Item Statistics Reports, available: [http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/statistics/dyn\\_mbs/forms/mbs\\_tab4.shtml](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/statistics/dyn_mbs/forms/mbs_tab4.shtml) (accessed 9 October 2008); ABS (2004), *Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians*, Cat. no. 3238.0; 2009 Report, table 11A.17.

Table 11A.7

Table 11A.7 Indigenous people who received a voluntary health check or assessment, by age (per 1000 people) (a), (b)

|   | Unit | NSW    | Vic    | Qld    | WA     | SA     | Tas    | ACT   | NT     | Aust (b) |
|---|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|----------|
| Child health checks (0–14 years) (c)                    |      |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |          |
| Number of health checks conducted                       | no.  | 2 561  | 264    | 3 341  | 1 823  | 300    | 4      | 39    | 4 065  | 12 397   |
| Target population                                       | no.  | 46 552 | 10 879 | 53 077 | 26 112 | 9 975  | 6 844  | 1 648 | 20 814 | 184 076  |
| Health checks per 1000 children                         | no.  | 55.0   | 24.3   | 62.9   | 69.8   | 30.1   | –      | 23.7  | 195.3  | 67.3     |
| Health checks (15–54 years) (d)                         |      |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |          |
| Number of health checks conducted                       | no.  | 6 633  | 1 103  | 8 569  | 4 524  | 1 025  | 30     | 138   | 6 438  | 28 460   |
| Target population                                       | no.  | 82 150 | 18 361 | 79 374 | 42 000 | 16 516 | 10 593 | 2 615 | 37 351 | 288 393  |
| Health checks per 1000 people                           | no.  | 80.7   | 60.1   | 108.0  | 107.7  | 62.1   | 2.8    | 52.8  | 172.4  | 98.7     |
| Older people health assessments (55 years and over) (c) |      |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |          |
| Number of health assessments conducted                  | no.  | 1 155  | 271    | 1 256  | 628    | 123    | 8      | 8     | 813    | 4 262    |
| Target population                                       | no.  | 11 995 | 2 482  | 10 176 | 5 623  | 2 208  | 1 448  | 243   | 4 698  | 38 898   |
| Health assessments per 1000 people                      | no.  | 96.3   | 109.2  | 123.4  | 111.7  | 55.7   | 5.5    | 32.9  | 173.1  | 109.6    |

(a) Excludes services that qualify under the DVA National Treatment Account and services provided in public hospitals.

(b) Includes Other Territories.

(c) Health checks/assessments are available on an annual basis for these age groups. Data are for the 2007–08 financial year. Projected target population as at 31 December 2007. Calculated as the average of the population projections (low series) for 30 June 2007 and 2008. Projections are based on the estimated resident population (ERP) at 30 June 2001.

(d) Available on a biennial basis. Data are for the 24 month period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008. Projected target population (low series) at 30 June 2007, based on the ERP at 30 June 2001.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Medicare Australia (unpublished), derived from Medicare Benefits Schedule Item Statistics Reports, available: [http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/statistics/dyn\\_mbs/forms/mbs\\_tab4.shtml](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/statistics/dyn_mbs/forms/mbs_tab4.shtml) (accessed 9 October 2008); ABS (2004), *Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians*, Cat. no. 3238.0; 2009 Report, table 11A.18.

**Table 11A.8 Early detection activities provided by services for which service activity reporting (SAR) data are reported (a)**

|                                     | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2002-03</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07 (b)</i> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Early detection activities provided |             |                |                |                |                |                    |
| Well person's checks                | %           | 64             | 64             | 63             | 65             | 76                 |
| PAP smears/cervical screening       | %           | 73             | 79             | 77             | 75             | 76                 |
| STI screening                       | %           | 66             | 64             | 65             | 63             | 67                 |
| Hearing screening                   | %           | 73             | 72             | 70             | 71             | 76                 |
| Eye disease screening               | %           | 66             | 65             | 70             | 64             | 73                 |
| Renal disease screening             | %           | 46             | 50             | 50             | 43             | 51                 |
| Diabetic screening                  | %           | 79             | 82             | 80             | 77             | 79                 |
| Cardiovascular screening            | %           | 54             | 57             | 60             | 67             | 64                 |
| Any early detection activity        | %           | 87             | 88             | 89             | 85             | 88                 |

(a) The denominators used above are all SAR services for that year. However, some services in the SAR are funded for and provide a full range of comprehensive primary health care activities, while others focus on specific elements of primary health care, such as health promotion.

(b) 2006-07 data are preliminary results.

*Source:* DoHA (unpublished), derived from the Service Activity Reporting data collection; 2009 Report, table 11A.19.

Table 11A.9

Table 11A.9

**Valid vaccinations supplied to children under seven years of age, by type of provider, 1996–2008  
(a), (b), (c)**

| Unit                                   | NSW        | Vic               | Qld               | WA               | SA               | Tas              | ACT            | NT             | Unknown      | Aust              |
|--|------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Valid vaccinations provided            |            |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |                |                |              |                   |
| Divisions of General Practice          | no.        | 144               | 3                 | 15               | 283              | na               | na             | 13             | na           | 482               |
| GPs                                    | no.        | 6 416 760         | 7 909 542         | 2 922 508        | 2 302 969        | 929 053          | 323 016        | 26 488         | na           | 33 879 206        |
| Council                                | no.        | 5 539 647         | 685 230           | 304 157          | 616 773          | 134 590          | na             | na             | na           | 8 186 798         |
| State or territory health department   | no.        | na                | 984               | 278 087          | 2 784            | 717              | 164 354        | 2 269          | na           | 449 198           |
| Flying doctor service                  | no.        | 3 671             | 30 124            | 8                | 3 903            | na               | na             | na             | na           | 37 706            |
| Public hospital                        | no.        | 326 714           | 288 999           | 245 219          | 93 415           | 1 770            | 6 324          | 58 064         | 3 641        | 1 083 518         |
| Private hospital                       | no.        | 14 528            | 1 693             | 70               | na               | 105              | 39             | 7 194          | na           | 23 727            |
| Aboriginal health service              | no.        | 74 286            | 66 529            | 28 341           | 15 255           | 4                | 1 491          | 72 006         | na           | 272 715           |
| Aboriginal health worker               | no.        | 5 285             | 44 737            | na               | 1 593            | na               | na             | 1 808          | na           | 53 423            |
| Community health centre                | no.        | 1 146 974         | 548 876           | 804 172          | 312 882          | 6 318            | 294 134        | 604 478        | 1 899        | 3 810 606         |
| Community nurse                        | no.        | na                | na                | na               | na               | na               | 72             | na             | na           | 455               |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>no.</b> | <b>15 526 756</b> | <b>12 122 080</b> | <b>9 576 717</b> | <b>4 582 577</b> | <b>1 072 557</b> | <b>789 430</b> | <b>772 320</b> | <b>5 540</b> | <b>47 797 834</b> |
| Proportion of total valid vaccinations |            |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |                |                |              |                   |
| Divisions of General Practice          | %          | —                 | —                 | —                | —                | na               | na             | —              | na           | —                 |
| GPs                                    | %          | 84.0              | 82.6              | 63.8             | 68.8             | 86.6             | 40.9           | 3.4            | na           | 70.9              |
| Council                                | %          | 5.8               | 7.2               | 6.6              | 18.4             | 12.6             | na             | na             | na           | 17.1              |
| State or territory health department   | %          | —                 | —                 | 6.1              | 0.1              | 0.1              | 20.8           | 0.3            | na           | 0.9               |
| Flying doctor service                  | %          | —                 | 0.3               | —                | 0.1              | na               | na             | na             | na           | 0.1               |
| Public hospital                        | %          | 2.1               | 3.0               | 5.4              | 2.8              | 0.2              | 0.8            | 7.5            | 66           | 2.3               |
| Private hospital                       | %          | 0.1               | —                 | —                | na               | —                | —              | 0.9            | na           | 0.1               |
| Aboriginal health service              | %          | 0.5               | 0.7               | 0.6              | 0.5              | —                | 0.2            | 9.3            | na           | 0.6               |

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**Valid vaccinations supplied to children under seven years of age, by type of provider, 1996–2008  
(a), (b), (c)**

|                          | Unit     | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas          | ACT          | NT           | Unknown      | Aust         |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Aboriginal health worker | %        | –            | na           | 0.5          | na           | 0.1          | na           | na           | 0.2          | na           | 0.1          |
| Community health centre  | %        | 7.4          | 0.8          | 5.7          | 17.6         | 9.3          | 0.6          | 37.3         | 78.3         | 34           | 8.0          |
| Community nurse          | %        | na           | –            | na           | na           | na           | na           | –            | na           | na           | –            |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>%</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) 1 January 1996 to 30 June 2007.

(b) Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

(c) Data reported by the State or Territory in which the immunisation provider is located.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: DoHA (unpublished), derived from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR); 2009 Report, table 11A.35.

Table 11A.10

Table 11A.10 Separations for selected vaccine preventable conditions, 2006-07 (per 1000 people) (a), (b), (c), (d)

|   | NSW        | Vic        | Q/d        | WA         | SA         | Tas        | ACT        | NT (e)     | Total      | Aust       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Vaccine preventable conditions per 1000 people                |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Influenza and Pneumonia                                       | 0.5        | 0.4        | 0.5        | 0.4        | 0.4        | 0.4        | 0.4        | 1.3        | 0.4        | 0.4        |
| Other vaccine preventable conditions                          | 0.1        | 0.2        | 0.1        | 0.1        | 0.1        | 0.0        | 0.1        | 0.7        | 0.2        | 0.2        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>0.6</b> | <b>0.6</b> | <b>0.6</b> | <b>0.5</b> | <b>0.5</b> | <b>0.5</b> | <b>0.4</b> | <b>2.0</b> | <b>0.6</b> | <b>0.6</b> |
| Vaccine preventable conditions per 1000 Indigenous people (f) |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Influenza and Pneumonia                                       | 1.1        | 0.9        | 1.3        | 2.9        | 2.1        | np         | np         | 4.8        | 2.0        | np         |
| Other vaccine preventable conditions                          | 0.4        | 0.4        | 0.4        | 0.3        | 1.0        | np         | np         | 2.4        | 0.7        | np         |
| <b>Total (g)</b>  | <b>1.5</b> | <b>1.3</b> | <b>1.8</b> | <b>3.2</b> | <b>3.2</b> | <b>np</b>  | <b>np</b>  | <b>7.2</b> | <b>2.7</b> | <b>np</b>  |

(a) Conditions defined by ICD-10-AM codes as in AIHW 2008 *Australian hospital statistics 2006-07*.

(b) Excludes separations with a care type of Newborn without qualified days, and records for Hospital boarders and Posthumous organ procurement.

(c) Separation rates are directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001.

(d) Indigenous separation rates are based on state of hospitalisation while all person rates are based on state of usual residence.

(e) NT data for Indigenous people are for public hospitals only.

(f) Data are for NSW, Vic, QLD, WA, SA and the NT only (NT data are for public hospitals only), for which the quality of Indigenous identification is considered acceptable for the purposes of analysis. Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality. It should be noted that data for the five states and territory are not necessarily representative of the other jurisdictions.

(g) Total comprises only those jurisdictions referred to in note (f).

**np** Not published.

Source: AIHW (2008), *Australian hospital statistics 2006-07*; AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; 2009 Report, table 11A.43.

Table 11A.11

Table 11A.11 Separations for selected potentially preventable acute conditions, 2006-07 (per 1000 people) (a), (b), (c), (d)

|   | NSW         | Vic         | Qld       | WA          | SA          | Tas         | ACT         | NT (e)      | Total     | Aust      |
|---|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Acute conditions per 1000 people                |             |             |           |             |             |             |             |             |           |           |
| Appendicitis with generalised peritonitis       | 0.2         | 0.2         | 0.1       | 0.2         | 0.2         | 0.1         | 0.2         | 0.2         | 0.2       | 0.2       |
| Cellulitis                                      | 1.6         | 1.6         | 1.7       | 1.4         | 1.6         | 1.4         | 1.4         | 4.5         | 1.6       | 1.6       |
| Convulsions and epilepsy                        | 1.7         | 1.5         | 1.6       | 1.4         | 1.6         | 1.6         | 1.3         | 3.3         | 1.6       | 1.6       |
| Dehydration and gastroenteritis                 | 2.2         | 3.1         | 2.4       | 2.2         | 2.7         | 2.1         | 1.8         | 2.1         | 2.5       | 2.5       |
| Dental conditions                               | 2.3         | 2.8         | 2.7       | 3.5         | 3.1         | 1.8         | 1.6         | 2           | 2.7       | 2.7       |
| Ear, nose and throat infections                 | 1.6         | 1.4         | 1.6       | 1.5         | 2.4         | 1.3         | 1.2         | 2.3         | 1.6       | 1.6       |
| Gangrene  | 0.1         | 0.3         | 0.2       | 0.2         | 0.2         | 0.2         | 0.1         | 0.7         | 0.2       | 0.2       |
| Pelvic inflammatory disease                     | 0.2         | 0.3         | 0.3       | 0.2         | 0.2         | 0.2         | 0.3         | 0.5         | 0.3       | 0.3       |
| Perforated/bleeding ulcer                       | 0.2         | 0.3         | 0.2       | 0.3         | 0.2         | 0.2         | 0.2         | 0.3         | 0.2       | 0.2       |
| Pyelonephritis (f)                              | 2.1         | 2.4         | 2.2       | 2.1         | 2           | 1.6         | 2.2         | 3.6         | 2.2       | 2.2       |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>12.3</b> | <b>13.7</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>13.1</b> | <b>14.3</b> | <b>10.4</b> | <b>10.4</b> | <b>19.5</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>13</b> |
| Acute conditions per 1000 Indigenous people (g) |             |             |           |             |             |             |             |             |           |           |
| Appendicitis with generalised peritonitis       | 0.2         | 0.2         | 0.3       | 0.4         | 0.2         | np          | np          | 0.4         | 0.3       | np        |
| Cellulitis                                      | 3.5         | 2.1         | 5.4       | 6           | 4.4         | np          | np          | 7.1         | 4.8       | np        |
| Convulsions and epilepsy                        | 6.1         | 4.7         | 6.5       | 10.4        | 8           | np          | np          | 10.4        | 7.4       | np        |
| Dehydration and gastroenteritis                 | 3.1         | 2.6         | 4.4       | 3.6         | 3.9         | np          | np          | 3.3         | 3.6       | np        |
| Dental conditions                               | 2.4         | 2.9         | 3.2       | 3.8         | 4.4         | np          | np          | 3.4         | 3.1       | np        |
| Ear, nose and throat infections                 | 2.9         | 1.7         | 2.9       | 4           | 3.8         | np          | np          | 3.5         | 3.1       | np        |
| Gangrene  | 0.3         | 0.3         | 1.1       | 2.7         | 0.8         | np          | np          | 1.8         | 1.1       | np        |

Table 11A.11

Table 11A.11 Separations for selected potentially preventable acute conditions, 2006-07 (per 1000 people) (a), (b), (c), (d)

|                             | NSW         | Vic         | Qld         | WA          | SA          | Tas       | ACT       | NT (e)      | Total       | Aust      |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Pelvic inflammatory disease | 0.4         | 0.2         | 0.5         | 0.9         | 0.8         | np        | np        | 1.3         | 0.6         | np        |
| Perforated/bleeding ulcer   | 0.6         | 0.1         | 0.4         | 0.5         | 0.5         | np        | np        | 0.4         | 0.5         | np        |
| Pyelonephritis (f)          | 4.6         | 4           | 7.7         | 8.9         | 5.2         | np        | np        | 7.9         | 6.5         | np        |
| <b>Total (h)</b>            | <b>24.1</b> | <b>18.9</b> | <b>32.3</b> | <b>41.1</b> | <b>31.8</b> | <b>np</b> | <b>np</b> | <b>39.5</b> | <b>31.1</b> | <b>np</b> |

(a) Conditions defined by ICD-10-AM codes as in AIHW 2008 *Australian hospital statistics 2006-07*.

(b) Excludes separations with a care type of Newborn without qualified days, and records for Hospital boarders and Posthumous organ procurement.

(c) Separation rates are directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001.

(d) Indigenous separation rates are based on state of hospitalisation while all person rates are based on state of usual residence.

(e) NT data for Indigenous people are for public hospitals only.

(f) Kidney inflammation caused by bacterial infection.

(g) Data are for NSW, Vic, QLD, WA, SA and the NT only (NT data are for public hospitals only), for which the quality of Indigenous identification is considered acceptable for the purposes of analysis. Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality. It should be noted that data for the five states and territory are not necessarily representative of the other jurisdictions.

(h) Total comprises only those jurisdictions referred to in note (g).

**np** Not published.

Source: AIHW (2008), *Australian hospital statistics 2006-07*; AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; 2009 Report, table 11A.44.



Table 11A.12

**Table 11A.12 Separations for selected potentially preventable chronic conditions, 2006-07 (per 1000 people)  
(a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | NSW         | Vic         | Qld         | WA          | SA          | Tas         | ACT         | NT (e)      | Total       | Aust        |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Chronic conditions per 1000 people                |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Angina  | 1.6         | 1.8         | 2.5         | 1.6         | 1.5         | 1.7         | 1.1         | 2.4         | 1.8         | 1.8         |
| Asthma  | 2           | 1.9         | 1.4         | 1.4         | 2.6         | 1.4         | 1.2         | 1.5         | 1.8         | 1.8         |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease             | 2.5         | 2.5         | 2.7         | 2.2         | 2.8         | 2.4         | 1.7         | 5.5         | 2.6         | 2.6         |
| Congestive heart failure                          | 1.9         | 2.1         | 1.9         | 1.9         | 1.9         | 1.6         | 1.9         | 2.5         | 1.9         | 1.9         |
| Diabetes complications (f)                        | 7.4         | 9           | 10.2        | 26.4        | 8.4         | 13.4        | 5.3         | 15.3        | 10.4        | 10.4        |
| Hypertension                                      | 0.3         | 0.3         | 0.4         | 0.2         | 0.3         | 0.3         | 0.2         | 0.2         | 0.3         | 0.3         |
| Iron deficiency anaemia                           | 1           | 1.7         | 1           | 1.4         | 1.3         | 1.2         | 0.7         | 1.1         | 1.2         | 1.2         |
| Nutritional deficiencies                          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0.1         | 0           | 0           |
| Rheumatic heart disease (g)                       | 0.1         | 0.1         | 0.2         | 0.1         | 0.1         | 0.1         | 0.1         | 0.8         | 0.1         | 0.1         |
| <b>Total (h)</b>                                  | <b>15.7</b> | <b>18.1</b> | <b>19</b>   | <b>34.3</b> | <b>17.7</b> | <b>21.2</b> | <b>11.4</b> | <b>27.3</b> | <b>19.1</b> | <b>19.1</b> |
| Total (excluding diabetes complications)          |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Chronic conditions per 1000 Indigenous people (i) |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Angina  | 5.2         | 6.4         | 7.9         | 5.8         | 4           | np          | np          | 4.5         | 5.9         | np          |
| Asthma  | 4.1         | 2.4         | 3.3         | 4.9         | 4.4         | np          | np          | 4           | 3.9         | np          |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease             | 12.3        | 9.6         | 11.7        | 12.4        | 14          | np          | np          | 15.8        | 12.4        | np          |
| Congestive heart failure                          | 5           | 2.6         | 7.7         | 8.7         | 7.1         | np          | np          | 7.1         | 6.5         | np          |
| Diabetes complications (f)                        | 21.6        | 20.5        | 35.1        | 44          | 41          | np          | np          | 36.4        | 31.7        | np          |
| Hypertension                                      | 0.6         | 0.2         | 1.4         | 0.7         | 1.4         | np          | np          | 0.7         | 0.9         | np          |
| Iron deficiency anaemia                           | 1.6         | 2.3         | 1.7         | 2.2         | 1.8         | np          | np          | 2.4         | 1.9         | np          |
| Nutritional deficiencies                          | 0           | 0.1         | 0           | 0           | 0           | np          | np          | 0.1         | 0           | np          |
| Rheumatic heart disease (g)                       | 0.2         | 0.4         | 0.8         | 0.9         | 2           | np          | np          | 1.7         | 0.8         | np          |
| <b>Total (h) (j)</b>                              | <b>45.6</b> | <b>40.7</b> | <b>61.4</b> | <b>71</b>   | <b>69.3</b> | <b>np</b>   | <b>np</b>   | <b>66</b>   | <b>57.4</b> | <b>np</b>   |

**Table 11A.12 Separations for selected potentially preventable chronic conditions, 2006-07 (per 1000 people)  
(a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | NSW  | Vic  | Qld  | WA   | SA   | Tas | ACT | NT (e) | Total | Aust |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|--------|-------|------|
| Total (excluding diabetes complications) | 28.8 | 24.1 | 34.6 | 35.7 | 34.6 | np  | np  | 36.4   | 32.3  | np   |

(a) Conditions defined by ICD-10-AM codes as in AIHW 2008 *Australian hospital statistics 2006-07*.

(b) Excludes separations with a care type of Newborn without qualified days, and records for Hospital boarders and Posthumous organ procurement.

(c) Separation rates are directly age standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001.

(d) Indigenous separation rates are based on state of hospitalisation while all person rates are based on state of usual residence.

(e) NT data for Indigenous people are for public hospitals only.

(f) Excludes separations with a principal diagnosis of renal dialysis and an additional diagnosis of diabetes.

(g) Rheumatic heart disease includes acute rheumatic fever as well as the chronic disease.

(h) Total does not sum to the individual categories as more than one chronic condition can be reported for a separation.

(i) Data are for NSW, Vic, QLD, WA, SA and the NT only (NT data are for public hospitals only), for which the quality of Indigenous identification is considered acceptable for the purposes of analysis. Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality. It should be noted that data for the five states and territory are not necessarily representative of the other jurisdictions.

(i) Total comprises only those jurisdictions referred to in note (i).

**na** Not available. **np** Not published.

Source: AIHW (2008), *Australian hospital statistics 2006-07*; AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; 2009 Report, table 11A.45.

Table 11A.13

Table 11A.13 Ratio of separations for Indigenous males to all males, 2006-07 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

|                         | Unit   | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA             | Tas | ACT | NT            | Total (b)    |
|-------------------------|--------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----|-----|---------------|--------------|
| All causes              | Number | 24 226       | 4 557        | 27 937       | 21 128       | 8 225          | np  | np  | 24 056        | 110 129      |
|                         | SHSR   | 1.76         | 1.31         | 2.22         | 3.10         | 2.78           | np  | np  | 5.82          | 2.34         |
|                         | 95% CI | 1.73 to 1.78 | 1.27 to 1.35 | 2.2 to 2.25  | 3.05 to 3.14 | 2.72 to 2.84   | np  | np  | 5.74 to 5.89  | 2.33 to 2.36 |
| Circulatory disease     | Number | 1 122        | 217          | 1 168        | 724          | 366            | np  | np  | 587           | 4 184        |
|                         | SHSR   | 1.39         | 1.22         | 1.53         | 1.79         | 2.12           | np  | np  | 1.87          | 1.48         |
|                         | 95% CI | 1.31 to 1.47 | 1.06 to 1.38 | 1.44 to 1.62 | 1.66 to 1.92 | 1.9 to 2.34    | np  | np  | 1.71 to 2.02  | 1.43 to 1.52 |
| Coronary heart disease  | Number | 528          | 109          | 603          | 335          | 186            | np  | np  | 199           | 1 960        |
|                         | SHSR   | 1.50         | 1.62         | 1.88         | 2.17         | 2.82           | np  | np  | 2.09          | 1.74         |
|                         | 95% CI | 1.37 to 1.63 | 1.32 to 1.93 | 1.73 to 2.04 | 1.94 to 2.4  | 2.41 to 3.22   | np  | np  | 1.8 to 2.38   | 1.66 to 1.81 |
| Rheumatic heart disease | Number | 5            | 8            | 38           | 21           | 17             | np  | np  | 41            | 130          |
|                         | SHSR   | np           | np           | 4.33         | 5.07         | 19.88          | np  | np  | 10.94         | 5.24         |
|                         | 95% CI | np           | np           | 2.96 to 5.71 | 2.9 to 7.23  | 10.43 to 29.33 | np  | np  | 7.59 to 14.28 | 4.34 to 6.14 |
| Self-harm               | Number | 210          | 39           | 165          | 113          | 68             | np  | np  | 92            | 687          |
|                         | SHSR   | 2.92         | 2.79         | 2.45         | 3.06         | 3.87           | np  | np  | 2.88          | 2.92         |
|                         | 95% CI | 2.52 to 3.31 | 1.92 to 3.67 | 2.07 to 2.82 | 2.49 to 3.62 | 2.95 to 4.79   | np  | np  | 2.29 to 3.46  | 2.7 to 3.13  |
| All respiratory disease | Number | 1 926        | 289          | 1 702        | 1 491        | 487            | np  | np  | 1 514         | 7 409        |
|                         | SHSR   | 2.15         | 1.46         | 2.50         | 3.46         | 2.20           | np  | np  | 4.17          | 2.52         |
|                         | 95% CI | 2.05 to 2.25 | 1.29 to 1.63 | 2.38 to 2.62 | 3.28 to 3.63 | 2 to 2.39      | np  | np  | 3.96 to 4.38  | 2.46 to 2.58 |
| Infectious pneumonia    | Number | 352          | 53           | 431          | 449          | 94             | np  | np  | 593           | 1 972        |
|                         | SHSR   | 1.92         | 1.41         | 4.41         | 6.55         | 3.20           | np  | np  | 6.85          | 3.95         |
|                         | 95% CI | 1.72 to 2.12 | 1.03 to 1.79 | 4 to 4.83    | 5.95 to 7.16 | 2.55 to 3.85   | np  | np  | 6.29 to 7.4   | 3.77 to 4.12 |
| Lung cancer             | Number | 19           | 9            | 39           | 22           | 11             | np  | np  | 25            | 125          |
|                         | SHSR   | 0.82         | np           | 1.45         | 1.55         | 1.14           | np  | np  | 0.87          | 1.29         |
|                         | 95% CI | 0.45 to 1.19 | np           | 1 to 1.91    | 0.9 to 2.19  | 0.47 to 1.81   | np  | np  | 0.53 to 1.22  | 1.07 to 1.52 |

Table 11A.13

Table 11A.13 Ratio of separations for Indigenous males to all males, 2006-07 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

|   | Unit   | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA             | SA           | Tas | ACT | NT           | Total (b)    |
|---|--------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----|-----|--------------|--------------|
| Diabetes as a primary diagnosis                             | Number | 387          | 60           | 494          | 351            | 132          | np  | np  | 258          | 1 682        |
|   | SHSR   | 2.92         | 1.94         | 3.82         | 5.21           | 4.86         | np  | np  | 3.77         | 3.68         |
|   | 95% CI | 2.63 to 3.22 | 1.45 to 2.43 | 3.48 to 4.16 | 4.66 to 5.75   | 4.03 to 5.68 | np  | np  | 3.31 to 4.23 | 3.5 to 3.86  |
| All diabetes except where dialysis is the primary diagnosis | Number | 2 090        | 393          | 2 540        | 2 056          | 817          | np  | np  | 1 765        | 9 661        |
|   | SHSR   | 2.37         | 2.00         | 3.18         | 5.22           | 4.16         | np  | np  | 4.13         | 3.18         |
|   | 95% CI | 2.26 to 2.47 | 1.8 to 2.2   | 3.06 to 3.31 | 5 to 5.45      | 3.88 to 4.45 | np  | np  | 3.93 to 4.32 | 3.12 to 3.24 |
| All diabetes (f)  | Number | 2 650        | 441          | 3 180        | 8 543          | 867          | np  | np  | 1 765        | 17 446       |
|   | SHSR   | 2.85         | 2.03         | 3.31         | 13.54          | 4.28         | np  | np  | 4.13         | 5.13         |
|   | 95% CI | 2.74 to 2.96 | 1.84 to 2.22 | 3.2 to 3.43  | 13.25 to 13.83 | 4 to 4.57    | np  | np  | 3.93 to 4.32 | 5.06 to 5.21 |
| Depressive disorder   | Number | 198          | 45           | 75           | 47             | 35           | np  | np  | 13           | 413          |
|   | SHSR   | 1.61         | 1.15         | 0.52         | 0.53           | 1.11         | np  | np  | 0.55         | 0.85         |
|   | 95% CI | 1.39 to 1.84 | 0.81 to 1.48 | 0.4 to 0.64  | 0.38 to 0.68   | 0.74 to 1.48 | np  | np  | 0.25 to 0.84 | 0.77 to 0.93 |
| Anxiety disorder  | Number | 60           | 5            | 34           | np             | 10           | np  | np  | np           | 114          |
|   | SHSR   | 1.29         | np           | 0.21         | np             | 3.30         | np  | np  | np           | 0.62         |
|   | 95% CI | 0.96 to 1.61 | np           | 0.14 to 0.28 | np             | 1.26 to 5.35 | np  | np  | np           | 0.5 to 0.73  |
| Substance use disorder                                      | Number | 465          | 29           | 171          | 89             | 31           | np  | np  | 6            | 791          |
|   | SHSR   | 3.80         | 1.77         | 1.92         | 3.69           | 4.79         | np  | np  | np           | 2.72         |
|   | 95% CI | 3.45 to 4.14 | 1.13 to 2.42 | 1.63 to 2.2  | 2.92 to 4.46   | 3.1 to 6.48  | np  | np  | np           | 2.53 to 2.91 |
| Psychotic disorder  | Number | 1 089        | 211          | 666          | 640            | 265          | np  | np  | 238          | 3 109        |
|   | SHSR   | 3.21         | 2.14         | 2.06         | 3.65           | 3.18         | np  | np  | 2.27         | 2.53         |
|   | 95% CI | 3.02 to 3.4  | 1.85 to 2.43 | 1.9 to 2.22  | 3.36 to 3.93   | 2.8 to 3.57  | np  | np  | 1.98 to 2.56 | 2.44 to 2.62 |

Table 11A.13

Table 11A.13 **Ratio of separations for Indigenous males to all males, 2006-07 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

| <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Total (b)</i> |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------------|

(a) Excludes separations with a care type of Newborn without qualified days, and records for Hospital boarders and Posthumous organ procurement.

(b) The Total includes data only for NSW, Vic, QLD, WA, SA and the NT (NT data are for public hospitals only), for which the quality of Indigenous identification is considered acceptable for the purposes of analysis. Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality. It should be noted that data for the five states and territory are not necessarily representative of the other jurisdictions.

(c) Data have been suppressed if the number of separations was less than five. The rate ratio and confidence interval have been suppressed if the number of separations was less than 20.

(d) The ratios are directly age standardised to the Australian estimated resident population at 30 June 2001.

(e) Patients aged 75 years and over are excluded.

(f) All diabetes refers to separations with either a principal or additional diagnosis of diabetes.

SHSR = Standardised Hospital Separation Ratio; CI = confidence interval.

**np** Not published.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; 2009 Report, table 11A.46.

Table 11A.14

Table 11A.14 Ratio of separations for Indigenous females to all females, 2006-07 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

|                         | Unit   | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA            | SA             | Tas | ACT | NT            | Total (b)     |
|-------------------------|--------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-----|-----|---------------|---------------|
| All causes              | Number | 27 469       | 7 367        | 36 111       | 29 417        | 9 510          | np  | np  | 33 807        | 143 681       |
|                         | SHSR   | 1.66         | 1.97         | 2.22         | 3.26          | 2.56           | np  | np  | 7.55          | 2.52          |
|                         | 95% CI | 1.64 to 1.68 | 1.93 to 2.02 | 2.2 to 2.24  | 3.22 to 3.3   | 2.51 to 2.62   | np  | np  | 7.47 to 7.63  | 2.51 to 2.54  |
| Circulatory disease     | Number | 911          | 212          | 1 158        | 696           | 330            | np  | np  | 522           | 3 829         |
|                         | SHSR   | 1.68         | 1.61         | 2.33         | 2.46          | 2.56           | np  | np  | 2.32          | 1.99          |
|                         | 95% CI | 1.57 to 1.79 | 1.4 to 1.83  | 2.2 to 2.47  | 2.28 to 2.65  | 2.29 to 2.84   | np  | np  | 2.12 to 2.52  | 1.93 to 2.05  |
| Coronary heart disease  | Number | 389          | 103          | 488          | 239           | 143            | np  | np  | 154           | 1 516         |
|                         | SHSR   | 2.72         | 3.20         | 3.36         | 3.49          | 4.32           | np  | np  | 2.95          | 3.06          |
|                         | 95% CI | 2.45 to 2.99 | 2.58 to 3.82 | 3.06 to 3.66 | 3.05 to 3.93  | 3.61 to 5.03   | np  | np  | 2.48 to 3.41  | 2.91 to 3.21  |
| Rheumatic heart disease | Number | 18           | 6            | 66           | 42            | 27             | np  | np  | 73            | 232           |
|                         | SHSR   | 2.80         | np           | 6.17         | 13.22         | 25.94          | np  | np  | 10.11         | 9.27          |
|                         | 95% CI | 1.51 to 4.1  | np           | 4.68 to 7.66 | 9.22 to 17.22 | 16.16 to 35.73 | np  | np  | 7.79 to 12.43 | 8.08 to 10.46 |
| Self-harm               | Number | 305          | 61           | 183          | 135           | 77             | np  | np  | 105           | 866           |
|                         | SHSR   | 2.49         | 2.41         | 1.59         | 1.88          | 2.67           | np  | np  | 2.47          | 2.09          |
|                         | 95% CI | 2.21 to 2.77 | 1.8 to 3.01  | 1.36 to 1.82 | 1.56 to 2.19  | 2.07 to 3.26   | np  | np  | 2 to 2.94     | 1.95 to 2.23  |
| All respiratory disease | Number | 1 915        | 307          | 1 793        | 1 503         | 515            | np  | np  | 1 673         | 7 706         |
|                         | SHSR   | 2.58         | 1.82         | 2.95         | 4.34          | 2.83           | np  | np  | 5.84          | 3.11          |
|                         | 95% CI | 2.46 to 2.69 | 1.62 to 2.03 | 2.82 to 3.09 | 4.12 to 4.56  | 2.59 to 3.08   | np  | np  | 5.56 to 6.12  | 3.04 to 3.18  |
| Infectious pneumonia    | Number | 329          | 44           | 440          | 422           | 73             | np  | np  | 604           | 1 912         |
|                         | SHSR   | 2.93         | 1.47         | 4.68         | 8.87          | 2.71           | np  | np  | 9.54          | 4.78          |
|                         | 95% CI | 2.61 to 3.24 | 1.03 to 1.9  | 4.24 to 5.11 | 8.02 to 9.71  | 2.09 to 3.33   | np  | np  | 8.78 to 10.3  | 4.56 to 4.99  |
| Lung cancer             | Number | 49           | 14           | 32           | 20            | 10             | np  | np  | 15            | 140           |
|                         | SHSR   | 3.22         | 2.86         | 1.89         | 2.15          | 2.07           | np  | np  | 1.81          | 2.37          |
|                         | 95% CI | 2.32 to 4.12 | 1.36 to 4.36 | 1.24 to 2.55 | 1.21 to 3.1   | 0.79 to 3.36   | np  | np  | 0.89 to 2.73  | 1.98 to 2.77  |

Table 11A.14

Table 11A.14 Ratio of separations for Indigenous females to all females, 2006-07 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

|   | Unit   | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA             | SA           | Tas | ACT          | NT           | Total (b)    |
|---|--------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Diabetes as a primary diagnosis                             | Number | 471          | 114          | 836          | 540            | 206          | np  | np           | 610          | 2 777        |
|   | SHSR   | 3.45         | 2.74         | 5.80         | 7.93           | 5.43         | np  | np           | 9.08         | 5.23         |
|   | 95% CI | 3.14 to 3.76 | 2.24 to 3.24 | 5.4 to 6.19  | 7.26 to 8.6    | 4.69 to 6.17 | np  | 8.36 to 9.8  | 5.03 to 5.42 |              |
| All diabetes except where dialysis is the primary diagnosis | Number | 2 632        | 597          | 3 920        | 3 015          | 1 184        | np  | np           | 3 325        | 14 673       |
|   | SHSR   | 3.48         | 3.47         | 5.72         | 7.67           | 5.99         | np  | np           | 8.65         | 5.26         |
|   | 95% CI | 3.34 to 3.61 | 3.19 to 3.74 | 5.54 to 5.9  | 7.4 to 7.95    | 5.65 to 6.33 | np  | 8.36 to 8.94 | 5.17 to 5.34 |              |
| All diabetes (f)  | Number | 3 202        | 1 243        | 4 636        | 13 720         | 1 185        | np  | np           | 3 326        | 27 312       |
|   | SHSR   | 4.15         | 8.59         | 6.53         | 24.22          | 5.71         | np  | np           | 8.65         | 9.11         |
|   | 95% CI | 4.01 to 4.3  | 8.11 to 9.07 | 6.34 to 6.72 | 23.82 to 24.63 | 5.39 to 6.04 | np  | 8.36 to 8.95 | 9 to 9.21    |              |
| Depressive disorder   | Number | 286          | 92           | 99           | 116            | 73           | np  | np           | 18           | 684          |
|   | SHSR   | 1.18         | 1.00         | 0.35         | 0.68           | 1.68         | np  | np           | 1.26         | 0.64         |
|   | 95% CI | 1.05 to 1.32 | 0.79 to 1.2  | 0.28 to 0.42 | 0.56 to 0.8    | 1.29 to 2.06 | np  | 0.68 to 1.84 | 0.59 to 0.69 |              |
| Anxiety disorder  | Number | 32           | 8            | 33           | 22             | 7            | np  | np           | -            | 102          |
|   | SHSR   | 1.14         | np           | 0.62         | 1.06           | np           | np  | np           | -            | 0.76         |
|   | 95% CI | 0.75 to 1.54 | np           | 0.41 to 0.84 | 0.61 to 1.5    | np           | np  | np           | ..           | 0.61 to 0.91 |
| Substance use disorder                                      | Number | 221          | 70           | 63           | 39             | 21           | np  | np           | 6            | 420          |
|   | SHSR   | 2.30         | 5.42         | 0.65         | 1.76           | 5.63         | np  | np           | np           | 1.64         |
|   | 95% CI | 1.99 to 2.6  | 4.15 to 6.68 | 0.49 to 0.81 | 1.21 to 2.31   | 3.22 to 8.03 | np  | np           | np           | 1.48 to 1.8  |
| Psychotic disorder  | Number | 722          | 205          | 436          | 478            | 265          | np  | np           | 188          | 2 294        |
|   | SHSR   | 1.80         | 1.48         | 0.99         | 1.91           | 3.19         | np  | np           | 3.09         | 1.37         |
|   | 95% CI | 1.67 to 1.93 | 1.28 to 1.69 | 0.9 to 1.08  | 1.74 to 2.08   | 2.81 to 3.58 | np  | 2.65 to 3.53 | 1.31 to 1.42 |              |

Table 11A.14

**Table 11A.14 Ratio of separations for Indigenous females to all females, 2006-07 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

| <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Total (b)</i> |
|-------------|--|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| (a)         | Excludes separations with a care type of Newborn without qualified days, and records for Hospital boarders and Posthumous organ procurement.   |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                  |
| (b)         | The Total includes data only for NSW, Vic, QLD, WA, SA and NT (NT data are for public hospitals only), for which the quality of Indigenous identification is considered acceptable for the purposes of analysis. Caution should be used in the interpretation of these data because of jurisdictional differences in data quality. It should be noted that data for the five states and territory are not necessarily representative of the other jurisdictions. |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                  |
| (c)         | Data have been suppressed if the number of separations was less than five. The rate ratio and confidence interval have been suppressed if the number of separations was less than 20.  |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                  |
| (d)         | The ratios are directly age standardised to the estimated resident population at 30 June 2001.   |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                  |
| (e)         | Patients aged 75 years and over are excluded.  |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                  |
| (f)         | All diabetes refers to separations with either a principal or additional diagnosis of diabetes.<br>SHSR = Standardised Hospital Separation Ratio; CI = confidence interval.<br>.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero. <b>np</b> Not published.   |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |                  |

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the National Hospital Morbidity Database; 2009 Report, table 11A.47.



Table 11A.15

**Table 11A.15 Australian Government, community health services programs**

*Programs funded by the Australian Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>                     | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>  | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>   |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Regional Health Services           | The program provides funding to rural communities of up to 5,000 people to support primary health care services.  | Funding is provided under Outcome 6 - Rural Health  | Staged financial and activity reports to DoHA are required from each project.                                     |
| Rural Primary Health Projects      | <p>There are two streams in this program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. National Rural Primary Health Projects Program which funds primary care initiatives targeting remote regions. Typically the projects involve health education, workforce support, and health promotion. Basic services such as point of care testing are sometimes incorporated into individual projects where this is appropriate.</li> <li>2. Building Healthy Communities Program which funds small remote communities for health promotion activities that target the key risk areas of obesity, harmful alcohol consumption, tobacco abuse, lack of exercise or injury.</li> </ol> | Funding is provided under Outcome 6 - Rural Health  | Staged financial and activity reports are required from each project.   |
| Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) | Australian Government funding to the RFDS aims to support the sustainable delivery of primary health care services to people in rural and remote communities. The RFDS delivers traditional services in rural and remote areas of Australia. This includes the provision of primary aeromedical evacuations, primary and community health care clinics, medical chests and remote consultations.  | There is a separate budget line item for RFDS funding. Funding is provided under Outcome 6 - Rural Health | Financial and service activity reports are submitted regularly, in the context of a National Reporting Framework. |

Table 11A.15

### Table 11A.15 Australian Government, community health services programs

| Programs funded by the Australian Government during 2007-08 | Description   | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context | Reporting associated with the programs   |
|---|---|---|--|
| Rural Women's GP Service (RWGPS)                            | The RWGPS provides access to primary health care services for women in rural and remote Australia who currently have little or no access to a female GP, by facilitating the travel of female GPs to these communities. | Funding is provided under Outcome 5 - Primary Care      | Financial and service activity reports are submitted regularly, in the context of an agreed reporting framework.                       |
| More Allied Health Services                                 | This Program funds Divisions of General Practice to improve access by rural and remote communities to a range of additional allied health professionals.  | Funding is provided under Outcome 5 - Primary Care      | Staged financial and activity reports are required from each project. Divisions also complete the annual survey for PHC RIS reporting. |
| Visiting Optometrists Scheme                                | The program aims to provide outreach optometric services to remote and very remote communities.   | Funding is provided under Outcome 3 - Medicare Benefits | Staged income and expenditure statements and progress reports are required from each optometrist.                                      |

Source: Australian Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 11A.52.

Table 11A.16

**Table 11A.16 New South Wales, community health services programs**

*Programs funded by the NSW Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>                            | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>  | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>   |
|---|---|---|---|
| Child, Adolescent and Family services     | Covering services such as youth health, paediatric allied health (physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work and counselling, speech pathology, psychology, audiology), specialist medical services, early childhood nursing, immunisation, post natal programs, early intervention and school surveillance services. | Area Health Services (AHS) receive block funding from NSW Health to provide health services to their population. Each AHS determines how much money is allocated to this program. | These services are measured as Non-Admitted Patient Occasions of Service - the number of occasions on which one or more health care professionals provides a service to a Non-admitted Patient - and reported by AHSs to the Department of Health on a quarterly basis. |
| Program of Appliances for Disabled People | Providing appropriate equipment, aids and appliances such as mobility and toileting aids to prevent inappropriate entry into institutional facilities.  | The Department of Health allocates specific funding to AHSs for this program.   | The services are required to provide waiting list reports twice a year.   |
| Transport for Health                      | Providing financial assistance and transport arrangements for non-emergency transport for health-related issues.  | The Department of Health allocates specific funding to AHSs for this program.   | Quarterly reporting on key indicators, annual reporting on the implementation of the program.   |
| Multicultural health services             | Providing interpreter services, cultural competency training, direct service provision for refugees, planning of services to address or cater to the needs of culturally diverse communities.   | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services.   | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services.   |
| Youth Health services                     | Providing education and health promotion programs, clinical services and planning of youth friendly services. Also providing specific health services for homeless and at-risk young people.  | A mix of AHS and Australian Government funding.   | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services.   |

Table 11A.16

### Table 11A.16 New South Wales, community health services programs

Programs funded by the NSW Government during 2007-08

| Program   | Description  | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context  | Reporting associated with the programs        |
|---|--|--|---|
| Women's health services                         | Covering services and health promotion programs for women, such as mental health, violence prevention and pregnancy services and physical activity, smoking cessation and health improvement programs. | A mix of AHS funding and Australian Government funding allocated under the Public Health Outcomes Funding Agreement. | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services. |
| Physical Abuse and Neglect of Children services | Providing long-term and intensive counselling for families, and a range of interventions where physical abuse or neglect of a child is occurring.  | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services.  | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services. |
| Sexual Assault services                         | Providing crisis counselling and support for victims of assault, court preparation and community education programs.   | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services.  | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services. |
| Aboriginal health services                      | Covering services such as health information and education, counselling, pre and post natal programs, early childhood nursing and health promotion programs.   | A mix of AHS, NSW Health (via grants to non-government organisations) and Australian Government funding.             | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services. |
| Sexual Health services                          | Covering education, counselling, screening and the management of sexually transmitted diseases including HIV and Hepatitis A, B and C.   | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services.  | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services. |

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### Table 11A.16 New South Wales, community health services programs

Programs funded by the NSW Government during 2007-08

| <i>Program</i>                           | <i>Description</i>   | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i> | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i> |
|--|--|--|---|
| Aged Care services                       | Providing assessment and referral, case management, home nursing, allied health services such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, podiatry, chiropractic, orthotics and prosthetics, dietetics and nutrition, specialist services such as continence therapy and family support for the aged. | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services.                  | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services. |
| Palliative Care services                 | Providing holistic care for people who are terminally ill or dying, including clinical care in the home, counselling and support services.   | A mix of AHS and Australian Government funding.                | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services. |
| Dental services                          | Providing basic and emergency dental care in the community.  | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services.                  | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services. |
| Community Acute/Post Acute Care services | Providing acute care in the community which is a substitution for hospitalisation, including medical, nursing, allied health services such as physiotherapy and occupational therapy, social work and pharmacy and personal care.  | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services.                  | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services. |
| Community nursing                        | Providing generalist nursing care in the community.  | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services.                  | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services. |

Table 11A.16

**Table 11A.16 New South Wales, community health services programs**

*Programs funded by the NSW Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>               | <i>Description</i>   | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>                           | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i> |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Rehabilitation               | Providing case management, allied health, prosthetic and home modification services in a community setting.                      | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services.  | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services. |
| Eating disorder services     | Providing case management, medical and counselling support services.   | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services.  | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services. |
| Non-Government Organisations | Providing a range of services such as Aboriginal Medical Centres, HIV/Aids, Women's Health, Diabetes, Drug and Alcohol services. | Funding allocations are via an annual grant program approved by the Minister for Health. | As for Child, Adolescent and Family services. |

Source: NSW Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 11A.53.

Table 11A.17

**Table 11A.17 Victoria, community health services programs**

*Programs funded by the Victorian Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>   | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>  | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>   |
|------------------|---|---|---|
| Community Health | The Community Health Program is implemented through Community Health Services (CHSs) by over 100 agencies operating from more than 300 sites across Victoria. CHSs play an important role in preventive, rehabilitative, maintenance and support services for people at risk of, or with complex conditions and chronic illnesses. Some CHS also provide a range of preventive and early intervention services for children and young people. In addition, CHSs are also major providers of Home and Community Care Services, Dental, General Practice, Drugs Program, Disability and other State and Australian Government programs. | These services are funded under the Primary Health Funding Approach. Currently, the Approach includes two components (1) direct care and (2) health promotion.                  | Performance targets are set by the Department and monitored through various reporting mechanisms to demonstrate program delivery. Targets are either quantitative or qualitative or both. Reporting intervals range from regular to periodic. |
| Women's Health   | The Women's Health Program aims to improve the health and wellbeing of all Victorian women (with an emphasis on those most at risk), through developing and disseminating health information and research, providing education and training resources for agencies and health professionals and supporting the implementation of health promotion programs in the local region. The Program works directly with women and in partnership with other organisations.  | These services are funded under the Primary Health Funding Approach to provide health promotion. This Program is a combined State and Australian Government funding initiative. | Performance targets are set by the Department and monitored through various reporting mechanisms to demonstrate program delivery. Targets are either quantitative or qualitative or both. Reporting intervals range from regular to periodic. |

### Table 11A.17 Victoria, community health services programs

Programs funded by the Victorian Government during 2007-08

| Program  | Description   | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context  | Reporting associated with the programs  |
|--|---|--|---|
| Family Planning                                      | Family planning services assist Victorians to make individual choices on sexual and reproductive health matters by providing services that are accessible, culturally relevant and responsive to people who experience difficulty accessing mainstream services.  | These services are funded under the Primary Health Funding Approach that includes a component for direct care and a component for health promotion.  | Performance targets are set by the Department and monitored through various reporting mechanisms to demonstrate program delivery. Targets are either quantitative or qualitative or both. Reporting intervals range from regular to periodic. |
| Family and Reproductive Rights Education             | Family and Reproductive Rights Education Program works with communities that traditionally practise female genital mutilation to increase their access to primary health services, to improve the physical and emotional health and wellbeing of women, young girls and their families, and to encourage the health system to be more responsive to their needs.  | These services are funded under the Primary Health Funding Approach, which include a component for direct care and a component for health promotion. | Performance targets are set by the Department and monitored through various reporting mechanisms to demonstrate program delivery. Targets are either quantitative or qualitative or both. Reporting intervals range from regular to periodic. |
| Innovative Health Services for Homeless Youth (IHSY) | IHSY is a Australian Government/State program that promotes health care for homeless and at risk young people. Funds are provided for innovative health and related services for homeless and otherwise at-risk young people that respond to their complex health needs and improve their access to mainstream health services. IHSY provides a means of engaging young people who are homeless or marginalised and who may not otherwise access health services. | IHSY is funded under a Special Purpose Payment (SPP), with state and territory governments matching the Australian Government's contribution.        | Quantitative performance targets are set by the Department and monitored quarterly. IHSY services are also required to complete an annual report containing qualitative and quantitative activities to the Australian Government.             |



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### Table 11A.17 Victoria, community health services programs

Programs funded by the Victorian Government during 2007-08

| Program                | Description  | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context   | Reporting associated with the programs  |
|------------------------|--|---|---|
| Dental Health          | Public dental services are provided by Community Health Services and the Royal Dental Hospital Melbourne. In some cases, dental care is provided by private clinicians through voucher schemes. The Dental Health Program supports undergraduate education of dental clinicians, including providing funding for clinical placements and scholarships.   | Dental services are output funded using a funding formula.  | Performance targets are set by the Department and monitored through various reporting mechanisms to demonstrate program delivery. Targets are either quantitative or qualitative or both. Reporting intervals range from regular to periodic. |
| Telephone Counselling  | The initiative provides telephone counseling 24 hours a day, 7 days per week to provide individuals with support, information and referral.  | Funding is provided to support seven Lifeline sites and one site for a statewide suicide prevention telephone counselling line. The Australian Government also contributes substantial funding to Lifeline. | Quantitative performance targets are set by the Department and monitored quarterly reporting.   |
| NURSE-ON-CALL strategy | The NURSE-ON-CALL strategy provides a new 24 hour a day, 7 days per week, telephone based health advice and information line. Registered Nurses answer all calls and use evidence-based clinical decision support software systems to undertake triage and direct callers to the most appropriate level of health care for their symptoms. Since its launch in June 2006, over 704,400 calls have been answered, 11% of which were diverted from hospital EDs. | NURSE ON CALL is provided under a three-year contract arrangement with McKesson Asia-Pacific.   | Performance targets are set by the Department and monitored through various reporting mechanisms to demonstrate program delivery. Targets are either quantitative or qualitative or both. Reporting intervals range from regular to periodic. |

### Table 11A.17 Victoria, community health services programs

Programs funded by the Victorian Government during 2007-08

| Program       | Description   | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context   | Reporting associated with the programs  |
|---------------|---|---|---|
| Drug Services | <p>Provides a range of drug treatment services including withdrawal, rehabilitation, counselling and supported accommodation for people with substance abuse problems, these treatment services are also provided to offenders referred to treatment from the criminal justice system through the Drug Diversion program. A range of health protection services including Primary Health and needle and syringe services targeting drug users are also provided. The Program also oversees Pharmacotherapy services and delivers a range of drug prevention programs including those targeted at use of tobacco and alcohol as well as illicit drugs. Support and information is also provided for drug users and their families.</p> | <p>Funding and reporting for these services is managed in accordance with the Output Budgeting framework. Budget and performance for Drugs Services is reported as a separate Output in the Victorian Government budget papers. Most Drug Services are funded on the basis of unit priced service models and service providers are required to report against targets linked to the activity. Different activities are funded at different unit prices which recognise the costs to services of producing the outputs. These prices are applied universally to all service providers delivering those activities.</p> | <p>Performance information is collected and reported at the State level through Expenditure Review Committee reporting against the Budget Paper targets, DHS Annual Report and Growing Victoria Together reports, at a Whole of Victorian Government (WOVG) level through WOVG reporting on specific target groups including Women, Youth and Koori, at a Departmental level through Executive Performance reporting, at a National level, performance reporting is provided through National Minimum Data Sets, Report On Government Services, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Public Health Outcomes Funding Agreement (PHOFA), Council of Australian Government (COAG) reporting for National Illicit Drug Strategy, Drug Diversion and Needle and Syringe Programs.</p> |

### Table 11A.17 Victoria, community health services programs

Programs funded by the Victorian Government during 2007-08

| Program  | Description  | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context  | Reporting associated with the programs   |
|--|--|--|--|
| Primary and Community Health – Indigenous Services | <p>Aboriginal community health services are provided through a range of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) and mainstream services funded by the Department of Human Services (DHS), including community health centres, hospitals and non-Government organisations. The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service and other Aboriginal Medical Services provide a full range of medical and dental services. The Aboriginal Health Promotion and Chronic Care (AHPACC) Partnership supports community health services and ACCHOs to work collaboratively to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal people in Victoria with, or at risk of, chronic disease.</p> <p>Oral Health<br/>Public Oral health services are targeted towards Health Care and Pensioner concession card holders. Priority access is given to preschool and primary school aged children and dependants of cardholders in years 7 and 8 or who have left formal schooling. There are several initiatives targeting Aboriginal people, including dental clinics at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service and Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative.</p> | <p>DHS operates in a complex funding environment. Aboriginal community controlled organisations are funded to provide direct services delivery by DHS and budgets are managed using three year service agreements. Funding can be provided either at the program level or via the eight regions.</p> | <p>Performance targets are set by the Department and monitored through various reporting mechanisms to demonstrate program delivery. Targets are either quantitative or qualitative or both. Reporting intervals range from regular to periodic.</p> |

### Table 11A.17 Victoria, community health services programs

Programs funded by the Victorian Government during 2007-08

| Program   | Description  | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context | Reporting associated with the programs |
|---|--|---|--|
| Primary and Community Health – Indigenous Services <i>continued</i> | <p>Drug and Alcohol treatment Alcohol and Drug treatment services are provided through both mainstream services and Aboriginal-specific services, located in ACCHOs. Mainstream alcohol and drug treatment services provide community based assessment, community and residential treatment and community rehabilitation programs. Agency based services include counselling, consultancy and continuing care service (outreach, day programs, post withdrawal linkages, supported accommodation, ante and post natal support, peer support, mobile overdose response, specialist pharmacology and education). Aboriginal-specific services include Koori Community Alcohol and Drug Resource Centres, Koori Community Alcohol and Drug Workers, the Koori Alcohol and Drug workforce development initiative and the Koori Youth Alcohol and Drug Healing Service.</p> |   |  |

### Table 11A.17 Victoria, community health services programs

Programs funded by the Victorian Government during 2007-08

| Program   | Description   | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context | Reporting associated with the programs |
|---|---|---|--|
| Primary and Community Health – Indigenous Services <i>continued</i> | <p>Maternal and Child Health</p> <p>The Koori Maternity Services Strategy, within the broader Maternity Services Strategy, aims to provide culturally appropriate support to Aboriginal women throughout pregnancy and in the postnatal period through the employment of Aboriginal Health Workers and midwives, outreaching from ACCHOs. The principal focus is on increased access to antenatal care, postnatal support, and hospital liaison for births as a means of improving health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal women and babies. The Maternal and Child Health Service is a universal service for all Victorian families with children from birth to school age. The Service offers support, information and advice regarding parenting, child health and development, child behaviour, maternal health and wellbeing, child safety, immunisation, breastfeeding, nutrition and family planning. Aboriginal-specific Maternal and Child Health Services are provided through ACCHOs.</p> |   |  |

Source: Victorian Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 11A.54.

Table 11A.18

### Table 11A.18 Queensland, community health services programs

Programs funded by the Queensland Government during 2007-08

| <i>Program</i>                     | <i>Description</i>   | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>  | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>   |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Poisons Information                | A 24 hour service is provided nationally through links between centres in various states, for the provision of information and advice to assist in the management of poisoning and suspected poisoning, education and promotion of poisoning prevention.   | These services are funded from Queensland Health Corporate and Health Service District funds.   | The Poisons Information centre is required to provide periodic reports on the extent and nature of calls, substances and caller type.   |
| Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Services | Including a range of prevention, health promotion, assessment, counselling, early identification and intervention, treatment and educational services to minimise alcohol, tobacco and other drug related harm.  | These services are funded through a range of programs or health services within the Queensland Health budget and Australian Government funds.                     | Performance targets and overall financial reporting are published in the annual report and the Service Delivery Statement.  |
| Cancer Screening Services Unit     | Responsible for the leadership, strategic planning, management and coordination of the state-wide population screening programs: BreastScreen Queensland Program (BSQ), Queensland Cervical Screening Program (QCSP) and Queensland Bowel Cancer Screening Program. Key functions of the Unit include state-wide strategic policy and protocols, coordination and planning, service development and support, quality assurance, performance management, communication and education, workforce development and training, monitoring, evaluation and research and linkages with follow up management and treatment. | Funding for cancer screening services is provided through state funds and the joint State/Australian Government Public Health Outcomes Funding Agreement (PHOFA). | Performance targets and overall financial reporting are published in the annual report and the Service Delivery Statement. Annual data reporting to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. Performance reports to BSQ Services undertaken three, six and twelve monthly. Statistical reports produced biennially for BSQ & QCSP. |

Table 11A.18

### Table 11A.18 Queensland, community health services programs

Programs funded by the Queensland Government during 2007-08

| Program  | Description   | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context   | Reporting associated with the programs   |
|--|---|---|--|
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health     | Queensland Health provided a range of primary and community health care services and activities, spanning the prevention, management and maintenance continuum that address particular needs of Indigenous communities. Including prevention, education and health promotion services for programs such as; men's and women's health programs; child and adolescent health services; alcohol, tobacco and other drug services; sexual health services; allied health services; and patient transport provided to increase access to health care.  | Funding for these services is provided through the broader health program packages within the Queensland Health budget and through Queensland Health's specific commitments to Indigenous Health under the Chronic Disease Strategy and Indigenous Health Package*.<br>*The Indigenous Health Package is a whole-of-government investment to implement Queensland Health's response to the <i>National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health</i> . | Performance targets and overall financial reporting are reported annually. Reports are published in Queensland Health's Annual Report and Service Delivery Statements.   |
| HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and Sexual Health (HAHCSH) | The program implements the whole of government Queensland HIV, Hepatitis C and Sexually Transmissible Infections Strategy 2005-2011 in the strategic priority areas of: enabling environment; education and prevention; early detection, care management and treatment; training and professional development and research and surveillance. Programs are delivered through public, private and community based organisations, including 16 QH sexual health clinics and a range of prevention/education initiatives within QH coordinated across the Area Health Services by six coordinators. | Funded through the Public Health Outcomes Funding Agreement (PHOFA) and a combination of State and Australian Government funding programs.  | Annual Progress Report to Cabinet on the Queensland HIV, Hepatitis C and Sexually Transmissible Infections Strategy 2005-2011. PHOFA – particularly in relation to HIV/AIDS and Indigenous populations, Australian Government and State funding reporting requirements. Six monthly reports on activities by program coordinators. Six monthly funded NGO performance reports. |

Table 11A.18

**Table 11A.18 Queensland, community health services programs**

*Programs funded by the Queensland Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>       | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>                                | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>  |
|----------------------|---|---|--|
| Oral Health Services | Services provided via Community and School Oral Health Services mobile and fixed clinics. | These services are funded from Queensland Health Corporate and Health Service District funds. | Performance targets and overall financial reporting are published in the annual report and the Service Delivery Statement. |

*Source: Queensland Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 11A.55.*



Table 11A.19

**Table 11A.19 Western Australia, community health services programs**

*Programs funded by the WA Government during 2007-08*

| Program                | Description   | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context   | Reporting associated with the programs   |
|------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>Dental Services</b> |   |   |  |
| School Dental Services | <p>The School Dental Service provides free dental care to school children throughout the state ranging from pre-primary through to Year 11 and to Year 12 in remote localities. Care is provided by dental therapists under the supervision of dental officers from fixed and mobile dental clinics located at schools throughout WA.</p> <p>The program incorporates preventive strategies, including oral health education for school children. Non-general and specialist services are referred to the private sector where a child is eligible to attend a Government clinic for subsidised care.</p> | <p>The Department of Health WA negotiates with Dental Health Services branch to provide funding directly to maintain the program.</p> | <p>Program measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of children enrolled and under care.</li> <li>• Dental Health status (number of decayed/missing/filled teeth).</li> <li>• Average cost of service per child.</li> </ul> |

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**Table 11A.19 Western Australia, community health services programs**

*Programs funded by the WA Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>                 | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>  | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Subsidised Dental Care Program | <p>Dental care is provided to eligible financially disadvantaged people (pensioners and other recipients of benefit/allowance from Centrelink or Department of Veteran Affairs) via</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Dental Clinics Metropolitan and Country.</li> <li>• Private practitioners participating in the Metropolitan and Country Patients' Dental Subsidy Schemes and the Private Orthodontic Subsidy scheme.</li> <li>• In addition, a Domiciliary Unit provides dental care for housebound patients. Dental care is also provided for special groups and institutionalised people.</li> <li>• Aged Care Dental Program. This program provides dental care to residents of Registered Aged Care Facilities. Residents are eligible to receive free annual dental examinations and a care plan. Further treatment needs are advised and the patient is referred to an appropriate provider. Ongoing treatment is through one of the Government programs for eligible residents.</li> </ul> | <p>The Department of Health WA negotiates with Dental Health Services branch to provide funding directly to maintain the program.</p> | <p>Program measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to dental treatment for eligible people.</li> <li>• Average waiting times.</li> <li>• Average cost of completed courses of adult dental care.</li> </ul> |

Table 11A.19

**Table 11A.19 Western Australia, community health services programs**

*Programs funded by the WA Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>                      | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>  | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>   |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Primary and Community Health</b> |   |   |   |
| Maternal & Family                   | <p>Child health services aim to promote improved health outcomes for babies, young children and their families across Western Australia through the provision of a range of universal and targeted programs. Services are delivered in Child Health Centres, community based centres and in the home environment. Information and support is offered regarding parenting, child health and development, child behaviour, maternal health and wellbeing, child safety, immunisation, breast feeding and nutrition.</p>   | <p>The Department of Health negotiates with area/regional health services utilising service specifications. Funding is provided directly to individual area health services or regions.</p> | <p>The program measure for all non-admitted patient services is Occasions of Service.</p> |
|                                     | <p>The universal child health service begins with an early child health nurse visiting all mothers of new babies and a series of scheduled contacts for critical points in the child's development throughout the first four years. The service presents a unique opportunity to identify families experiencing difficulty in caring for their children and the early identification of children with developmental delays. New parent groups are offered support in the early transition to parenting and to foster peer support amongst community members with new infants. Other group services include Triple P, Teen Parents playgroups and Yarning groups for Aboriginal caregivers and their children.</p> |   |   |

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| Maternal & Family<br>(continued) | <p>A pilot project enabling antenatal engagement of women by child health nurses was initiated in 2008. The aims of the project are to engage with pregnant women to improve attendance at ante natal services and to support the early identification and management of psychosocial difficulties.</p> <p>Groups at risk of poorer health outcomes, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and newly arrived refugees, are a particular focus of child health services. A targeted service was commenced in 2008 by the Aboriginal Health Team to offer an extended child health schedule delivered as a home visiting service within the metropolitan community. The Extended Early Family &amp; Child Support Service, Best Beginnings and Community Mothers services are also offered to vulnerable individuals through home visiting models.</p> |   |  |

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|---------------------------|---|---|---|
| Child Development Service | <p>Child development services provide a range of assessment, early intervention and therapy services to children with, or at risk of, developmental disorders and delay. Services are provided at various sites across the metropolitan area and within Western Australia Country Health Services by a range of professionals including speech pathologists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, clinical psychologists, social workers, nurses, podiatrists, child care assistants, therapy assistants, audiologists, paediatricians and medical officers, along with administrative staff. Services are delivered out of a range of settings including community based child development centres, day-care, school and the home environment.</p> <p>Child development services also play a key role in health prevention and promotion through the delivery of community education, professional development and programs aimed at preventing the occurrence of a delay/disorder, minimising the impact of a disorder/delay and/or preventing the progression of a disorder/delay.</p> | <p>The Department of Health negotiates with area/regional health services utilising service specifications. Funding is provided directly to individual area health services or regions.</p> | <p>The metropolitan Child Development Service is currently undergoing a major reform process including the implementation of a single information management system. The Child Development Information System (CDIS) is currently under development, with full rollout to all metropolitan sites by June 2009. The CDIS will enable collection of reliable and accurate data regarding referrals, client demographics, and clinical and service outcomes.</p> |

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|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| School Health Service | <p>School Health Services are provided by Community Health personnel employed by Health Services across WA. Personnel work closely with school communities to provide services which are universally available to all students. Contemporary School Health Services have a strong prevention focus, with roles that can be categorised into three integrated areas; health promotion, early detection and specialist health expertise. The workforce includes Community Health nurses, allied health, Aboriginal health workers and health promotion staff.</p> <p>Since 1998, there has been an agreement in place between the Department of Education and Department of Health which underpins the delivery of School Health Services. In 2007, the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was established to clearly articulate the nature of School Health Services in a broader health promoting schools context. The MOU includes the establishment of Local Management Groups comprised of representatives from District Education Offices and Health Services (Population/Community Health). These Groups are responsible for developing Local Service Agreements and delivering school health services at the local level.</p> | <p>Budgets for School and Youth Health Services are based on historical precedent, however, more resources are needed in certain areas where there has been significant growth and/or there is significant socioeconomic disadvantage. Patterns of new schools opening, and increases in existing primary school populations provide a guide to determine growth in the target population. In the metropolitan area, the northern and southern coastal corridors, and some parts of the Swan and Canning districts appear to be areas of need. The Department of Education and Training partly funds School Health Services in WA, as agreed in the MOU between the two Departments.</p> | <p>The program measure for all non-admitted patient services is Occasions of Service.</p> |

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| School Health Service (continued) | <p>School Health Services use surveillance activities and assessments to identify and monitor the health status of school-aged children throughout their school life. This system of early detection aims to ensure that children who may be at risk of developing health problems are detected as early as possible. Surveillance activities and screening programs are delivered at a population (universal), group or individual level (targeted).</p> <p>School Health Services, with few exceptions, provide early detection services across Western Australia. The service is also responsible for delivering the school-based immunisation programs as detailed in the Department of Health's WA Vaccination Schedule. Schools include community kindergartens, and primary school students in the public, Catholic and Independent education systems. Almost all children are offered assessments and are referred to services when problems are identified.</p> <p>School health services have a strong presence in public secondary schools to provide primary health care for adolescents; health care planning for students with special issues; support for health-related curriculum; and, other school health promotion.</p> |   |  |

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| Youth at Risk  | <p>“At-risk” services specifically focus on children, adolescents, young people and their families who are socially and economically disadvantaged and who are more likely to experience poor health outcomes because of their circumstances. Focus groups include Aboriginal people, migrants, refugees and culturally and linguistically diverse groups. Services include; health surveillance, universal and targeted prevention, early identification and intervention, health promotion and education to improve health outcomes, disease control and immunisation, health care advice and specific family health programs. School health services and the joint Australian Government – State Innovation Health Services for Homeless Youth (IHSY) program are the major service delivery vehicles for at-risk young people. Services for “at risk” populations have a strong focus on collaboration and coordination between other parts of the health system, other government and non government agencies to improve access to services and address the social determinants of health.</p> | <p>IHSY program funds are allocated through service agreements with individual service providers.</p> | <p>Annual reporting on IHSY service delivery and annual financial acquittals to Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.</p> |



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|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| Youth at Risk (continued) | Health promotion and community development aims to facilitate community engagement and action to create healthy and sustainable environments and communities for children and their families. Health promotion practitioners work in partnership with community nursing staff, the community and local agencies to deliver health promotion initiatives in response to community needs. |  |  |
| Ante natal care           | Targeted ante natal programs aim to engage at risk families. Services are delivered in some regions within WA only using a combined child health centre and community based approach. The health and wellbeing of pregnant women is monitored with advice, treatment and guidance being offered where appropriate.  | Program funding is provided to a range of providers including Area Health services and community controlled organisations. | The state program measure for all non-admitted patient services is Occasions of Service using HCARE.             |
| Primary Care              | Community health services provide a comprehensive primary care service in many rural and remote areas. These are generally in areas where there is no General Practitioner service and only remote access to hospital accident and emergency, and inpatient care.   | Funding for these services is mainly via core state health funding to Area Health Services.                                | The state program measure for all non-admitted patient services is Occasions of Service using a module in HCARE. |

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| Chronic Disease Management | <p>A range of non hospital care is provided across the spectrum of Chronic Disease management. This includes diabetes and asthma management. The South Metropolitan and North Metropolitan Area Health Services run a self management and condition specific program for patients with COPD, Diabetes and CHF at high risk of hospitalisation. The program is multidisciplinary and educates patients on symptom monitoring, action planning and self efficacy as well as how to access health and social care services in a timely manner to prevent deterioration of their condition and ultimately reduce hospitalisation. The multidisciplinary teams include nursing, dietetics, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, podiatry and social work.</p> <p>Aboriginal Health Workers facilitate and improve access to services and programs for the Indigenous population. The service provides care co-ordination and planning, individual and group education and rehabilitation, and phone facilitation of action planning. Extensive collaboration and linkage with government community health services, non-government providers, Divisions of General Practice and GPs enables the team to integrate services to support ongoing patient self-management.</p> | <p>Funding for these services is mainly via core state health funding to Area Health Services.</p> | <p>The state program measure for all non-admitted patient services is Occasions of Service using a module in HCARE. In some areas quantitative and qualitative data is collected including client questionnaires and clinical outcome measures. Program measures include numbers of clients and referrals. Area health services also require quarterly reporting of HR, OSH and quality measures.</p> |

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| Primary Prevention   | In regional WA, community health staff located in primary health teams are usually the primary providers of Primary Prevention programs. Local strategies and services often support national and state campaigns. These include reduction in tobacco use programs, drug and alcohol programs, good nutrition and physical activity programs.  | Funding for these services is mainly via core state health funding to Area Health Services.   | The state program measure for all non-admitted patient services is Occasions of Service using a module in HCARE.   |
| Sexual health  | Sexual health services are primarily the responsibility of community health staff with support and coordination from Public Health units in rural and remote WA. This includes small sexual health teams in the Kimberley, Pilbara and Goldfields regions of the WA Country Health Service, these being regions with endemic proportions of STIs within their populations.   | Funding for these services is mainly via core state health funding to Area Health Services.   | The state program measure for all non-admitted patient services is Occasions of Service using a module in HCARE.   |
| Adult Allied Health - Peel and Rockingham Kwinana Health Service, South Metropolitan Area Health Service (SMAHS) | Community based individual and group therapies for adults with diabetes and diabetes related comorbidities, chronic pulmonary disease, cardiovascular disease, chronic pain, falls risk, obesity, rheumatic disease, orthopaedic dysfunction and musculoskeletal pain and dysfunction. Services include physiotherapy, occupational therapy, podiatry, social work, diabetes education, continence services and dietetics. | The Department of Health WA negotiates with Area Health Services using service specifications. Funding is provided directly to the Area Health Service. | Individual services collect and report qualitative and quantitative program data including: number of new referrals, waiting time and numbers of discharges. |

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| Disease Management Unit, SMAHS | A multidisciplinary model of care which provides community based medical stabilisation with a general physician to improve chronic conditions and access to services. The service reduces the need for outpatient and emergency department presentations.   | The Department of Health WA negotiates with Area Health Services using service specifications. Funding is provided directly to the Area Health Service. | The program measure for all non-admitted patient services is Occasions of Service.  |
| Refugee Health Services, SMAHS | Community based services provided to refugees that are referred from the central Migrant Health Centre. A care plan is developed for each individual referred to the refugee health nurses. The nurses coordinate the referral and ongoing care of refugees ensuring that all the health issues are managed in the community. These services are delivered mainly in the home and the nurses act as an advocate for their clients ensuring they can navigate a very complex health system, including women's health, mental health and GP services. | The Department of Health WA negotiates with Area Health Services using service specifications. Funding is provided directly to the Area Health Service. | Quantitative and qualitative data are collected from services. Program measures include: client numbers, number of referrals, education and training provided to a range of health providers and key stakeholders about refugee health. |
| Diabetes Services (NMAHS)      | Secondary prevention services are provided in community settings for people with diabetes. Individual and group interventions are provided by diabetes educators, dietitians, physiotherapists and podiatrists as well as transcultural workers.  | The Program is funded by Department of Health WA via North Metropolitan Area Health Service, Public Health and Ambulatory Care directorate.             | The program measure for all non-admitted patient services is Occasions of Service.  |

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| Community Physiotherapy Services, North Metropolitan Area Health Services (NMAHS) | Rehabilitation and functional physical activity programs for adults with chronic conditions living independently in the community. Programs aim at maximising client's mobility, ability and functional level, reducing complications of chronic conditions, reducing Health Care Utilisation and unplanned hospitalisations. All programs are group based and run in community settings. Programs include rehabilitation for clients with COPD or other respiratory disease, heart failure and other cardiac conditions, orthopaedic conditions, osteoporosis, arthritis, neurological conditions, increased falls risk and balance impairment, chronic back pain, general debility, age related reduction in physical activity. | The Program is funded by Department of Health WA via North Metropolitan Area Health Service, Public Health and Ambulatory Care directorate. The service is metropolitan area wide. Training and support is provided to West Australian Country Health Service clinicians as requested. | The program measure for all non-admitted patient services is Occasions of Service. Quantitative and qualitative data are collected and include client questionnaires and clinical outcome measures. Program measures include numbers of clients and referrals. Area health services also require quarterly reporting of HR, OSH and quality measures. |
| Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) linkage program                      | A tertiary-community based program providing community based, specialist medical, nursing and physiotherapy services to patients with severe COPD. The program replaces traditional outpatient appointments in the hospital setting to improve patient attendance and experience as well as ongoing care and support.   | Funded through a tertiary hospital with accommodation and support services purchased from Divisions of General Practice.   | Monthly and quarterly activity reports along with hospital admission comparisons of program patients against the COPD usual care patient group within WA Health.  |

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| BreastScreen WA | <p>Responsible for the leadership, strategic planning, management, coordination and service delivery of the state-wide breast cancer screening program.</p> <p>BreastScreen WA provides free mammograms to asymptomatic women over 40 years of age. The primary target group for the service is women aged 50 to 69 years.</p> <p>Services are provided at eight metropolitan clinics and by four mobile screening vans that visit outer metropolitan areas and country towns every two years.</p> | <p>Funding for cancer screening services is provided through state funds and the joint State/Australian Government Public Health Outcomes Funding Agreement (PHOFA).</p> | <p>Annual data reporting to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for BreastScreen Australia, six monthly to WA Department of Health and regular published statistical reports.</p> |

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| <b>Aboriginal Health</b><br>Primary Health Services | A range of primary health care services and programs are provided using a multidisciplinary approach in community settings focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Aboriginal health teams provide a strong linkage point with other mainstream providers for an integrated approach.   | Funding is provided directly to individual Aboriginal Health Service providers by means of a Service Level Agreement with the Department of Health WA. | Regular reporting is required. Financial reporting each quarter and activity reporting twice per year. Various output measures are specified. |
| Environmental Health                                | Support the provision of comprehensive environmental health programs for Indigenous people in WA.  | Funding is provided directly to individual Aboriginal Health Service providers by means of a Service Level Agreement with the Department of Health WA. | Regular reporting is required. Financial reporting each quarter and activity reporting twice per year. Various output measures are specified. |
| Health Promotion                                    | Provision of health promotion initiatives that include community wide education and community development activities.  | Funding is provided directly to individual Aboriginal Health Service providers by means of a Service Level Agreement with the Department of Health WA. | Regular reporting is required. Financial reporting each quarter and activity reporting twice per year. Various output measures are specified. |
| Social and Emotional Wellbeing                      | Provide and refer to social and emotional well being services, including culturally secure information, support and advice services to Aboriginal communities, particularly those affected by family trauma, grief and loss, mental health problems, and those at risk of self harm, particularly youth. | Funding is provided directly to individual Aboriginal Health Service providers by means of a Service Level Agreement with the Department of Health WA. | Regular reporting is required. Financial reporting each quarter and activity reporting twice per year. Various output measures are specified. |

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| Aboriginal Scholarship Scheme   | The scholarship scheme promotes and fosters the development of Aboriginal people undertaking health education training.  | Funding is provided to individual recipients by the Office of Aboriginal Health, Health Department WA   | Evidence of academic achievement.   |
| Australian Better Health Initiative for the delivery of Indigenous healthy lifestyles | The delivery of various programs and activities that target the prevention and reduction of chronic disease conditions in the Aboriginal community.  | Funding is provided direct to individual Aboriginal Health Service Providers by means of a Service Level Agreement. The original source of funding is the Council of Australian Governments.  | Regular reporting is required. Financial reporting each quarter and activity reporting twice per year. Various output measures are specified.   |
| <b>Alcohol and other drug services</b>  |  |   |   |
| Alcohol and Other drug Services   | Include a range of activities: prevention and early intervention; community based education programs and prevention campaigns and support for regional prevention networks. Treatment includes outpatient and inpatient withdrawal, assessment and counselling, rehabilitation, community based pharmacotherapy and supported accommodation. Treatment is also provided for people engaged in a range of diversion programs. Workforce development initiatives include education and training for a range of human service professionals in health, justice, child protection, community services and for specialist alcohol and drug workers. Clinical placements are also available. Indigenous workforce development includes nationally recognised certificate III programs for Aboriginal alcohol and drug workers. | Funding to the Drug and Alcohol Office (DAO) is allocated through WA Department of Health and funds are allocated within DAO to three main service delivery areas: direct government treatment services; prevention and workforce development; and non-government funded service providers. | DAO reports financial, performance indicator and information on activity and outcomes related to state government goals as a statutory authority, the Western Australian Drug and Alcohol Authority, in its Annual Report to Parliament. Performance reporting at state level is through the treasury budget statements and this is through WA Health as a service. At a national level, performance reporting is provided against Public Health Outcomes Funding Agreement and the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy (through the Department of Health and Ageing). |



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| School Drug Education | <p>DAO funds the School Drug Education and Road Aware Program (SDERA) in Western Australia to offer a comprehensive program that emphasises professional development and community action. SDERA uses a range of initiatives including the development and distribution of curriculum material to all schools in WA, teacher professional development, support to schools in developing drug education programs and guidelines, engagement of parents and communities at a local level, evaluation and monitoring of outputs and regionally based consultancy support. The program also provides materials and support to implement the National Keeping in Touch Program for management of alcohol and drug problems within schools.</p> | <p>Funding is provided by the Prevention Branch of DAO to the Catholic Education Office that oversees the administration of the School Drug Education and Road Aware program. This program operates across all school sectors (government, independent and Catholic).</p> | <p>Annual reporting to DAO as part of contract management. A DAO representative also sits on the Board of Management and receives regular financial and progress updates through this.</p> |

Source: WA Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 11A.56.

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| <i>Program</i>                       | <i>Description</i>   | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i> | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i> |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Early Childhood Development Services | Multidisciplinary interventions for children 0-4 years of age with or at risk of developmental delays. Service models are 1:1; group and supported playgroups options for families; and provided from primary health care centres. Children are prioritised according to levels of active adversity. Guardianship of the Minister and Aboriginal children are of the highest priority. | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |
| Universal Home Visiting Program      | An initial contact made by a child and family health nurse, often in the home, to all families following the birth of a baby where the goal is to promote optimal development through early access to child health services, parenting information and support pathways for families.  | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |
| Family Home Visiting Program         | A two year nurse home visiting service comprising of up to 34 visits. The aim of the program is to ensure that children are provided with a foundation to develop to the best of their potential.  | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |
| Newborn Hearing Screening Program    | Aim of the program is to screen all babies born in South Australia for significant hearing loss. Once diagnosed, the infant can be assessed for various treatments and interventions that will enable appropriate cognitive development.   | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |

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| <i>Program</i>                  | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i> | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Pregnancy to Parenting Programs | Offers support and education to families in the early pregnancy to early parenting period. Families are particularly targeted where there are vulnerable infant risk factors. One to one counselling and support particularly in relation to antenatal care, emotional well-being, psycho social issues, early parenting and child development. Services/activities provided include: antenatal education classes; postnatal reunion; young and pregnant; birth & babies; breastfeeding education; and postnatal support group. | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting  |
| Vaccinations Program            | Vaccinations offered as part of the National Immunisation Program for infants aged from 2 months to 4 years, except the 12 month vaccination which is referred to the general practitioner. Vaccinations are mostly offered at health check ages.   | Australian and State Government funding                        | Immunisation providers enter data onto the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register as registered providers. |
| Early Intervention Program      | Early childhood intervention consultants work within their local community to assist parents access support services for their children 0–8 yrs with a disability and/or developmental delay.   | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting  |

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|---|--|---|---|
| Child Development Program                                     | Specialist paediatricians and allied health staff assess children in community and country locations with specific behavioural and cognitive issues which are impacting on the child's development. Referrals are made to appropriate specialists.                 | Recurrent State Government funding  | Monthly activity and financial data reporting   |
| Paediatric Rehabilitation Program                             | Provides paediatricians and rehabilitation specialists to community clinics to provide specialist medical assessment and intervention.   | Recurrent State Government funding  | Monthly activity and financial data reporting   |
| Parents of Children with Disabilities Support Group – My Time | Providing parent support groups in South Australia for parents of children with disabilities. These support groups are held in local community venues.   | Australian Government funding provided to a non-government organisation.        | Reporting form the non-government organisation back to the Australian Government.                     |
| Youth Primary Health Care Services                            | Primary health care and sexual health services for youth are provided through community health services across country areas. Community health workers work in partnership with Youth Advisory Committees through Local Councils to meet the needs of rural youth. | Recurrent State Government funding  | Monthly activity and financial data reporting   |
| Headspace   | Mental health counselling program for young people.  | Australian Government funding provided to a local Division of General Practice. | Division of General Practice reports activity and financial data direct to the Australian Government. |

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| Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services | Via a network of community based teams provides mental health services to children and young people up to 18 years and their families who are experiencing emotional, behavioural or psychiatric problems. This includes: a therapeutic service; child and family specialists (e.g., clinical psychologists, psychiatrists and social workers); individual or family counselling; and information, training and consultation to general practitioners, schools and other agencies. | Recurrent State Government funding                      | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |
| The Second Story Youth Health Service       | Provides primary health services to young people aged 12–25 years from key population groups, including ATSI; young people under Guardianship of the Minister, in care, or involved in the justice system; young parents; newly arrived; at risk of harm, same-sex attracted, or risk of developing chronic disease. Services include health information, assessment and referral, medical and nursing clinics, counselling and group programs, and funded projects.               | Recurrent State Government funding                      | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |
| Sexual Health Services                      | Services include sexual health information, assessment and referral, testing, and treatment which are provided in clinic, group and counselling settings.  | Recurrent State Government funding                      | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |

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| Sexuality - Inside Out Program         | Assessment, referral, counselling, group programs, drop-in program and health information for young same-sex attracted men 16–25 years.   | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |
| Men's Primary Health Care Services     | A range of primary health care services and programs provided by multidisciplinary teams from community settings that are aimed at prevention, early intervention and community capacity building to protect the health and wellbeing of the community.   | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |
| Northern Violence Intervention Program | Provision of services for men, women and children focussing on stopping men's use of violence and maximising safety of women and children.  | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |
| Men's Health Project                   | Has a dedicated position for men's health to facilitate the development and improvement of men's health in country areas in line with Government Directions and best practice principles. The project officer provides leadership in assisting the translation of Men's Health Strategic Framework into practice, and facilitating and encouraging collaboration between internal and external service providers. A SA Rural Men's Health Alliance is established to progress men's health issues in South Australia. | One year State Government funding                              | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |

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| Women's Primary Health Care Services | A range of primary health care services and programs for women. Services include: health education/promotion; sexual health clinics; domestic violence counselling; and adult survivors of sexual assault. Services provided by multidisciplinary teams from community settings that are aimed at prevention, early intervention and community capacity building to protect the health and wellbeing of the community. A number of specific women's health centres in the metropolitan area. | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |
| Community Midwifery Program          | Provision of antenatal, birthing (including home births) and postnatal services to vulnerable women in the northern Adelaide region.   | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |
| Maternal Health Program              | Community health and primary health care programs for maternal health are provided through community health services to meet the needs relating to maternal issues. Anangu Bibi birthing initiative is provided from Pt Augusta. Country Health SA has established a Maternity Services Steering Committee with the intention of determining the most appropriate models of maternity service provision for country hospitals and health services.   | Australian and State Government funding                        | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |

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| <i>Program</i>                          | <i>Description</i>   | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i> | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>   |
|---|--|--|---|
| Women's Health Statewide Service        | Focuses on mental health and violence. This includes referral; counselling in the areas of anxiety and depression related to interpersonal trauma; disordered eating; a medical clinic for newly arrived women; health information and resource development; workforce development for SA; projects including specific Aboriginal Women's health project. Key populations include ATSI, CALD and rural and remote. | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting   |
| HIV Positive Women's Project            | Support to HIV positive and affected women via Women's Health Statewide Service.   | Three year State Government funding                            | Monthly activity and financial data reporting   |
| Female Genital Mutilation Project       | Community development project targeting newly arrived communities from affected countries.   | Three year State Government funding                            | Monthly activity and financial data reporting   |
| BreastScreen SA                         | Provides breast cancer screening for women over the age of 40 years with the primary target age group being women aged 50 to 69 through screening mammography. Services are provided across six fixed clinics and three mobile units.  | Recurrent Australian and State Government funding              | Monthly activity and financial data reporting to State Government, and annual reporting to BreastScreen Australia |
| Indigenous Primary Health Care Services | A range of primary health care services and programs provided by multidisciplinary teams from community settings that are aimed at prevention, early intervention and community capacity building to protect the health and wellbeing of the community.  | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting   |



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Programs funded by the SA Government during 2007-08

| Program                                       | Description   | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context                           | Reporting associated with the programs  |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kinship Program                               | Strengthening families initiative that holistically focuses on reducing the complexities and impacts of illicit drug use for Aboriginal families in metropolitan Adelaide.  | Recurrent Australian and State Government funding reviewed every two years.       | Reporting requirements as per the National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders, and SA Health's Monthly activity and financial data reporting. |
| Aboriginal Primary Health Care Access Program | A range of primary and secondary health care services (including: transport; parenting programs; clinical services; and child health checks) provided through general practice and allied health teams.   | Recurrent Australian Government funding provided to a non-government organisation | Quarterly activity and financial data reporting to non-government organisation  |
| Healthy for Life Program                      | Services provided Includes chronic disease, and child and maternal health programs for Aboriginal people.   | Recurrent Australian Government funding provided to a non-government organisation | Quarterly activity and financial data reporting to non-government organisation  |
| Indigenous Health Services                    | Indigenous health services are provided across country areas and are managed through community health or community controlled Aboriginal Health Services. Programs have been implemented in line with the National Framework for Improving the Health and Well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, the SA Aboriginal Health Policy 2007 and Cultural Respect Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. | Recurrent Australian and State Government funding                                 | Reporting requirements as per the National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders, and SA Health's Monthly activity and financial data reporting. |
| Community Nursing Services                    | A range of community nursing services are provided across country areas via home care nursing, palliative care and domiciliary care services.   | Recurrent Australian Government funding   | Monthly activity and financial data reporting   |

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Programs funded by the SA Government during 2007-08

| <i>Program</i>                                 | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i> | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i> |                                     |
|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| School Dental Service                          | Regular preventively focused general dental care for pre-school aged, primary and secondary school children under 18 years of age.  | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and reporting                | Monthly activity and financial data |
| Community Dental Service                       | Emergency and general dental care (including dentures) for adult holders of a concession card and their dependents in public dental clinics and contracted through private providers. | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and reporting                | Monthly activity and financial data |
| Specialist Dental Service                      | Specialist dental services for concession card holders provided in association with students of the University of Adelaide.   | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and reporting                | Monthly activity and financial data |
| Population Oral Health Program                 | Development and implementation of a Lift the Lip referral tool for general practitioners, nurses and childcare workers.   | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and reporting                | Monthly activity and financial data |
| Aged Care Oral Health Projects                 | Various projects to improve the oral health of certain aged care populations, both in residential care and community living.  | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and reporting                | Monthly activity and financial data |
| Aboriginal Dental Liaison Project              | A program to increase attendance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in mainstream dental services.   | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and reporting                | Monthly activity and financial data |
| Oral Health Care for People with Special Needs | Identification and referral to dental services of people living in Supported Residential Facilities.  | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and reporting                | Monthly activity and financial data |

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*Programs funded by the SA Government during 2007-08*

| Program                                  | Description  | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context | Reporting associated with the programs               |
|--|--|---|--|
| Health Call Centre - <i>healthdirect</i> | <p>Provides health advice and information to all South Australians via a free call service, available 24 hours a day, seven days per week, from everywhere in South Australia. Experienced, specially trained Registered Nurses provide triage; information; and advice. Nurses use a computerised decision support system that is based on clinical guidelines to advise callers on the best action to take, and when to take it. Callers are also able to find out about their local health services.</p>        | <p>Australian and State Government funding</p>          | <p>Monthly activity and financial data reporting</p> |
| SA Ambulance Service                     | <p>South Australia has a total of 107 stations state wide which are staffed by both full-time paramedics and a network of volunteers. The services provided include: 000 emergency ambulances and paramedics; patient transport services to attend to non-emergency cases; education and training for salaried and voluntary staff; and community education (e.g. care on the roads/ambulance perspective, what to do at a vehicle crash, seizures, snake bites, CPR, asthma, hot weather, cold weather, etc).</p> | <p>Recurrent State Government funding</p>               | <p>Monthly activity and financial data reporting</p> |

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Programs funded by the SA Government during 2007-08

| Program   | Description  | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context | Reporting associated with the programs         |
|---|--|---|--|
| Allied Health Services  | A range of allied health services (including: speech pathology; occupational therapy; physiotherapy; social work; dietetic/nutrition; and podiatry) provided through primary health care centres including individual therapy, health information, education, group work and advocacy.   | Recurrent State Government funding                      | Monthly activity and financial data reporting. |
| Alcohol and Drug Information Service                              | This service is a 24-hour telephone information, counselling, and referral service for the general public, concerned family and friends, students and health professionals.  | Recurrent State Government funding                      | Quarterly and annual client activity reports   |
| Service Centres for people with Alcohol and Drug related problems | Four metropolitan clinics and a number of locations across country South Australia provide free, confidential service, including: counselling, assessment and referral for people from any age group with alcohol and other drug related problems; counselling and support for family members and friends; specific services for Aboriginal and young people; and consultation, education and training for other professionals on alcohol and other drug issues. | Recurrent State Government funding                      | Monthly activity and financial data reporting  |

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*Programs funded by the SA Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>                                 | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i> | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>                                      |
|--|---|--|--|
| The Woolshed                                   | The Woolshed, is a therapeutic community for men and women aged 16 years or over with significant alcohol and/or other drug-related problems. The community operates as a drug-free environment and assists residents to develop living, work and interpersonal skills through a highly structured program involving group and individual counselling sessions, education, craft and recreation activities. | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting                                      |
| Clean Needle Program                           | This program is an important public health initiative aimed at reducing the spread of blood borne viruses, including Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV. Access to sterile injecting equipment through this program is vital to reduce the spread of blood borne viruses amongst injecting drug users and to reduce the risk of blood borne virus transmission to the broader community.                      | Recurrent Australian and State Government funding              | Twelve monthly activity and financial data reporting to the Australian Government. |
| Aboriginal Substance Misuse Connection Program | This program is a dedicated alcohol and drug treatment service for Aboriginal people within the inner city of Adelaide with a focus on those who are homeless and have complex needs.   | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Six monthly activity and financial data reporting                                  |

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*Programs funded by the SA Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>                                 | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i> | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>  |
|--|---|--|--|
| APY Lands Facility and Mobile Outreach Program | The facility provides a range of treatment and rehabilitation services for people on the APY Lands who are experiencing problems caused by substance misuse. Services aim to combat dependence and assist people to reintegrate into their communities.   | Recurrent Australian and State Government funding              | Quarterly activity and financial data reporting                                      |
| Police Drug Diversion Initiative               | This initiative provides for people apprehended by police for minor drug offences to be diverted from the criminal justice system into education, assessment and treatment.   | Annual Australian Government funding                           | Quarterly client activity and annual financial reports to the Australian Government. |
| City Watch House Nursing Program               | The aim of this service is to: ensure assessment, treatment and referral of people held in police custody at the City Watch House; encourage people detained at the City Watch House to seek treatment by capitalising on the reality that they have entered into the criminal justice system as a result of being apprehended for substance abuse issues and/or mental health/ behavioural problems; and reduce the risk of further offending by enabling people apprehended to link to appropriate mental health and community services prior to their release from the City Watch House. | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting  |

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| <i>Program</i>  | <i>Description</i>   | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>              | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>  |
|---|--|---|--|
| Court Assessment and Referral Drug Scheme (CARDS) and Youth Court | Involves the referral of defendants appearing before a Magistrates Court or Youth Court, whose offending may be drug-related, into drug assessment and treatment. Individuals accepted on to the scheme are required to attend a minimum of four treatment sessions over a three month period. | Annual Australian Government funding  | Annual activity and financial data reporting to Australian Government.                                       |
| Tobacco Program   | Tobacco Control Unit coordinates a range of tobacco control initiatives and community based programs such as Quit SA and the Tobacco Control Research and Evaluation Program.  | Recurrent State Government funding  | Monthly activity and financial data reporting  |
| The Good Sports Program   | The program works with community sporting clubs to assist them to manage alcohol responsibly in their venues. The program challenges community and club culture around excessive alcohol consumption, underage drinking and drink driving.   | Recurrent State Government funding and grant from Motor Accident Commission | Activity and financial reports to State Government, Australian Drug Foundation and Motor Accident Commission |
| Driver Assessment Clinic  | The clinic assesses drivers for alcohol and/or other drug dependency who have been referred by the Courts Administration Authority and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.  | Recurrent State Government funding  | Annual attendance / non-attendance reports to Courts Administration Authority                                |

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| <i>Program</i>         | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i> | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i> |
|------------------------|---|--|---|
| Sexual Health Services | A large non-government organisation receives Government funding towards providing a broad range of sexual and reproductive health services for and with the South Australian community within a Primary / Public Health Framework. This organisation provides comprehensive and confidential sexual health care including: contraceptive advice, supply and prescription; gynaecological issues; sexual health assessment; safer sex information; sexually transmitted infection checks and treatment; sexual relationship problems; women's health, including Pap smears, breast checks and menstrual issues; pregnancy testing, ECP supply; unplanned pregnancy options and counselling; fertility issues; and abuse and violence issues. | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |
| Home Nursing Service   | A large non-government organisation receives Government funding towards providing a 24 hour, seven day nursing services to people in their homes or residential care facilities. The services provided include: post acute care; palliative care and bereavement support; wound care; medication management; continence management; cystic fibrosis care; and stomal therapy. A 24 hour telephone based advice, information and support service is also provided to clients.  | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |



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| <i>Program</i>                    | <i>Description</i>   | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i> | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i> |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Metro Home Link                   | This service provides flexible packages of care to clients in metropolitan area in their place of residence (this includes residential care facilities). There are two types of care packages: home supported discharge; and hospital avoidance. Examples of services provided include: showering and personal care; transportation; medication management/supervision; client observation in their own home; and linkages to ongoing longer term services, allied health; acute wound care, general practitioner home visits, physiotherapy, intravenous therapy, tracheostomy care and PEG care. | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |
| Transitional Care Program         | Provision of residential and community based care packages to assist older people with the transition from an acute service episode back to home.  | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |
| Chronic Disease Community Program | This program aims to improve the quality of life for people living with chronic diseases. It provides targeted and tailored care packages with self management support to assist people to better manage their health and well being, and integrated management plans are developed for all participants. The program has a demonstrated impact on decreasing acute exacerbations of the chronic illness and a reduction in episodes of unplanned hospitalisation.   | Recurrent State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |

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*Programs funded by the SA Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>  | <i>Description</i>   | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i> | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>                   |
|---|--|--|---|
| GP Plus Practice Nurse initiative                             | <p>Funding has been provided for a four year period to employ up to 50 practice nurses per year in general practices across the metropolitan area. These practice nurses are placed for a period of three to five months with the participating general practices. This initiative aims to: reduce workforce pressure on general practice in areas of high demand or areas with significantly high rates of chronic disease; to support general practitioners in the improved management of chronic conditions from early detection to complex co-morbidities; and to complement the role of the general practitioner by providing a variety of services, ranging from clinical care and service coordination, to maintaining good health through screening, health promotion and education for individuals and the community.</p> | Four year State Government funding                             | Monthly activity and financial data reporting                   |
| Supported Residential Facilities (SRFs) Allied Health Program | <p>Provision of allied health and nursing services to residents in SRFs who have complex health needs including disability, mental health and chronic conditions.</p>  | Annual State Government funding                                | Quarterly activity data reporting and yearly funding acquittal. |

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Programs funded by the SA Government during 2007-08

| Program                      | Description   | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context | Reporting associated with the programs        |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Do It For Life Program       | This program is a lifestyle modification program aimed at high risk adults with SNAPS risk factors (Smoking, Nutrition, Alcohol, Physical Inactivity and Stress). Eligible clients are from vulnerable and disadvantaged populations who are assessed at risk of developing chronic disease.  | Recurrent State Government funding                      | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |
| Day Rehabilitation           | Provision of a multidisciplinary allied health and rehabilitation service for people in the community on discharge from hospital.   | Recurrent State Government funding                      | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |
| New Arrival Refugees Program | Specialist services providing a range of early intervention, prevention and community capacity building initiatives to improve access to health services for new arrival refugees. Services provided by multi-disciplinary teams from specialist service and other primary health care centres. Services include: medical and nursing clinics; health information/education; immunisation; counselling; and capacity building for other health providers. | Recurrent State Government funding                      | Monthly activity and financial data reporting |

Source: SA Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 11A.57.

Table 11A.21

**Table 11A.21 Tasmania, community health services programs**

*Programs funded by the Tasmanian Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i> | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>  | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>   |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| Primary Health | <p>Primary Health brings together a wide range of community and rural health services to meet the needs of both individuals and local communities. Services vary from site to site based on community need and accessibility to similar services provided by government or a non-government provider. The size of sites also varies: small sites provide a limited range of services generally based around community nursing. CommunityHealth Centres offer a broader range of services in the community, while rural hospitals (including multi-purpose services/centres) provide inpatient care and, at a number of locations, residential aged care services. Rural hospitals (including multi-purpose services/centres) also provide community health services as part of the service mix.</p> | <p>The service is provided in accordance with the Tasmanian Government's Output Budgeting framework. Services are funded through identified outputs within the DHHS budget.</p> | <p>Performance Information is collected and reported at the state level through Budget Papers and Annual Report. As required performance reporting is provided nationally through National Minimum Data Sets, Report On Government Services, Tasmania Together, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australian Health Care Agreement, Public Health Outcome Funding Agreement and Australian Council of Healthcare Standards.</p> |

Table 11A.21

### Table 11A.21 Tasmania, community health services programs

Programs funded by the Tasmanian Government during 2007-08

| Program                    | Description  | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context | Reporting associated with the programs |
|----------------------------|--|---|--|
| Primary Health (continued) | <p>Specifically, the Tasmanian Government funds or contributes significantly to the funding of the following program areas: Rural inpatient facilities; Accident and Emergency and Ambulance Services (limited sites); Community Health Centres; Community Nursing; Day Centres; Palliative Care (community and inpatient); Aged Care Assessment Program; Continence Services; Allied Health Domiciliary and Community Care; Community Rehabilitation Unit (south only); Orthotics and Prosthetics Service; Community Equipment Scheme, Spinal Account and Continence Aids; Community Options Case Management services; Youth Health; Health Promotion; Community Recovery Coordination; General Practice.</p> |   |  |
|                            | <p>The Tasmanian Government oversees and delivers the following program areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi-purpose Services/Centres</li> <li>Residential Aged Care</li> <li>Community Aged care Packages</li> <li>Rural Health Services               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Health services</li> <li>More Allied Health Services Program</li> <li>Medical Specialist Outreach Program</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |   |  |

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**Table 11A.21 Tasmania, community health services programs**

*Programs funded by the Tasmanian Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>                   | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>   | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>   |
|----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Oral Health Services             | Oral Health Services provides emergency, general dental care, and dentures to eligible adults (holders of a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card). Services are also provided to all children up to, but not including the age of 18. Oral Health Services also engages in health promotion and prevention activities to promote oral health on a population basis. | The service is provided in accordance with the Tasmanian Government's Output Budgeting framework. Services are funded through identified outputs within the DHHS budget. | Performance Information is collected and reported at the state level through Budget Papers, the Annual Report, and Tasmania Together. Performance reporting is also provided nationally through the Report On Government Services, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (via the Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health), and to the Australian Health Ministers' Conference via the National Oral Health Plan Monitoring Group. |
| Population and Health Priorities | Population and Health Priorities focuses on population groups (including Indigenous health and women's and men's health) and implements programs aimed at preventing or reducing risk factors that lead to chronic conditions.  | The service is provided in accordance with the Tasmanian Government's Output Budgeting framework. Services are funded through identified outputs within the DHHS budget. | Performance Information is collected and reported at the state level through Budget Papers and Annual Report. As required performance reporting is provided nationally through National Minimum Data Sets, Report On Government Services, Tasmania Together, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australian Health Care Agreement, Public Health Outcome Funding Agreement and Australian Council of Healthcare Standards.                        |

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**Table 11A.21 Tasmania, community health services programs**

*Programs funded by the Tasmanian Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>                           | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>   | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>  |
|--|---|--|--|
| Alcohol and Drug Services                | Alcohol and Drug Services, which provides a range of specialist alcohol and other drug interventions and treatments at both individual and population levels.   | The service is provided in accordance with the Tasmanian Government's Output Budgeting framework. Services are funded through identified outputs within the DHHS budget. | Performance Information is collected and reported at the state level through Budget Papers and Annual Report. As required performance reporting is provided nationally through National Minimum Data Sets, Report On Government Services, Tasmania Together, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australian Health Care Agreement, Public Health Outcome Funding Agreement and Australian Council of Healthcare Standards. |
| Public and Environmental Health Services | Public and Environmental Health Services monitors the health of the Tasmanian population, and implements programs to protect and promote health.  | The service is provided in accordance with the Tasmanian Government's Output Budgeting framework. Services are funded through identified outputs within the DHHS budget. | As for Alcohol and Drug Services   |
| Children and Family Services             | Children and Family Services provides services for child protection, child health and parenting, psychological support and therapeutic services, family violence counselling and support, the community support program, which funds services provided by community sector organisations, and gambling support. | The service is provided in accordance with the Tasmanian Government's Output Budgeting framework. Services are funded through identified outputs within the DHHS budget. | As for Alcohol and Drug Services   |

Source: Tasmanian Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 11A.58.

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### Table 11A.22 Australian Capital Territory, community health services programs

Programs funded by the ACT Government during 2007-08

| <i>Program</i>                          | <i>Description</i>   | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i> | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>            |
|---|--|--|--|
| Alcohol and Drug Program                | Provides consultation and liaison services in the acute sector. Liaison and clinical advice to other health professionals. Services to women on the program who are pregnant or have babies. Education and information to community groups and organisations   | Through a designated budget                                    | Monthly/Annual reports against output targets and budget |
| Corrections Health                      | Coordinates clinical service to adult remand and youth detention services. Policy advice to ACT Health on Corrections issues. Involvement in development of health service to ACT prison   | Through a designated budget                                    | Monthly/Annual reports against output targets and budget |
| Child, Youth and Women's Health Program | Child health checks and child health medical assessment, parenting education and support, childhood immunisation, audiometry and orthoptic screening, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, social work and psychology services , women's health service including cervical screening and counselling for women affected by violence, Child at Risk Health Unit, health care interpreting (Migrant Health Unit) | Through a designated budget                                    | Monthly/Annual reports against output targets and budget |



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### Table 11A.22 Australian Capital Territory, community health services programs

Programs funded by the ACT Government during 2007-08

| <i>Program</i>          | <i>Description</i>   | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i> | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>            |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| Dental Health Program   | Provides adult and child and youth dental services to eligible clients, oral health promotion activities, oral health information and advice, assessments and restorative dental treatment, oral surgery under general anaesthetic, dentures and dental appliances, oral hygiene and dental emergency services | Through a designated budget                                    | Monthly/Annual reports against output targets and budget |
| Continuing Care Program | Provides multidisciplinary continuum of care services (nursing, podiatry, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, nutrition and social work), acute, post acute and rapid response services, and specialist nursing assessments   | Through a designated budget                                    | Monthly/Annual reports against output targets and budget |
| Acute Support Program   | Allied health and multidisciplinary diabetes services in the acute and community based settings - nutrition, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, psychology, social work and speech pathology; diabetes (primary and tertiary level programs)   | Through a designated budget                                    | Monthly/Annual reports against output targets and budget |

Source: ACT Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 11A.59.

## Table 11A.60 Northern Territory, community health services programs

Programs funded by the NT Government during 2007-08

| Program                              | Description  | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context   | Reporting associated with the programs   |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Remote Health                        | <p>Primary health care (PHC) services are delivered to the remote population of the Northern Territory through a network of 53 Remote Health Centres. Core PHC services include 24-hour emergency services, primary clinical care, population health programs, access to retrieval services, medical and allied health specialist services, and provision of essential medications.</p>  | <p>These services are funded through an identified program within the NT Department of Health and Families budget. Additionally, Federal funding for a number of programs is provided through DoHA.</p>   | <p>Performance targets against key functions of Community Health and Public Health Services. Financial reports are published in Department of Health and Families Annual Report. The Department of Health and Families has been working for some time the Australian Government Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health in the development of core primary health care indicators that will be collected by Government and non-Government remote primary health care providers across the NT.</p> |
| Maternal/Child/Youth Health Services | <p>Child and Family Health Nursing Services are provided through the Urban Community Health Branch. The aim of the service is to work in partnership with and support families to nurture the health and wellbeing of their children. This is achieved through provision of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• universal home visits for all new babies</li> <li>• key health and development assessments</li> <li>• parenting support and education through individual contact and groups such as Territory Parents Support and Sleep and Settling groups</li> <li>• childhood immunisations.</li> </ul> | <p>These services are funded through an identified program within the NT Department of Health and Families budget. Additionally, Federal funding is provided for family planning services through the Public Health Outcomes Funding Agreement (PHOFA).</p> | <p>Performance targets against key functions of Community Health and Public Health Services. Financial reports are published in Department of Health and Families Annual Report. Additionally the Community Health Branch reports against the Palmerston Regional Plan.</p>  |

**Table 11A.60 Northern Territory, community health services programs**

*Programs funded by the NT Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>                       | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>  | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Oral Health Services                 | Oral Health Services provides oral health promotion, screening and treatment to all children up to school-leaving age. Services to eligible adults are provided from remote community health centres and town-based clinics.  | These services are funded through an identified program within the NT Department of Health and Families budget. | Performance targets against key functions of Community Health and Public Health Services. Financial reports are published in Department of Health and Families Annual Report.           |
| Preventable Chronic Disease Services | Preventable Chronic Disease Services provides policy and professional advice and support to health professionals in both government and non-government services across the NT. This involves providing direction about early detection and management of chronic diseases, including the development of clinical guidelines, health systems, registers and recall systems, and quality improvement processes. The program also provides direction and support for primary prevention and health promotion for chronic disease risk factors. | These services are funded through an identified program within the NT Department of Health and Families budget. | Performance targets against key functions of Community Health and Public Health Services. Financial reports are published in Department of Health and Community Services Annual Report. |

**Table 11A.60 Northern Territory, community health services programs**

*Programs funded by the NT Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>   | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>  | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>   |
|--|---|---|---|
| Public Health Nutrition and Physical Activity services | Public health nutritionists provide training and support to primary health care teams to assist in the promotion of good nutrition to the community and in management of people with nutrition related conditions. In the urban areas, they offer individual and group consultations through community care centres. They also work with people outside the health sector to promote improved nutrition and better food supply, for example remote community stores.  | These services are funded through an identified program within the NT Department of Health and Community Services budget. | Performance targets against key functions of Community Health and Public Health Services. Financial reports are published in Department of Health and Community Services Annual Report.   |
| Health Promotion Strategy Unit                         | The Health Promotion Strategy Unit (HPSU) is tasked with strengthening the capacity for effective health promotion across the Department of Health and Families (DHF). This involves facilitating a uniform understanding of health promotion across the DHF; reducing divisions between program areas by providing strategic and policy support to key staff; and a renewed commitment to the planning and development of a sustainable health promotion workforce through greater investment into research, evaluation, education and training. | These services are funded through an identified strategic unit within the NT Department of Health and Families budget.    | Regular reporting against the 2008-2009 HPSU Business Plan. Performance targets against key functions of Community Health and Public Health Services. Financial reports are published in the Department of Health and Families Annual Report. |

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*Programs funded by the NT Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>               | <i>Description</i>   | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>   | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>  |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Women's Health Strategy Unit | <p>The Women's Health Strategy Unit (WHSU) develops strategic directions in partnership with government and community stakeholders. Ongoing focus in the past year has included implementation of the Department's Domestic and Family Violence Policy; recruitment of a Coordinator for the Women's Information Centre in Alice Springs; greater collaboration with Office of Women's Policy (OWP) regarding common work in the NT Women's Policy Framework, particularly with OWP moving to the Department; collaboration with OWP and the Health Promotion Strategy Unit regarding gender equity measures in line with the development of national men's and women's health policies.</p> | <p>These services are funded through an identified program within the NT Department of Health and Community Services budget.</p> | <p>Performance targets against key functions of Community Health and Public Health Services. Financial reports are published in Department of Health and Community Services Annual Report.</p> |

### Table 11A.60 Northern Territory, community health services programs

Programs funded by the NT Government during 2007-08

| Program                         | Description  | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context  | Reporting associated with the programs  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Urban Community Health Services | <p>The Community Health Branch provides services in mainly urban centres throughout the NT, including Darwin, Nhulunbuy, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. Services include Child Youth and Family Health Services, Community and Primary Care Services (including social work, palliative care, specialist nursing services and a community resource team), Hearing Services, School Health Services and Home Birth Services (Darwin and Alice Springs).</p> <p>All services provided by the Community Health Branch are accredited and the Branch is implementing a continuous improvement process through the development and implementation of new service models for Child and Family Health Services, Community and Primary Care and School Health Services. The Branch participates in regional and national primary health care reforms and seeks to improve access and equity to services for urban communities.</p> <p>The Branch also funds a number of non-government organisations to provide services to achieve outcomes within the areas of Child and Family Health, and Community and Primary Care.</p> | <p>These services are funded through an identified program within the NT Department of Health and Families budget. Additionally, Federal funding is provided for HACC services delivered through the Specialist Nursing program.</p> | <p>Performance targets against key functions of Community Health and Public Health Services. Financial reports are published in Department of Health and Families Annual Report. Additionally the Community Health Branch reports against the Palmerston Regional Plan.</p> |

**Table 11A.60 Northern Territory, community health services programs**

*Programs funded by the NT Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>         | <i>Description</i>  | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>  | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>  |
|------------------------|---|---|--|
| School Health Services | <p>The aim of the school health service is to ensure school aged youth engage in their health and wellbeing to make informed choices that promote optimal future health and life outcomes.</p> <p>Health Promoting School Nurses support delivery of health education in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• smoking, alcohol and other drugs</li> <li>• nutrition</li> <li>• physical activity</li> <li>• health and well being</li> <li>• sexual health.</li> </ul> <p>They work with the school community to plan, develop, implement and evaluate school identified health promoting programs, policies and strategies.</p> | <p>These services are funded through an identified program within the NT Department of Health and Families budget.</p>  | <p>Performance targets against key functions of Community Health and Public Health Services. Financial reports are published in Department of Health and Families Annual Report.</p> |
| Hearing Services       | <p>Hearing services are provided in urban centres and remote communities and cover comprehensive diagnostic audiological and audiometric services, liaison with and education of other health professionals on management of hearing loss, and education of parents and teachers.</p>   | <p>These services are funded through an identified program within the NT Department of Health and Families budget. Additionally, Federal funding is provided for hearing services through OATSIH.</p> | <p>Performance targets against key functions of Community Health and Public Health Services. Financial reports are published in Department of Health and Families Annual Report.</p> |

### Table 11A.60 Northern Territory, community health services programs

Programs funded by the NT Government during 2007-08

| Program  | Description   | How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context   | Reporting associated with the programs  |
|--|---|---|---|
| Well Women's Cancer Screening  | <p>Well Women's Cancer Screening (WWCS) incorporates two national programs both of which aim to detect cancers at an early stage to prevent mortality and morbidity:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BreastScreen NT, which is a free breast x-ray screening program targeted at women with no breast symptoms aged 50 to 69 years. Clinics are provided in Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Darwin, Palmerston and Nhulunbuy.</li> <li>2. The NT Cervical Screening Program encourages women between the ages of 20 and 69 who have been sexually active to have a pap smear every two years. The NT Pap Smear Register is a backup reminder system, sending women and their doctors a letter if they are overdue for their next pap smear. Unless they choose not to be, women are automatically placed on the register when they have a pap smear. It also funds a network of women's health educators across the NT.</li> </ol> | <p>These services are funded through an identified program within the NT Department of Health and Families budget. Additionally, Federal funding is provided for family planning services through the Public Health Outcomes Funding Agreement (PHOFA).</p> | <p>Performance targets against key functions of Community Health and Public Health Services. Financial reports are published in Department of Health and Families Annual Report. Additionally the Community Health Branch reports against the Palmerston Regional Plan. WWCS prepares reports for PHOFA, National Aboriginal Health Performance Indicators, and annually the Productivity Commission, Safety Monitoring of the National Cervical Screening Guidelines, National accreditation standards, Australian Government National Public Health Expenditure Reports, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare National Monitoring report for cervical and breastscreen.</p> |
| Australian Bat Lyssavirus Pre and Post Exposure Prophylaxis (and rabies post exposure) Service | <p>CDC Darwin provides rabies vaccine for pre-exposure prophylaxis to Australian Bat Lyssavirus to persons at risk due to occupational exposure. Post-exposure rabies immunoglobulin and vaccine is administered in Darwin and regional centres. Education programs are provided to the community and to occupational groups.</p>   | <p>These services are funded through an identified program within the NT Department of Health and Families budget, with the Vaccine costs refunded by DOHA.</p>   | <p>Performance targets against key functions of Community Health and Public Health Services. Financial reports are published in Department of Health and Community Services Annual Report.</p>  |



**Table 11A.60 Northern Territory, community health services programs**

*Programs funded by the NT Government during 2007-08*

| <i>Program</i>                                | <i>Description</i>   | <i>How the programs were dealt with in a budgetary context</i>  | <i>Reporting associated with the programs</i>  |
|---|--|---|--|
| Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses Program | NT wide program aimed at prevention, treatment, surveillance and control of sexually transmitted infections and blood borne viruses such as HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C.  | The program is funded through an identified budget within the Department of Health and Community Services. Some external funding is provided via the COAG initiative and OATSIH.                                | Reporting is against the business plan of the NT Sexual Health Advisory Group and the more detailed program business plan.   |
| TB Control Unit                               | The TB Control Unit covers screening of high risk groups (contacts, refugees, prisoners, health workers, fisherpersons); monitoring and administration of directly observed treatment for active TB and leprosy; remote community visits to implement preventive and early diagnostic strategies (treatment of latent TB infection, community screening); and provision of information to the public, service providers and governments. | These services are funded through an identified program within the NT Department of Health and Families budget. Some external funding is provided via Customs and DIAC for the Illegal Foreign Fisherman (IFF). | Performance targets against key functions of Community Health and Public Health Services. Financial reports are published in Department of Health and Families Annual Report.  |
| Rheumatic Heart Disease                       | NT wide program with the aim of reducing the burden of rheumatic heart disease amongst the Indigenous population by reducing the occurrence of acute rheumatic fever. The program provides health professionals and community members with best practice support, education, resource development and supply and patient care.   | These services are funded through an identified program within the NT Department of Health and Families budget. External funding is also provided via DOHA.   | Performance measures against key functions of Community Health and Public Health Services. Financial reports are published in Department of Health and Families Annual Report. |

Source: NT Government (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 11A.60.

# 12A Health management issues — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 12.7 of the chapter of *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report). Data in this Report are examined by the Health Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat. Unsourced information was obtained from Australian, State and Territory governments.

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# Breast cancer

Table 12A.1

**Table 12A.1 Participation rates of Indigenous women screened by BreastScreen Australia (24 month period) (first and subsequent rounds) (per cent) (a), (b)**

|                       | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic (c)</i> | <i>Qld (d)</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2002–2003             |            |                |                |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Aged 40–49 years      | 14.7       | 6.0            | 30.1           | 12.5      | 8.8       | 13.7       | 6.1        | 9.0       | 16.8        |
| Aged 50–59 years      | 35.0       | 52.6           | 52.4           | 35.4      | 38.9      | 23.4       | 42.9       | 21.8      | 38.7        |
| Aged 60–69 years      | 46.2       | 48.5           | 55.6           | 48.3      | 44.6      | 40.0       | 75.0       | 20.8      | 45.1        |
| Aged 70–79 years      | 33.0       | 34.0           | 36.4           | 26.9      | 14.0      | 22.9       | –          | 15.2      | 29.1        |
| Aged 80+ years        | 9.1        | 2.4            | 3.2            | 7.0       | 1.7       | 4.0        | na         | 10.4      | 6.1         |
| Age 40+ years (ASR)   | 28.0       | 30.0           | 39.8           | 26.8      | 23.7      | 21.6       | na         | 15.6      | 28.8        |
| Age 50–69 years (ASR) | 39.4       | 50.9           | 53.6           | 40.5      | 41.2      | 29.9       | 55.5       | 21.4      | 41.2        |
| 2003–2004             |            |                |                |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Aged 40–49 years      | 12.2       | 5.5            | 28.3           | 11.4      | 6.1       | 15.1       | 4.2        | 7.9       | 15.2        |
| Aged 50–59 years      | 31.8       | 45.7           | 49.8           | 29.7      | 32.9      | 38.8       | 28.9       | 23.0      | 36.4        |
| Aged 60–69 years      | 41.9       | 44.1           | 50.0           | 42.7      | 38.7      | 37.2       | 47.8       | 22.2      | 41.2        |
| Aged 70–79 years      | 29.4       | 28.2           | 37.1           | 24.4      | 14.3      | na         | na         | 13.5      | 27.5        |
| Aged 80+ years        | 10.6       | 2.4            | 3.3            | 5.5       | 1.6       | na         | na         | 6.2       | 5.7         |
| Age 40+ years (ASR)   | 25.2       | 26.4           | 37.5           | 23.4      | 20.1      | na         | na         | 15.3      | 26.7        |
| Age 50–69 years (ASR) | 35.8       | 45.1           | 49.9           | 34.8      | 35.1      | 38.2       | 36.3       | 22.7      | 38.3        |
| 2004–2005             |            |                |                |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Aged 40–49 years      | 7.4        | 4.1            | 27.0           | 12.2      | 7.5       | 17.7       | 4.9        | 6.4       | 13.4        |
| Aged 50–59 years      | 29.9       | 35.8           | 49.1           | 26.9      | 31.3      | 36.6       | 35.2       | 22.7      | 34.5        |
| Aged 60–69 years      | 40.2       | 39.7           | 51.9           | 35.3      | 36.0      | 32.4       | 59.5       | 23.8      | 40.0        |
| Aged 70–79 years      | 16.6       | 26.0           | 36.4           | 23.2      | 13.4      | na         | na         | 10.8      | 22.5        |
| Aged 80+ years        | 7.8        | 3.7            | 5.3            | 6.6       | 2.9       | na         | na         | 2.4       | 5.5         |
| Age 40+ years (ASR)   | 20.8       | 22.2           | 37.3           | 21.5      | 19.6      | na         | na         | 14.3      | 24.7        |
| Age 50–69 years (ASR) | 33.9       | 37.3           | 50.2           | 30.2      | 33.1      | 34.9       | 44.8       | 23.2      | 36.7        |
| 2005–2006             |            |                |                |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Aged 40–49 years      | 4.9        | 3.0            | 25.8           | 12.4      | 7.3       | 17.2       | 3.7        | 5.8       | 12.2        |
| Aged 50–59 years      | 33.7       | 32.3           | 48.9           | 27.0      | 30.7      | 32.5       | 44.1       | 23.2      | 35.3        |
| Aged 60–69 years      | 46.0       | 41.6           | 51.4           | 36.2      | 32.3      | 33.9       | 60.0       | 26.5      | 42.1        |
| Aged 70–79 years      | 11.4       | 28.3           | 33.5           | 22.1      | 11.1      | 21.2       | 5.3        | 10.1      | 19.6        |
| Aged 80+ years        | 3.3        | 2.6            | 5.9            | 7.1       | 3.1       | 6.3        | 28.6       | 1.7       | 4.6         |
| Age 40+ years (ASR)   | 21.0       | 21.4           | 36.4           | 21.7      | 18.4      | 24.2       | 26.9       | 14.6      | 24.4        |
| Age 50–69 years (ASR) | 38.6       | 35.9           | 49.9           | 30.6      | 31.3      | 33.0       | 50.4       | 24.5      | 38.0        |
| 2006–2007             |            |                |                |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Aged 40–49 years      | 6.2        | 3.4            | 26.2           | 14.2      | 9.1       | 13.6       | 2.7        | 5.7       | 12.9        |
| Aged 50–59 years      | 37.3       | 29.8           | 49.3           | 29.7      | 33.0      | 30.7       | 37.1       | 26.1      | 37.1        |
| Aged 60–69 years      | 48.4       | 45.7           | 55.3           | 42.2      | 38.7      | 32.3       | 36.0       | 27.2      | 45.2        |
| Aged 70–79 years      | 14.1       | 28.8           | 36.7           | 20.8      | 12.6      | 25.7       | 10.0       | 11.6      | 21.7        |
| Aged 80+ years        | 3.9        | –              | 6.9            | 10.7      | 7.7       | na         | na         | 2.1       | 5.7         |
| Age 40+ years (ASR)   | 23.2       | 21.5           | 37.8           | 24.2      | 21.3      | na         | na         | 15.7      | 26.1        |
| Age 50–69 years (ASR) | 41.7       | 36.1           | 51.6           | 34.7      | 35.3      | 31.3       | 36.6       | 26.5      | 40.3        |

**Table 12A.1 Participation rates of Indigenous women screened by BreastScreen Australia (24 month period) (first and subsequent rounds) (per cent) (a), (b)**

|  | NSW | Vic (c) | Qld (d) | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|--|-----|---------|---------|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|
|--|-----|---------|---------|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|

ASR = age standardised rate.

- (a) The participation rate is the number of women resident in the catchment area screened in the reference period, divided by the number of women resident in the catchment area in the reference period based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) ERP data. Where service boundaries cross State localised areas, calculation of resident women is made on a proportional basis. If a woman is screened more than once during the reference period then only the first screen is counted. Catchment area: a geographic region based on service size in relation to the population, accessibility and the location of other services. It is uniquely defined for each service based on postcode or Statistical Local Area. Reference period is 24 months.
- (b) Indigenous is defined as women who have self-identified as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (c) Residents of Victorian postcodes allocated to the Albury/Wodonga catchment (NSW jurisdiction) are included in Victoria's population estimate, accounting for the slight decrease in participation rates compared to those published by BreastScreen Victoria.
- (d) For Indigenous women in Queensland, the 70–79 age category includes all women aged over 70 years.

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* State and Territory governments (unpublished), ABS (unpublished), derived from *Experimental Estimates And Projections, Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009*, Cat. no. 3238.0; 2009 Report, table 12A.10.

# Mental health

Table 12A.2

Table 12A.2 Specialised psychiatric care separations reported for Indigenous patients, Australia, 2005-06 (a), (b)

|                                    | Unit             | NSW     | Vic     | Qld     | WA      | SA      | Tas     | ACT    | NT (c) | Total (d) |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Indigenous (e)                     |                  |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |        |           |
| Separations                        | no.              | 1709    | 316     | 1 007   | 623     | 328     | 73      | 49     | 495    | 4 478     |
| Separation rate (f)                | per 1 000 people | 13.6    | 10.9    | 8.2     | 9.3     | 12.2    | np      | np     | 7.9    | 10.4      |
| Patient days                       | no.              | 30 049  | 4506    | 22 285  | 14 339  | 4 641   | 1 430.0 | 502    | 4 796  | 80 616    |
| Psychiatric care days              | no.              | 29 549  | 4502    | 22 167  | 14 288  | 4 641   | 1 430.0 | 474    | 4 760  | 79 907    |
| Average length of stay (overnight) | no.              | 18.0    | 14.5    | 22.5    | 23.3    | 15.0    | 20.1    | 10.6   | 10.3   | 18.5      |
| Non-Indigenous                     |                  |         |         |         |         |         |         |        |        |           |
| Separations                        | no.              | 36 704  | 25 380  | 25 438  | 10 976  | 9 990   | 3 505   | 1 489  | 651    | 109 139   |
| Separation rate (f)                | per 1 000 people | 5.5     | 5.0     | 6.6     | 5.6     | 6.4     | np      | np     | 4.2    | 5.7       |
| Patient days                       | no.              | 790 150 | 466 353 | 458 231 | 205 605 | 236 494 | 56 376  | 21 990 | 6 048  | 2 162 881 |
| Psychiatric care days              | no.              | 766 667 | 465 514 | 454 165 | 202 744 | 236 494 | 56 376  | 20 861 | 6 015  | 2 131 599 |
| Average length of stay (overnight) | no.              | 23.0    | 19.4    | 21.3    | 19.9    | 27.2    | 19.8    | 15.3   | 9.8    | 21.7      |
| Rate ratio (g)                     |                  | 2.5     | 2.2     | 1.2     | 1.7     | 1.9     | np      | np     | 1.9    | 1.8       |

(a) Separations for which care type was reported as Newborn with no qualified days and records for Hospital boarders and Posthumous organ procurement have been excluded. Comprises separations with and without mental health-related principal diagnoses but with specialised psychiatric care.

(b) Interpretation of differences between jurisdictions needs to be undertaken with care as they may reflect different service delivery and admission practices and/or differences in the types of establishments categorised as hospitals.

(c) Includes only public hospital separations for the NT.

(d) Separation rate data are for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT (for public hospitals only in the NT). Indigenous status data for NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT public hospitals are considered to be of acceptable quality for analytical purposes. Indigenous identification is likely to be incomplete and to vary among jurisdictions.



Table 12A.2

**Table 12A.2 Specialised psychiatric care separations reported for Indigenous patients, Australia, 2005-06 (a), (b)**

|  | Unit | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT (c) | Total (d) |
|--|------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|--------|-----------|
|--|------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|--------|-----------|

(e) Includes separations of patients identified as being either of Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin, Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin and patients identified as of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.

(f) The rates were directly aged standardised against the Australian Estimated Resident Population as at 30 June 2001.

(g) The rate ratio is equal to the separation rate for indigenous persons divided by the separation rate for non-Indigenous.

**np** Not published.

Source: AIHW (2008) *Mental Health Services in Australia 2005-06*, Cat. no. HSE 56, Mental Health Series no. 10, [www.aihw.gov.au/publications/hse/mhsa05-06/mhsia\\_05-06\\_internet.xls](http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/hse/mhsa05-06/mhsia_05-06_internet.xls) (accessed 2 December 2008); Report 2009, table 12A.44.

Table 12A.3

Table 12A.3 **Suicide deaths, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| <i>Number</i>  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| 2000–2004  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| Non-Indigenous   | np         | np         | 2 325      | 1 073     | 854       | np         | np         | 124       |
| Indigenous   | np         | np         | 153        | 64        | 32        | np         | np         | 110       |
| <b>Total</b>   | np         | np         | 2 496      | 1 192     | 947       | np         | np         | 235       |
| <i>Indigenous suicide rate per 100 000 Indigenous population</i>         |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| 2000–2004  | np         | np         | 30.2       | 23.7      | 30.4      | np         | np         | 45.1      |
| <i>Non-Indigenous suicide rate per 100 000 non-Indigenous population</i> |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| 2000–2004  | np         | np         | 13.0       | 11.5      | 11.4      | np         | np         | 17.2      |
| <i>Number</i>  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| 2001–2005  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3 078      | np         | 2 240      | 1 035     | 870       | np         | np         | 119       |
| Indigenous   | 88         | np         | 155        | 49        | 44        | np         | np         | 118       |
| <b>Total</b>   | 3 166      | np         | 2 395      | 1 084     | 914       | np         | np         | 237       |
| <i>Indigenous suicide rate per 100 000 Indigenous population</i>         |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| 2001–2005  | np         | np         | 32.2       | 18.8      | 45.0      | np         | np         | 48.2      |
| <i>Non-Indigenous suicide rate per 100 000 non-Indigenous population</i> |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| 2001–2005  | np         | np         | 12.2       | 10.8      | 11.4      | np         | np         | 15.5      |
| <i>Number</i>  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| 2002–2006  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| Non-Indigenous   | np         | np         | 2 116      | 1 013     | 897       | np         | np         | 109       |
| Indigenous   | np         | np         | 139        | 60        | 45        | np         | np         | 115       |
| <b>Total</b>   | np         | np         | 2 255      | 1 073     | 942       | np         | np         | 224       |
| <i>Indigenous suicide rate per 100 000 Indigenous population</i>         |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| 2002–2006  | np         | np         | 20.7       | 17.2      | 33.2      | np         | np         | 38.7      |
| <i>Non-Indigenous suicide rate per 100 000 non-Indigenous population</i> |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |
| 2002–2006  | np         | np         | 11.2       | 10.6      | 11.8      | np         | np         | 15.1      |

(a) Care should be exercised when using these data as the rates are based on a small number of deaths.

(b) By year of registration. Year-to-year variation can be influenced by coronial workloads.

(c) Data is not adjusted for differences in Indigenous deaths coverage across states and territories and caution is needed in drawing any conclusions about rate differentials.

(d) Non-Indigenous includes Indigenous status 'not stated'.

(e) Calculations of rates for the Indigenous population are based on ABS Experimental Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (ABS cat. no. 3238.0, low series, 2001 base). There are no comparable population data for the non-Indigenous population. Calculations of rates for the non-Indigenous population are based on data derived by subtracting Indigenous population projections from total population estimates and should be used with care. Rates are calculated on an age standardised basis.

**np** Not published.

Source: ABS (unpublished), derived from *Causes of Death, Australia*; Report 2009, table 12A.68.

# 13A Aged care services — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 13.6 of the chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report). Data in this Report are examined by the Aged Care Services Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat. Unsourced information was obtained from the Australian, State and Territory governments.

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| <b>Table 13A.9</b>  | Australian Government expenditure on Aged Community Care Programs, 2007-08 (\$ million)   |
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| <b>Table 13A.11</b> | Indigenous permanent residents classified as high or low care and Indigenous CACP, and EACH at 30 June 2008: age-sex specific usage rates per 1000 people by remoteness |

Table 13A.1

Table 13A.1 Target population data, by location ('000) (a), (b), (c)

|  | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i>  | <i>ACT</i>  | <i>NT</i>  | <i>Aust</i>    |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| All Australians aged 70 years or more ('000) |              |              |              |              |              |             |             |            |                |
| June 2004                                    |              |              |              |              |              |             |             |            |                |
| Major cities                                 | 439.8        | 338.2        | 169.7        | 116.2        | 124.1        | ..          | 20.9        | ..         | 1 208.9        |
| Inner regional                               | 151.4        | 107.9        | 99.0         | 22.5         | 20.4         | 32.3        | ..          | ..         | 433.4          |
| Outer regional                               | 55.9         | 30.7         | 48.8         | 14.8         | 19.6         | 15.7        | ..          | 2.9        | 188.5          |
| Remote                                       | 3.3          | 0.8          | 5.4          | 4.4          | 4.6          | 0.8         | ..          | 1.1        | 20.4           |
| Very remote                                  | 0.5          | ..           | 3.1          | 1.7          | 0.9          | 0.2         | ..          | 0.8        | 7.2            |
| <b>All areas</b>                             | <b>650.9</b> | <b>477.6</b> | <b>326.0</b> | <b>159.6</b> | <b>169.6</b> | <b>49.0</b> | <b>20.9</b> | <b>4.8</b> | <b>1 858.4</b> |
| June 2005                                    |              |              |              |              |              |             |             |            |                |
| Major cities                                 | 445.7        | 344.5        | 173.2        | 118.9        | 125.2        | ..          | 21.6        | ..         | 1 229.2        |
| Inner regional                               | 154.4        | 109.7        | 102.3        | 23.5         | 20.9         | 32.6        | ..          | ..         | 443.4          |
| Outer regional                               | 56.8         | 31.0         | 50.1         | 15.2         | 19.8         | 16.1        | ..          | 3.1        | 192.0          |
| Remote                                       | 3.3          | 0.8          | 5.6          | 4.6          | 4.7          | 0.8         | ..          | 1.1        | 20.9           |
| Very remote                                  | 0.5          | ..           | 3.1          | 1.8          | 0.9          | 0.2         | ..          | 0.8        | 7.3            |
| <b>All areas</b>                             | <b>660.7</b> | <b>486.0</b> | <b>334.3</b> | <b>164.0</b> | <b>171.5</b> | <b>49.7</b> | <b>21.6</b> | <b>5.0</b> | <b>1 892.8</b> |
| June 2006                                    |              |              |              |              |              |             |             |            |                |
| Major cities                                 | 453.9        | 352.6        | 177.6        | 122.2        | 127.0        | ..          | 22.3        | ..         | 1 255.4        |
| Inner regional                               | 158.1        | 112.2        | 106.1        | 24.5         | 21.5         | 33.1        | ..          | ..         | 455.5          |
| Outer regional                               | 57.8         | 31.4         | 51.8         | 15.7         | 20.1         | 16.5        | ..          | 3.2        | 196.5          |
| Remote                                       | 3.4          | 0.8          | 5.8          | 4.8          | 4.7          | 0.8         | ..          | 1.1        | 21.5           |
| Very remote                                  | 0.5          | ..           | 3.1          | 1.9          | 0.9          | 0.3         | ..          | 0.8        | 7.6            |
| <b>All areas</b>                             | <b>673.7</b> | <b>497.0</b> | <b>344.4</b> | <b>169.1</b> | <b>174.2</b> | <b>50.7</b> | <b>22.3</b> | <b>5.1</b> | <b>1 936.5</b> |
| June 2007                                    |              |              |              |              |              |             |             |            |                |
| Major cities                                 | 462.1        | 360.4        | 182.5        | 125.5        | 128.8        | ..          | 23.0        | ..         | 1 282.4        |
| Inner regional                               | 162.2        | 114.7        | 110.1        | 25.6         | 22.1         | 33.8        | ..          | ..         | 468.5          |
| Outer regional                               | 59.2         | 31.9         | 53.6         | 16.2         | 20.5         | 16.9        | ..          | 3.3        | 201.6          |
| Remote                                       | 3.5          | 0.8          | 6.1          | 5.0          | 4.8          | 0.8         | ..          | 1.1        | 22.2           |
| Very remote                                  | 0.6          | ..           | 3.1          | 2.1          | 1.0          | 0.3         | ..          | 0.9        | 7.8            |
| <b>All areas</b>                             | <b>687.6</b> | <b>507.8</b> | <b>355.4</b> | <b>174.4</b> | <b>177.2</b> | <b>51.8</b> | <b>23.0</b> | <b>5.3</b> | <b>1 982.5</b> |
| June 2008                                    |              |              |              |              |              |             |             |            |                |
| Major cities                                 | 464.2        | 366.2        | 217.4        | 129.1        | 129.6        | ..          | 23.3        | ..         | 1 329.9        |
| Inner regional                               | 164.3        | 113.5        | 91.0         | 27.0         | 21.5         | 34.4        | ..          | ..         | 451.7          |
| Outer regional                               | 54.1         | 32.1         | 47.3         | 16.4         | 21.1         | 17.1        | ..          | 3.9        | 192.0          |
| Remote                                       | 3.1          | 0.7          | 5.5          | 4.4          | 4.7          | 0.7         | ..          | 1.3        | 20.4           |
| Very remote                                  | 0.3          | ..           | 2.8          | 1.5          | 0.9          | 0.3         | ..          | 0.9        | 6.6            |
| <b>All areas</b>                             | <b>686.0</b> | <b>512.5</b> | <b>363.9</b> | <b>178.6</b> | <b>177.7</b> | <b>52.4</b> | <b>23.4</b> | <b>6.1</b> | <b>2 000.6</b> |

Table 13A.1

Table 13A.1 Target population data, by location ('000) (a), (b), (c)

|  | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>  | <i>WA</i>   | <i>SA</i>   | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>  | <i>Aust</i>  |
|--|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| People born in a non-English speaking country aged 70 years or more ('000) (d) |              |              |             |             |             |            |            |            |              |
| June 2004  |              |              |             |             |             |            |            |            |              |
| Major cities   | 130.4        | 119.2        | 32.6        | 33.2        | 32.1        | ..         | 5.7        | ..         | 353.1        |
| Inner regional   | 18.5         | 16.8         | 12.8        | 3.9         | 3.1         | 5.1        | ..         | ..         | 60.1         |
| Outer regional   | 6.9          | 3.9          | 9.3         | 2.3         | 2.8         | 2.1        | ..         | 1.0        | 28.3         |
| Remote   | 0.5          | 0.1          | 0.9         | 0.8         | 0.6         | 0.1        | ..         | 0.2        | 3.1          |
| Very remote  | 0.1          | ..           | 0.4         | 0.5         | 0.2         | –          | ..         | 0.1        | 1.3          |
| <b>All areas</b>   | <b>156.4</b> | <b>140.0</b> | <b>56.0</b> | <b>40.7</b> | <b>38.8</b> | <b>7.3</b> | <b>5.7</b> | <b>1.3</b> | <b>445.9</b> |
| June 2005  |              |              |             |             |             |            |            |            |              |
| Major cities   | 132.2        | 121.6        | 33.3        | 33.9        | 32.4        | ..         | 5.9        | ..         | 359.4        |
| Inner regional   | 18.9         | 17.1         | 13.2        | 4.1         | 3.1         | 5.1        | ..         | ..         | 61.6         |
| Outer regional   | 7.0          | 4.0          | 9.5         | 2.4         | 2.8         | 2.2        | ..         | 1.1        | 28.9         |
| Remote   | 0.5          | 0.1          | 1.0         | 0.8         | 0.6         | 0.1        | ..         | 0.2        | 3.2          |
| Very remote  | 0.1          | ..           | 0.4         | 0.5         | 0.2         | –          | ..         | 0.1        | 1.3          |
| <b>All areas</b>   | <b>158.7</b> | <b>142.8</b> | <b>57.4</b> | <b>41.7</b> | <b>39.1</b> | <b>7.4</b> | <b>5.9</b> | <b>1.4</b> | <b>454.4</b> |
| June 2006  |              |              |             |             |             |            |            |            |              |
| Major cities   | 134.9        | 124.8        | 34.3        | 34.8        | 32.8        | ..         | 6.1        | ..         | 367.6        |
| Inner regional   | 19.4         | 17.5         | 13.8        | 4.3         | 3.2         | 5.2        | ..         | ..         | 63.3         |
| Outer regional   | 7.2          | 4.0          | 9.9         | 2.4         | 2.8         | 2.2        | ..         | 1.1        | 29.7         |
| Remote   | 0.5          | 0.1          | 1.0         | 0.9         | 0.6         | 0.1        | ..         | 0.2        | 3.3          |
| Very remote  | 0.1          | ..           | 0.4         | 0.5         | 0.2         | –          | ..         | 0.1        | 1.4          |
| <b>All areas</b>   | <b>162.1</b> | <b>146.4</b> | <b>59.4</b> | <b>42.9</b> | <b>39.6</b> | <b>7.5</b> | <b>6.1</b> | <b>1.4</b> | <b>465.3</b> |
| June 2007  |              |              |             |             |             |            |            |            |              |
| Major cities   | 137.5        | 127.9        | 35.4        | 35.7        | 33.2        | ..         | 6.3        | ..         | 376.0        |
| Inner regional   | 19.9         | 18.0         | 14.3        | 4.5         | 3.3         | 5.3        | ..         | ..         | 65.2         |
| Outer regional   | 7.4          | 4.1          | 10.2        | 2.5         | 2.9         | 2.3        | ..         | 1.2        | 30.6         |
| Remote   | 0.5          | 0.1          | 1.1         | 0.9         | 0.6         | 0.1        | ..         | 0.2        | 3.5          |
| Very remote  | 0.1          | ..           | 0.4         | 0.6         | 0.2         | –          | ..         | 0.1        | 1.5          |
| <b>All areas</b>   | <b>165.4</b> | <b>150.1</b> | <b>61.4</b> | <b>44.2</b> | <b>40.2</b> | <b>7.7</b> | <b>6.3</b> | <b>1.5</b> | <b>476.8</b> |
| June 2008  |              |              |             |             |             |            |            |            |              |
| Major cities   | 118.2        | 110.0        | 30.4        | 30.7        | 28.6        | ..         | 5.4        | ..         | 323.3        |
| Inner regional   | 17.1         | 15.4         | 12.3        | 3.9         | 2.9         | 4.5        | ..         | ..         | 56.1         |
| Outer regional   | 6.3          | 3.5          | 8.8         | 2.2         | 2.5         | 2.0        | ..         | 1.0        | 26.3         |
| Remote   | 0.4          | 0.1          | 0.9         | 0.8         | 0.5         | 0.1        | ..         | 0.2        | 3.0          |
| Very remote  | 0.1          | ..           | 0.4         | 0.5         | 0.2         | –          | ..         | 0.1        | 1.3          |
| <b>All areas</b>   | <b>142.1</b> | <b>129.0</b> | <b>52.8</b> | <b>38.0</b> | <b>34.6</b> | <b>6.6</b> | <b>5.4</b> | <b>1.3</b> | <b>409.9</b> |

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Table 13A.1 Target population data, by location ('000) (a), (b), (c)

|   | <i>NSW</i>  | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i>  | <i>WA</i>  | <i>SA</i>  | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>  | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Indigenous Australians aged 50 years or more ('000) (e) |             |            |             |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| June 2004   |             |            |             |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| Major cities  | 6.4         | 1.6        | 3.2         | 2.0        | 1.2        | ..         | 0.3        | ..         | 14.6        |
| Inner regional  | 4.8         | 1.2        | 2.2         | 0.5        | 0.3        | 1.0        | ..         | ..         | 10.0        |
| Outer regional  | 3.3         | 0.5        | 4.4         | 1.0        | 0.6        | 1.0        | ..         | 1.1        | 11.8        |
| Remote  | 0.9         | –          | 1.3         | 1.4        | 0.2        | 0.1        | ..         | 1.1        | 4.9         |
| Very remote   | 0.3         | ..         | 2.4         | 2.5        | 0.5        | –          | ..         | 3.8        | 9.5         |
| <b>All areas</b>  | <b>15.7</b> | <b>3.3</b> | <b>13.5</b> | <b>7.4</b> | <b>2.8</b> | <b>2.1</b> | <b>0.3</b> | <b>6.0</b> | <b>50.8</b> |
| June 2005   |             |            |             |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| Major cities  | 6.5         | 1.6        | 3.3         | 2.0        | 1.2        | ..         | 0.3        | ..         | 15.0        |
| Inner regional  | 4.9         | 1.3        | 2.3         | 0.5        | 0.3        | 1.0        | ..         | ..         | 10.3        |
| Outer regional  | 3.3         | 0.5        | 4.6         | 1.0        | 0.6        | 1.0        | ..         | 1.1        | 12.1        |
| Remote  | 0.9         | –          | 1.3         | 1.5        | 0.2        | 0.1        | ..         | 1.1        | 5.1         |
| Very remote   | 0.3         | ..         | 2.5         | 2.6        | 0.5        | –          | ..         | 3.9        | 9.9         |
| <b>All areas</b>  | <b>15.9</b> | <b>3.4</b> | <b>14.0</b> | <b>7.6</b> | <b>2.8</b> | <b>2.1</b> | <b>0.3</b> | <b>6.1</b> | <b>52.4</b> |
| June 2006   |             |            |             |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| Major cities  | 6.7         | 1.7        | 3.4         | 2.1        | 1.2        | ..         | 0.4        | ..         | 15.4        |
| Inner regional  | 5.1         | 1.3        | 2.4         | 0.5        | 0.3        | 1.0        | ..         | ..         | 10.6        |
| Outer regional  | 3.4         | 0.5        | 4.7         | 1.0        | 0.6        | 1.0        | ..         | 1.2        | 12.4        |
| Remote  | 0.9         | –          | 1.4         | 1.6        | 0.2        | 0.1        | ..         | 1.2        | 5.3         |
| Very remote   | 0.3         | ..         | 2.6         | 2.8        | 0.5        | –          | ..         | 4.1        | 10.4        |
| <b>All areas</b>  | <b>16.4</b> | <b>3.5</b> | <b>14.5</b> | <b>8.0</b> | <b>2.8</b> | <b>2.1</b> | <b>0.4</b> | <b>6.5</b> | <b>54.1</b> |
| June 2007   |             |            |             |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| Major cities  | 6.9         | 1.7        | 3.4         | 2.2        | 1.3        | ..         | 0.4        | ..         | 15.8        |
| Inner regional  | 5.2         | 1.4        | 2.5         | 0.5        | 0.3        | 1.0        | ..         | ..         | 10.9        |
| Outer regional  | 3.4         | 0.5        | 4.9         | 1.1        | 0.6        | 1.0        | ..         | 1.2        | 12.7        |
| Remote  | 0.9         | –          | 1.4         | 1.7        | 0.2        | 0.1        | ..         | 1.2        | 5.5         |
| Very remote   | 0.3         | ..         | 2.7         | 2.9        | 0.6        | –          | ..         | 4.2        | 10.7        |
| <b>All areas</b>  | <b>16.7</b> | <b>3.6</b> | <b>14.9</b> | <b>8.4</b> | <b>3.0</b> | <b>2.1</b> | <b>0.4</b> | <b>6.6</b> | <b>55.6</b> |
| June 2008   |             |            |             |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| Major cities  | 8.4         | 2.2        | 4.1         | 2.5        | 1.5        | ..         | 0.4        | ..         | 19.1        |
| Inner regional  | 6.2         | 1.7        | 3.3         | 0.6        | 0.3        | 1.2        | ..         | ..         | 13.2        |
| Outer regional  | 4.0         | 0.7        | 5.1         | 1.2        | 0.9        | 1.1        | ..         | 1.5        | 14.4        |
| Remote  | 1.0         | –          | 1.5         | 1.6        | 0.2        | 0.1        | ..         | 1.9        | 6.2         |
| Very remote   | 0.2         | ..         | 2.7         | 2.4        | 0.5        | 0.1        | ..         | 4.0        | 9.9         |
| <b>All areas</b>  | <b>19.8</b> | <b>4.6</b> | <b>16.6</b> | <b>8.3</b> | <b>3.4</b> | <b>2.3</b> | <b>0.4</b> | <b>7.4</b> | <b>62.8</b> |

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Table 13A.1 Target population data, by location ('000) (a), (b), (c)

|  | <i>NSW</i>  | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i>  | <i>WA</i>  | <i>SA</i>  | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>  | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Indigenous Australians aged 50–69 years ('000) (e) |             |            |             |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| June 2004  |             |            |             |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| Major cities                                       | 5.3         | 1.3        | 2.7         | 1.7        | 1.0        | ..         | 0.3        | ..         | 12.3        |
| Inner regional                                     | 4.0         | 1.0        | 1.9         | 0.4        | 0.3        | 0.8        | ..         | ..         | 8.4         |
| Outer regional                                     | 2.7         | 0.4        | 3.7         | 0.8        | 0.5        | 0.8        | ..         | 1.0        | 9.8         |
| Remote   | 0.7         | –          | 1.0         | 1.2        | 0.2        | 0.1        | ..         | 0.9        | 4.1         |
| Very remote  | 0.3         | ..         | 1.9         | 1.9        | 0.4        | –          | ..         | 3.2        | 7.8         |
| <b>All areas</b>                                   | <b>13.0</b> | <b>2.7</b> | <b>11.2</b> | <b>6.0</b> | <b>2.4</b> | <b>1.7</b> | <b>0.3</b> | <b>5.1</b> | <b>42.4</b> |
| June 2005  |             |            |             |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| Major cities                                       | 5.4         | 1.4        | 2.7         | 1.8        | 1.0        | ..         | 0.3        | ..         | 12.6        |
| Inner regional                                     | 4.1         | 1.1        | 1.9         | 0.4        | 0.3        | 0.8        | ..         | ..         | 8.7         |
| Outer regional                                     | 2.8         | 0.4        | 3.8         | 0.8        | 0.5        | 0.8        | ..         | 1.0        | 10.1        |
| Remote   | 0.7         | –          | 1.1         | 1.3        | 0.2        | 0.1        | ..         | 0.9        | 4.2         |
| Very remote  | 0.3         | ..         | 2.0         | 2.1        | 0.4        | –          | ..         | 3.4        | 8.1         |
| <b>All areas</b>                                   | <b>13.3</b> | <b>2.9</b> | <b>11.5</b> | <b>6.4</b> | <b>2.4</b> | <b>1.7</b> | <b>0.3</b> | <b>5.3</b> | <b>43.7</b> |
| June 2006  |             |            |             |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| Major cities                                       | 5.6         | 1.4        | 2.8         | 1.8        | 1.1        | ..         | 0.3        | ..         | 13.0        |
| Inner regional                                     | 4.2         | 1.1        | 2.0         | 0.5        | 0.3        | 0.8        | ..         | ..         | 8.9         |
| Outer regional                                     | 2.8         | 0.4        | 3.9         | 0.8        | 0.5        | 0.8        | ..         | 1.0        | 10.4        |
| Remote   | 0.7         | –          | 1.1         | 1.3        | 0.2        | 0.1        | ..         | 1.0        | 4.4         |
| Very remote  | 0.3         | ..         | 2.1         | 2.2        | 0.4        | –          | ..         | 3.5        | 8.5         |
| <b>All areas</b>                                   | <b>13.6</b> | <b>2.9</b> | <b>11.9</b> | <b>6.6</b> | <b>2.5</b> | <b>1.7</b> | <b>0.3</b> | <b>5.5</b> | <b>45.2</b> |
| June 2007  |             |            |             |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| Major cities                                       | 5.7         | 1.4        | 2.9         | 1.9        | 1.1        | ..         | 0.3        | ..         | 13.3        |
| Inner regional                                     | 4.3         | 1.1        | 2.1         | 0.5        | 0.3        | 0.9        | ..         | ..         | 9.1         |
| Outer regional                                     | 2.9         | 0.4        | 4.0         | 0.9        | 0.5        | 0.9        | ..         | 1.1        | 10.6        |
| Remote   | 0.7         | –          | 1.1         | 1.4        | 0.2        | 0.1        | ..         | 1.0        | 4.5         |
| Very remote  | 0.3         | ..         | 2.1         | 2.3        | 0.4        | –          | ..         | 3.6        | 8.8         |
| <b>All areas</b>                                   | <b>13.9</b> | <b>2.9</b> | <b>12.2</b> | <b>7.0</b> | <b>2.5</b> | <b>1.9</b> | <b>0.3</b> | <b>5.7</b> | <b>46.3</b> |
| June 2008  |             |            |             |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| Major cities                                       | 7.1         | 1.8        | 3.6         | 2.2        | 1.2        | ..         | 0.4        | ..         | 16.2        |
| Inner regional                                     | 5.3         | 1.4        | 2.8         | 0.5        | 0.2        | 1.0        | ..         | ..         | 11.2        |
| Outer regional                                     | 3.4         | 0.6        | 4.3         | 1.0        | 0.8        | 0.9        | ..         | 1.3        | 12.2        |
| Remote   | 0.8         | –          | 1.3         | 1.4        | 0.1        | 0.1        | ..         | 1.5        | 5.2         |
| Very remote  | 0.2         | ..         | 2.2         | 1.9        | 0.4        | 0.1        | ..         | 3.3        | 8.0         |
| <b>All areas</b>                                   | <b>16.7</b> | <b>3.8</b> | <b>14.1</b> | <b>7.0</b> | <b>2.8</b> | <b>2.0</b> | <b>0.4</b> | <b>6.2</b> | <b>52.9</b> |



Table 13A.1

Table 13A.1 Target population data, by location ('000) (a), (b), (c)

|   | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i>  | <i>SA</i>  | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>  | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Indigenous Australians aged 70 years or more ('000) (e) |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| June 2004   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| Major cities  | 1.1        | 0.3        | 0.5        | 0.3        | 0.2        | ..         | –          | ..         | 2.4         |
| Inner regional  | 0.8        | 0.2        | 0.4        | 0.1        | 0.1        | 0.2        | ..         | ..         | 1.6         |
| Outer regional  | 0.5        | 0.1        | 0.7        | 0.2        | 0.1        | 0.2        | ..         | 0.1        | 1.9         |
| Remote  | 0.1        | –          | 0.2        | 0.3        | –          | –          | ..         | 0.2        | 0.9         |
| Very remote   | 0.1        | ..         | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.1        | –          | ..         | 0.6        | 1.8         |
| <b>All areas</b>  | <b>2.6</b> | <b>0.6</b> | <b>2.3</b> | <b>1.4</b> | <b>0.5</b> | <b>0.4</b> | –          | <b>0.9</b> | <b>8.6</b>  |
| June 2005   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| Major cities  | 1.1        | 0.2        | 0.6        | 0.2        | 0.2        | ..         | –          | ..         | 2.4         |
| Inner regional  | 0.8        | 0.2        | 0.4        | 0.1        | –          | 0.2        | ..         | ..         | 1.6         |
| Outer regional  | 0.5        | 0.1        | 0.8        | 0.2        | 0.1        | 0.2        | ..         | 0.1        | 2.0         |
| Remote  | 0.2        | –          | 0.2        | 0.2        | –          | –          | ..         | 0.2        | 0.9         |
| Very remote   | –          | ..         | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.1        | –          | ..         | 0.5        | 1.8         |
| <b>All areas</b>  | <b>2.6</b> | <b>0.5</b> | <b>2.5</b> | <b>1.2</b> | <b>0.4</b> | <b>0.4</b> | –          | <b>0.8</b> | <b>8.7</b>  |
| June 2006   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| Major cities  | 1.1        | 0.3        | 0.5        | 0.3        | 0.2        | ..         | –          | ..         | 2.5         |
| Inner regional  | 0.8        | 0.2        | 0.4        | 0.1        | 0.1        | 0.2        | ..         | ..         | 1.7         |
| Outer regional  | 0.6        | 0.1        | 0.8        | 0.2        | 0.1        | 0.2        | ..         | 0.2        | 2.0         |
| Remote  | 0.2        | –          | 0.3        | 0.3        | –          | –          | ..         | 0.2        | 0.9         |
| Very remote   | 0.1        | ..         | 0.5        | 0.6        | 0.1        | –          | ..         | 0.6        | 1.9         |
| <b>All areas</b>  | <b>2.8</b> | <b>0.6</b> | <b>2.5</b> | <b>1.5</b> | <b>0.5</b> | <b>0.4</b> | –          | <b>1.0</b> | <b>9.0</b>  |
| June 2007   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| Major cities  | 1.2        | 0.3        | 0.6        | 0.3        | 0.2        | ..         | –          | ..         | 2.5         |
| Inner regional  | 0.8        | 0.2        | 0.4        | 0.1        | 0.1        | 0.2        | ..         | ..         | 1.8         |
| Outer regional  | 0.6        | 0.1        | 0.8        | 0.2        | 0.1        | 0.2        | ..         | 0.2        | 2.1         |
| Remote  | 0.2        | –          | 0.3        | 0.3        | –          | –          | ..         | 0.2        | 1.0         |
| Very remote   | 0.1        | ..         | 0.5        | 0.6        | 0.1        | –          | ..         | 0.6        | 1.9         |
| <b>All areas</b>  | <b>2.9</b> | <b>0.6</b> | <b>2.6</b> | <b>1.5</b> | <b>0.5</b> | <b>0.4</b> | –          | <b>1.0</b> | <b>9.3</b>  |
| June 2008   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| Major cities  | 1.4        | 0.4        | 0.5        | 0.3        | 0.3        | ..         | –          | ..         | 2.9         |
| Inner regional  | 0.9        | 0.3        | 0.5        | 0.1        | 0.1        | 0.2        | ..         | ..         | 2.0         |
| Outer regional  | 0.6        | 0.1        | 0.8        | 0.2        | 0.1        | 0.2        | ..         | 0.2        | 2.2         |
| Remote  | 0.2        | –          | 0.2        | 0.2        | –          | –          | ..         | 0.3        | 1.0         |
| Very remote   | –          | ..         | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.1        | –          | ..         | 0.7        | 1.8         |
| <b>All areas</b>  | <b>3.1</b> | <b>0.8</b> | <b>2.5</b> | <b>1.3</b> | <b>0.6</b> | <b>0.4</b> | –          | <b>1.2</b> | <b>9.9</b>  |

Table 13A.1 **Target population data, by location ('000) (a), (b), (c)**

|         | <i>NSW</i>  | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---------|---|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (a)     | Geographical data are based on the ABS Australian Standard Geographic Classification of Remoteness Areas 2001. For years prior to 2008, data are classified according to an index of remoteness which rates each ABS Census District based on the number and size of towns, the distance to major towns and urban centres. For more information refer to the Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ABS Cat. no. 1216.0). For June 2008, the proportions of population in each Statistical Local Area (SLA) attributed to remoteness areas (RA) by DOHA, using ABS collection district to RA concordance.   |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (b)     | Data for years prior to 2008 are population projections by SLA for 2002–2022 based on 2001 Census prepared by ABS according to assumptions agreed to by the Department of Health and Ageing. Data for June 2008 are preliminary population projections by SLA for 2006–2026 based on 2006 Census prepared by ABS according to assumptions agreed to by DoHA.  |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (c)     | Data in this table are utilised to determine the target populations for the chapter.  |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (d)     | Data for people born in a non-English speaking country prior to 2008 are estimates based on ratios from ABS, CDATE 2001 Release 2 applied to ABS Population Projections by SLA 2002–2022 (unpublished), based on 2001 Census. Data for June 2008 are Census count of persons 70 plus born overseas in countries other than main English-speaking countries increased by ratio (70 plus projected population 2008) / (70 plus census count 2006) and then distributed amongst states and remoteness areas in same proportions as corresponding data published in the 2008 Report.  |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (e)     | Indigenous data prior to 2008 are Indigenous estimates are based on ratios from ABS Census 2001 data applied to population projections by SLA 2002–2022. Data for June 2008 are determined as follows: Observed average annual growth at state-level in ABS Experimental Indigenous Estimated Residential Populations (ERPS) between 2001 and 2006 for total Indigenous persons of all ages was applied to project 2006 ERPs forward to 2008. The increase from 2001 to 2006 contains unexplained population increase in addition to demographic population increase.   |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
|         | .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.  |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Source: | Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) (unpublished); Preliminary population projections by SLA for 2006–2026 based on 2006 Census prepared by ABS according to assumptions agreed to by DoHA (unpublished); Projections based on ABS Experimental Indigenous ERPs by remoteness areas as at June 2006 (ABS Cat. no. 3238.0.55.001) (DoHA, unpublished); <i>ABS Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009</i> (ABS Cat. no. 3238.0); <i>Experimental Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians</i> (ABS Cat. no. 3238.0.55.001); ABS unpublished data sourced by DoHA; 2009 Report, table 13A.2. |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |

Table 13A.2

**Table 13A.2 Indigenous aged care recipients per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years or over and as a proportion of all recipients, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (f)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Indigenous aged care recipients per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years and over |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| High care residential   |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004  | per 1000    | 7.6        | 11.1       | 14.0       | 21.6      | 26.4      | 4.0        | 8.8            | 27.5      | 14.8        |
| 2005  | per 1000    | 7.6        | 12.0       | 14.0       | 23.5      | 28.3      | 3.4        | 5.8            | 28.7      | 15.4        |
| 2006  | per 1000    | 7.3        | 13.4       | 14.2       | 23.6      | 29.0      | 7.6        | 2.8            | 27.5      | 15.5        |
| 2007  | per 1000    | 7.2        | 13.0       | 13.9       | 22.7      | 28.4      | 7.5        | 2.8            | 26.7      | 15.1        |
| 2008  | per 1000    | 7.6        | 10.9       | 12.8       | 25.0      | 35.0      | 9.8        | 4.9            | 25.6      | 15.2        |
| Low care residential  |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004  | per 1000    | 3.7        | 5.4        | 9.5        | 9.7       | 19.6      | 1.0        | –              | 13.2      | 8.1         |
| 2005  | per 1000    | 3.4        | 5.3        | 8.9        | 7.7       | 20.2      | 1.5        | –              | 11.8      | 7.4         |
| 2006  | per 1000    | 2.8        | 5.1        | 8.8        | 7.5       | 19.7      | 1.4        | –              | 13.3      | 7.3         |
| 2007  | per 1000    | 2.7        | 5.0        | 8.6        | 7.2       | 19.3      | 1.4        | –              | 12.9      | 7.1         |
| 2008  | per 1000    | 2.6        | 6.8        | 6.7        | 7.1       | 14.5      | 1.3        | –              | 11.8      | 6.2         |
| EACH  |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004  | per 1000    | 0.4        | 0.3        | 0.4        | –         | 0.4       | –          | –              | 0.3       | 0.3         |
| 2005  | per 1000    | 0.4        | 0.3        | 0.5        | –         | 0.4       | –          | –              | 0.6       | 0.4         |
| 2006  | per 1000    | 0.4        | 0.9        | 0.3        | 0.2       | 0.3       | 0.5        | –              | 1.1       | 0.4         |
| 2007  | per 1000    | 0.4        | 0.8        | 0.3        | 0.2       | 0.3       | 0.5        | –              | 1.1       | 0.4         |
| 2008  | per 1000    | 1.4        | 0.9        | 0.4        | 0.5       | 0.3       | 0.4        | 2.4            | 1.2       | 0.9         |
| CACPs   |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004  | per 1000    | 19.9       | 52.9       | 12.2       | 21.7      | 40.6      | 28.4       | 47.1           | 56.8      | 26.2        |
| 2005  | per 1000    | 19.9       | 49.1       | 12.1       | 21.1      | 38.2      | 30.2       | 55.0           | 59.1      | 26.2        |
| 2006  | per 1000    | 19.5       | 47.2       | 12.7       | 20.1      | 38.0      | 30.0       | 51.2           | 65.0      | 26.6        |
| 2007  | per 1000    | 19.1       | 46.0       | 12.4       | 19.3      | 37.2      | 29.5       | 50.7           | 63.2      | 25.9        |
| 2008  | per 1000    | 17.6       | 41.3       | 12.0       | 21.5      | 35.0      | 26.9       | 53.7           | 55.5      | 24.3        |
| Total   |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004  | per 1000    | 31.6       | 69.7       | 36.1       | 53.0      | 87.0      | 33.4       | 55.9           | 97.8      | 49.4        |
| 2005  | per 1000    | 31.3       | 66.7       | 35.5       | 52.3      | 87.1      | 35.1       | 60.8           | 100.2     | 49.4        |
| 2006  | per 1000    | 30.0       | 66.6       | 36.0       | 51.4      | 87.0      | 39.5       | 54.0           | 106.9     | 49.8        |
| 2007  | per 1000    | 29.3       | 64.9       | 35.1       | 49.4      | 85.2      | 38.9       | 53.5           | 104.0     | 48.6        |
| 2008  | per 1000    | 29.3       | 59.9       | 31.9       | 54.1      | 84.9      | 38.5       | 61.0           | 94.1      | 46.6        |
| Residents from Indigenous backgrounds as a proportion of all residents (per cent) |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| High care residential   |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004  | %           | 0.4        | 0.2        | 1.1        | 2.2       | 0.8       | 0.3        | 0.3            | 48.8      | 0.8         |
| 2005  | %           | 0.3        | 0.2        | 1.1        | 2.3       | 0.8       | 0.2        | 0.2            | 58.7      | 0.8         |
| 2006  | %           | 0.3        | 0.2        | 1.1        | 2.3       | 0.8       | 0.5        | 0.1            | 58.7      | 0.8         |
| 2007  | %           | 0.3        | 0.2        | 1.1        | 2.3       | 0.8       | 0.5        | 0.1            | 58.8      | 0.8         |
| 2008  | %           | 0.4        | 0.2        | 1.1        | 2.3       | 1.0       | 0.7        | 0.2            | 51.2      | 0.9         |
| Low care residential  |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |

Table 13A.2

**Table 13A.2 Indigenous aged care recipients per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years or over and as a proportion of all recipients, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|              | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (f)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2004         | %           | 0.3        | 0.1        | 1.4        | 1.4       | 1.1       | 0.2        | 0.0            | 47.3      | 0.8         |
| 2005         | %           | 0.3        | 0.1        | 1.4        | 1.2       | 1.2       | 0.3        | –              | 69.5      | 0.7         |
| 2006         | %           | 0.3        | 0.1        | 1.4        | 1.2       | 1.3       | 0.3        | –              | 75.4      | 0.8         |
| 2007         | %           | 0.3        | 0.1        | 1.4        | 1.2       | 1.3       | 0.3        | –              | 75.4      | 0.8         |
| 2008         | %           | 0.3        | 0.2        | 1.2        | 1.3       | 1.3       | 0.3        | –              | 52.7      | 0.8         |
| <b>EACH</b>  |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004         | %           | 3.7        | 0.5        | 4.6        | –         | 1.5       | –          | –              | 10.0      | 2.2         |
| 2005         | %           | 1.8        | 0.3        | 4.2        | –         | 0.9       | –          | –              | 11.8      | 1.6         |
| 2006         | %           | 1.0        | 0.4        | 1.1        | 1.4       | 0.5       | 2.0        | –              | 16.7      | 1.1         |
| 2007         | %           | 1.0        | 0.5        | 1.1        | 1.4       | 0.5       | 2.0        | –              | 16.7      | 1.1         |
| 2008         | %           | 2.1        | 0.4        | 1.2        | 1.1       | 0.3       | 1.1        | 1.1            | 13.6      | 1.4         |
| <b>CACPs</b> |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004         | %           | 3.2        | 2.5        | 3.9        | 6.9       | 4.2       | 6.9        | 4.3            | 63.8      | 4.8         |
| 2005         | %           | 3.1        | 2.3        | 3.8        | 6.9       | 4.0       | 7.4        | 4.7            | 71.8      | 4.8         |
| 2006         | %           | 2.9        | 2.0        | 3.8        | 6.1       | 3.8       | 7.2        | 4.1            | 77.0      | 4.5         |
| 2007         | %           | 2.9        | 2.0        | 3.8        | 6.1       | 3.8       | 7.2        | 4.1            | 77.0      | 4.5         |
| 2008         | %           | 2.7        | 1.9        | 3.4        | 5.9       | 3.5       | 6.1        | 4.5            | 65.3      | 4.1         |
| <b>Total</b> |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004         | %           | 0.8        | 0.5        | 1.6        | 2.6       | 1.4       | 1.4        | 1.0            | 55.7      | 1.4         |
| 2005         | %           | 0.8        | 0.5        | 1.6        | 2.6       | 1.4       | 1.5        | 1.1            | 65.2      | 1.4         |
| 2006         | %           | 0.8        | 0.5        | 1.6        | 2.6       | 1.4       | 1.6        | 0.9            | 68.8      | 1.4         |
| 2007         | %           | 0.8        | 0.5        | 1.6        | 2.6       | 1.4       | 1.6        | 0.9            | 68.8      | 1.4         |
| 2008         | %           | 0.8        | 0.5        | 1.5        | 2.7       | 1.5       | 1.7        | 1.1            | 56.6      | 1.4         |

- (a) Data include high care residential, low care residential, EACH packages and CACPs.
- (b) In March 2008, the Residential Classification Scale (RCS) was replaced by the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI), but some residents remained under the RCS in June 2008. These calculations use both RCS and ACFI as they applied at June 2008. See 2009 Report, Box 13.1 in the Aged care services chapter for more detail on these classifications.
- (c) Reports only people who are recorded as Indigenous.
- (d) Includes places provided under the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program, outside the Aged Care Act 1997. Excludes Multi-purpose Services.
- (e) Population data for 2008 are calculated on a different basis to years prior to 2008. See table 13A.1 for notes and sources of population data for Indigenous population estimates. Includes National Indigenous Aged Care Strategy places attributed as residents.
- (f) The ACT has a very small Indigenous population aged over 50 years and a small number of CACP packages will result in a very high provision ratio.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: DoHA (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 13A.17.

Table 13A.3

**Table 13A.3 Indigenous aged care recipients per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years or over by locality, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|                       | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (g)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>Major cities</b>   |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| High care residential |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 8.8        | 16.3       | 11.3       | 18.8      | 19.3      | ..         | 8.8            | ..        | 12.4        |
| 2005                  | 8.6        | 16.5       | 12.3       | 24.7      | 22.3      | ..         | 5.8            | ..        | 13.5        |
| 2006                  | 9.3        | 19.0       | 11.3       | 23.4      | 23.5      | ..         | 2.8            | ..        | 13.7        |
| 2007                  | 9.0        | 18.5       | 11.0       | 22.7      | 23.1      | ..         | 2.8            | ..        | 13.4        |
| 2008                  | 9.1        | 13.2       | 8.8        | 20.3      | 31.3      | ..         | 4.9            | ..        | 12.6        |
| Low care residential  |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 2.2        | 11.3       | 8.2        | 3.1       | 16.0      | ..         | –              | ..        | 5.7         |
| 2005                  | 2.3        | 9.8        | 3.7        | 2.0       | 12.4      | ..         | –              | ..        | 4.1         |
| 2006                  | 1.6        | 8.9        | 3.6        | 4.3       | 12.1      | ..         | –              | ..        | 4.0         |
| 2007                  | 1.6        | 8.7        | 3.5        | 4.2       | 11.9      | ..         | –              | ..        | 3.9         |
| 2008                  | 2.3        | 9.1        | 3.4        | 4.1       | 10.0      | ..         | –              | ..        | 4.1         |
| EACH                  |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 0.2        | –          | –          | –         | 0.8       | ..         | –              | ..        | 0.1         |
| 2005                  | 5.2        | 3.7        | 5.5        | 2.5       | –         | ..         | –              | ..        | 4.5         |
| 2006                  | 4.2        | 3.6        | 5.7        | 1.4       | 0.8       | ..         | –              | ..        | 4.4         |
| 2007                  | 4.1        | 3.5        | 5.5        | 1.4       | 0.8       | ..         | –              | ..        | 4.3         |
| 2008                  | 1.0        | 1.4        | 0.2        | –         | 0.7       | ..         | 2.4            | ..        | 0.7         |
| CACPs                 |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 14.0       | 61.0       | 3.5        | 11.2      | 12.6      | ..         | 47.1           | ..        | 17.1        |
| 2005                  | 2.8        | 42.8       | 0.9        | 2.0       | 5.0       | ..         | –              | ..        | 6.8         |
| 2006                  | 2.4        | 42.2       | 0.6        | 1.9       | 4.9       | ..         | –              | ..        | 6.6         |
| 2007                  | 2.3        | 41.1       | 0.6        | 1.9       | 4.8       | ..         | –              | ..        | 6.5         |
| 2008                  | 12.9       | 43.8       | 3.7        | 11.7      | 14.6      | ..         | 53.7           | ..        | 15.3        |
| Total                 |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 25.2       | 88.6       | 23.0       | 33.1      | 48.7      | ..         | 55.9           | ..        | 35.3        |
| 2005                  | 18.9       | 72.8       | 22.4       | 31.2      | 39.7      | ..         | 5.8            | ..        | 28.9        |
| 2006                  | 17.5       | 73.7       | 21.2       | 31.0      | 41.3      | ..         | 2.8            | ..        | 28.7        |
| 2007                  | 17.0       | 71.7       | 20.6       | 30.1      | 40.6      | ..         | 2.8            | ..        | 28.1        |
| 2008                  | 25.3       | 67.5       | 16.1       | 36.0      | 56.6      | ..         | 61.0           | ..        | 32.8        |
| <b>Inner regional</b> |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| High care residential |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 6.7        | 4.8        | 6.7        | 10.2      | –         | 5.2        | ..             | ..        | 6.3         |
| 2005                  | 6.9        | 4.7        | 7.8        | 9.8       | –         | 5.1        | ..             | ..        | 6.6         |
| 2006                  | 5.5        | 4.5        | 8.0        | 5.7       | 3.1       | 10.9       | ..             | ..        | 6.4         |
| 2007                  | 5.4        | 4.4        | 7.8        | 5.5       | 3.0       | 10.7       | ..             | ..        | 6.2         |
| 2008                  | 6.0        | 6.4        | 6.8        | 5.3       | 12.9      | 17.2       | ..             | ..        | 7.4         |
| Low care residential  |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 1.9        | 2.4        | 0.9        | 14.3      | –         | –          | ..             | ..        | 2.1         |

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Table 13A.3 Indigenous aged care recipients per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years or over by locality, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

|                       | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (g)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2005                  | 1.8        | 0.8        | 1.3        | 7.9       | 3.1       | 1.0        | ..             | ..        | 1.8         |
| 2006                  | 1.4        | 1.5        | 0.8        | 7.6       | 3.1       | 3.0        | ..             | ..        | 1.8         |
| 2007                  | 1.4        | 1.5        | 0.8        | 7.4       | 3.0       | 2.9        | ..             | ..        | 1.7         |
| 2008                  | 1.8        | 5.3        | 1.5        | 1.8       | –         | 2.6        | ..             | ..        | 2.2         |
| EACH                  |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | –          | 0.8        | –          | –         | –         | –          | ..             | ..        | 0.1         |
| 2005                  | –          | 0.8        | 0.9        | –         | –         | –          | ..             | ..        | 0.3         |
| 2006                  | –          | 2.3        | 0.4        | –         | –         | 1.0        | ..             | ..        | 0.5         |
| 2007                  | –          | 2.2        | 0.4        | –         | –         | 1.0        | ..             | ..        | 0.5         |
| 2008                  | 1.8        | 0.6        | –          | –         | –         | 0.9        | ..             | ..        | 1.0         |
| CACPs                 |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 20.0       | 53.6       | 13.0       | 24.4      | 25.9      | 42.6       | ..             | ..        | 25.2        |
| 2005                  | 21.9       | 50.5       | 13.0       | 25.6      | 25.1      | 45.7       | ..             | ..        | 26.0        |
| 2006                  | 24.1       | 49.7       | 16.0       | 20.9      | 18.4      | 44.6       | ..             | ..        | 27.1        |
| 2007                  | 23.6       | 48.4       | 15.5       | 20.2      | 17.9      | 43.9       | ..             | ..        | 26.4        |
| 2008                  | 20.5       | 34.5       | 13.2       | 26.3      | 42.0      | 41.3       | ..             | ..        | 23.1        |
| Total                 |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 28.6       | 61.6       | 20.6       | 48.9      | 25.9      | 47.8       | ..             | ..        | 33.7        |
| 2005                  | 30.6       | 56.8       | 23.0       | 43.3      | 28.2      | 51.8       | ..             | ..        | 34.7        |
| 2006                  | 31.0       | 58.0       | 25.2       | 34.2      | 24.6      | 59.5       | ..             | ..        | 35.8        |
| 2007                  | 30.3       | 56.5       | 24.5       | 33.1      | 23.9      | 58.5       | ..             | ..        | 34.9        |
| 2008                  | 30.0       | 46.7       | 21.6       | 33.4      | 55.0      | 61.9       | ..             | ..        | 33.6        |
| Outer regional        |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| High care residential |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 8.9        | 10.6       | 18.3       | 36.3      | 39.7      | 3.1        | ..             | 38.3      | 18.5        |
| 2005                  | 8.7        | 16.6       | 17.7       | 29.3      | 44.4      | 2.1        | ..             | 35.9      | 17.9        |
| 2006                  | 8.9        | 18.3       | 19.1       | 32.3      | 45.6      | 5.0        | ..             | 36.2      | 19.1        |
| 2007                  | 8.7        | 18.0       | 18.5       | 31.5      | 45.2      | 4.9        | ..             | 34.9      | 18.7        |
| 2008                  | 8.0        | 15.4       | 20.2       | 25.2      | 35.7      | 1.9        | ..             | 25.7      | 17.2        |
| Low care residential  |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 8.3        | 4.2        | 12.9       | 5.2       | 29.3      | 2.1        | ..             | 5.5       | 9.9         |
| 2005                  | 8.4        | 2.1        | 11.6       | 4.0       | 32.5      | 2.1        | ..             | 4.4       | 9.3         |
| 2006                  | 7.1        | 2.0        | 11.9       | 4.9       | 30.4      | –          | ..             | 5.0       | 8.9         |
| 2007                  | 7.0        | 2.0        | 11.5       | 4.8       | 30.1      | –          | ..             | 4.9       | 8.7         |
| 2008                  | 4.7        | 3.1        | 7.9        | 4.1       | 13.4      | –          | ..             | 2.6       | 5.7         |
| EACH                  |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 1.8        | –          | 1.1        | –         | –         | –          | ..             | 1.8       | 1.1         |
| 2005                  | 1.5        | –          | 1.1        | –         | –         | –          | ..             | 3.5       | 1.2         |
| 2006                  | 0.9        | –          | 0.6        | –         | –         | –          | ..             | 5.9       | 1.0         |
| 2007                  | 0.9        | –          | 0.6        | –         | –         | –          | ..             | 5.7       | 1.0         |

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**Table 13A.3 Indigenous aged care recipients per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years or over by locality, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|                       | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (g)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2008                  | 2.0        | –          | 1.2        | 1.6       | –         | –          | ..             | 4.6       | 1.6         |
| CACPs                 |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 35.5       | 25.4       | 18.7       | 12.5      | 72.4      | 3.1        | ..             | 19.1      | 24.6        |
| 2005                  | 34.9       | 22.8       | 17.5       | 11.1      | 61.5      | 4.1        | ..             | 27.1      | 23.9        |
| 2006                  | 26.6       | 26.5       | 16.9       | 8.8       | 64.2      | 5.0        | ..             | 32.0      | 22.0        |
| 2007                  | 26.1       | 26.0       | 16.5       | 8.6       | 63.6      | 4.9        | ..             | 30.8      | 21.5        |
| 2008                  | 26.2       | 52.4       | 13.5       | 6.5       | 38.0      | 1.9        | ..             | 24.4      | 20.0        |
| Total                 |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 54.5       | 40.2       | 51.0       | 54.0      | 141.4     | 8.3        | ..             | 64.7      | 54.1        |
| 2005                  | 53.5       | 41.5       | 47.9       | 44.4      | 138.4     | 8.3        | ..             | 70.9      | 52.3        |
| 2006                  | 43.5       | 46.8       | 48.5       | 46.0      | 140.2     | 10.0       | ..             | 79.1      | 51.0        |
| 2007                  | 42.7       | 46.0       | 47.2       | 44.9      | 138.9     | 9.8        | ..             | 76.3      | 49.9        |
| 2008                  | 40.9       | 70.9       | 42.8       | 37.4      | 87.1      | 3.7        | ..             | 57.4      | 44.5        |
| Remote                |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| High care residential |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 2.3        | –          | 19.0       | 23.6      | 5.1       | –          | ..             | 59.3      | 25.4        |
| 2005                  | 2.3        | –          | 19.0       | 24.9      | 4.9       | –          | ..             | 69.6      | 28.2        |
| 2006                  | –          | –          | 19.2       | 24.2      | 4.7       | –          | ..             | 67.4      | 27.2        |
| 2007                  | –          | –          | 18.5       | 23.0      | 4.5       | –          | ..             | 65.8      | 26.3        |
| 2008                  | –          | –          | 19.6       | 29.3      | 20.1      | –          | ..             | 45.8      | 26.8        |
| Low care residential  |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 1.2        | –          | 24.6       | 13.9      | –         | –          | ..             | 17.6      | 14.5        |
| 2005                  | 2.3        | –          | 23.6       | 5.9       | –         | –          | ..             | 12.5      | 11.0        |
| 2006                  | 3.4        | –          | 22.9       | 5.6       | 4.7       | –          | ..             | 19.9      | 12.6        |
| 2007                  | 3.4        | –          | 22.1       | 5.3       | 4.5       | –          | ..             | 19.4      | 12.2        |
| 2008                  | –          | –          | 17.6       | 12.5      | –         | –          | ..             | 11.3      | 11.0        |
| EACH                  |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | –          | –          | –          | –         | –         | –          | ..             | –         | –           |
| 2005                  | –          | –          | –          | –         | –         | –          | ..             | –         | –           |
| 2006                  | –          | –          | –          | –         | –         | –          | ..             | –         | –           |
| 2007                  | –          | –          | –          | –         | –         | –          | ..             | –         | –           |
| 2008                  | –          | –          | –          | 1.3       | –         | –          | ..             | 1.1       | 0.7         |
| CACPs                 |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | –          | –          | 6.3        | 54.1      | 60.6      | –          | ..             | 56.5      | 32.4        |
| 2005                  | –          | –          | 6.9        | 50.4      | 63.3      | –          | ..             | 58.0      | 32.1        |
| 2006                  | –          | –          | 6.6        | 50.8      | 51.5      | –          | ..             | 60.5      | 32.5        |
| 2007                  | –          | –          | 6.4        | 48.4      | 49.9      | –          | ..             | 59.1      | 31.4        |
| 2008                  | –          | –          | 8.5        | 59.2      | 53.5      | –          | ..             | 31.8      | 28.4        |
| Total                 |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 3.5        | –          | 49.9       | 91.6      | 65.7      | –          | ..             | 133.4     | 72.3        |

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**Table 13A.3 Indigenous aged care recipients per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years or over by locality, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|                       | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (g)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2005                  | 4.6        | –          | 49.5       | 81.2      | 68.2      | –          | ..             | 140.1     | 71.3        |
| 2006                  | 3.4        | –          | 48.7       | 80.6      | 60.9      | –          | ..             | 147.8     | 72.3        |
| 2007                  | 3.4        | –          | 47.1       | 76.7      | 58.9      | –          | ..             | 144.2     | 69.9        |
| 2008                  | –          | –          | 45.7       | 102.2     | 73.6      | –          | ..             | 90.0      | 66.8        |
| Very remote           |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| High care residential |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | –          | ..         | 14.0       | 19.1      | 53.6      | –          | ..             | 15.5      | 17.4        |
| 2005                  | –          | ..         | 12.8       | 22.2      | 51.2      | –          | ..             | 15.0      | 17.7        |
| 2006                  | –          | ..         | 12.4       | 23.5      | 49.2      | –          | ..             | 13.8      | 17.4        |
| 2007                  | –          | ..         | 12.1       | 22.4      | 47.6      | –          | ..             | 13.4      | 16.8        |
| 2008                  | 24.8       | ..         | 8.3        | 21.7      | 47.6      | –          | ..             | 14.4      | 16.6        |
| Low care residential  |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 3.2        | ..         | 10.3       | 13.4      | 45.4      | –          | ..             | 14.2      | 14.2        |
| 2005                  | –          | ..         | 10.0       | 14.6      | 43.4      | –          | ..             | 13.7      | 14.0        |
| 2006                  | –          | ..         | 10.0       | 11.9      | 41.6      | –          | ..             | 13.8      | 13.3        |
| 2007                  | –          | ..         | 9.8        | 11.4      | 40.3      | –          | ..             | 13.4      | 12.9        |
| 2008                  | 14.9       | ..         | 9.2        | 9.6       | 43.1      | –          | ..             | 15.6      | 13.7        |
| EACH                  |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | –          | ..         | –          | –         | –         | –          | ..             | –         | –           |
| 2005                  | –          | ..         | –          | –         | –         | –          | ..             | –         | –           |
| 2006                  | –          | ..         | –          | –         | –         | –          | ..             | –         | –           |
| 2007                  | –          | ..         | –          | –         | –         | –          | ..             | –         | –           |
| 2008                  | –          | ..         | –          | –         | –         | –          | ..             | –         | –           |
| CACPs                 |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 29.0       | ..         | 14.0       | 14.2      | 72.2      | 448.3      | ..             | 67.7      | 40.3        |
| 2005                  | 25.5       | ..         | 14.7       | 14.2      | 69.0      | 442.6      | ..             | 68.7      | 40.4        |
| 2006                  | 21.9       | ..         | 17.8       | 11.9      | 66.2      | 436.5      | ..             | 75.9      | 43.1        |
| 2007                  | 21.6       | ..         | 17.3       | 11.4      | 64.1      | 430.2      | ..             | 73.8      | 41.8        |
| 2008                  | 39.7       | ..         | 22.5       | 12.9      | 80.3      | 270.3      | ..             | 78.4      | 47.3        |
| Total                 |            |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2004                  | 32.2       | ..         | 38.3       | 46.7      | 171.2     | 448.3      | ..             | 97.4      | 71.9        |
| 2005                  | 25.5       | ..         | 37.5       | 51.0      | 163.6     | 442.6      | ..             | 97.4      | 72.1        |
| 2006                  | 21.9       | ..         | 40.2       | 47.3      | 157.0     | 436.5      | ..             | 103.5     | 73.8        |
| 2007                  | 21.6       | ..         | 39.2       | 45.2      | 152.0     | 430.2      | ..             | 100.7     | 71.5        |
| 2008                  | 79.3       | ..         | 40.0       | 44.2      | 171.0     | 270.3      | ..             | 108.3     | 77.5        |

(a) Data include high care residential, low care residential, EACH packages and CACPs.

(b) In March 2008, the Residential Classification Scale (RCS) was replaced by the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI), but some residents remained under the RCS in June 2008. These calculations use both RCS and ACFI as they applied at June 2008. See 2009 Report, Box 13.1 in the Aged care services chapter for more detail on these classifications.

(c) Reports only people who are recorded as Indigenous.



**Table 13A.3 Indigenous aged care recipients per 1000 Indigenous people aged 50 years or over by locality, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (g)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|

(d) Includes places provided under the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program, outside the Aged Care Act 1997. Excludes Multi-purpose Services.

(e) Geographical data are based on the ABS Standard Geographical classification Remoteness Areas 2002. See table 13A.2 note (a).

(f) Population data for 2008 are calculated on a different basis to years prior to 2008. See table 13A.1 for notes and sources of population data for Indigenous population estimates. Includes National Indigenous Aged Care Strategy places attributed as residents.

(g) The ACT has a very small Indigenous population aged over 50 years and a small number of CACP packages will result in a very high provision ratio.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: DoHA (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 13A.18.

Table 13A.4

Table 13A.4 Aged care recipients from special needs groups, June 2008 (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)

|   | NSW   | Vic   | Qld   | WA    | SA    | Tas   | ACT   | NT    | Aust  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Proportion of recipients from special needs groups</b>   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Indigenous people aged 50 years or over   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| As percentage of target population (e)  | 2.8   | 0.9   | 4.4   | 4.5   | 1.9   | 4.3   | 1.7   | 60.0  | 3.1   |
| Indigenous aged care residents as percentage of all aged care residents in the target population (f)                | 0.3   | 0.1   | 0.9   | 1.9   | 0.3   | 0.7   | 0.1   | 39.5  | 0.6   |
| Indigenous CACP recipients as a percentage of all CACP recipients in the target population (f)                      | 2.7   | 1.2   | 3.4   | 6.2   | 2.3   | 1.8   | 4.6   | 65.6  | 3.6   |
| Indigenous HACC clients as a percentage of all HACC clients in the target population (f)                            | 3.3   | 0.8   | 2.9   | 3.7   | 2.1   | 2.1   | 0.9   | 55.8  | 2.6   |
| People born in a mainly non-English speaking country aged 70 years or over  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| As a percentage of the total population aged 70 years or over   | 20.7  | 25.2  | 14.5  | 21.3  | 19.5  | 12.6  | 23.2  | 21.6  | 20.5  |
| Residents from a non-English speaking country as percentage of all aged care residents in the target population     | 15.9  | 19.2  | 8.7   | 16.8  | 14.7  | 6.2   | 18.0  | 18.2  | 15.2  |
| CACP recipients from a non-English speaking country as a percentage of all CACP recipients in the target population | 22.3  | 28.5  | 14.9  | 24.5  | 20.0  | 14.1  | 20.5  | 8.4   | 22.3  |
| HACC recipients from a non-English speaking country as a proportion of all HACC recipients in the target population | 18.4  | 25.3  | 11.4  | 21.3  | 21.2  | 10.0  | 27.4  | 15.9  | 19.6  |
| <b>Differences between target population proportions and special needs recipient proportions (per cent) (g)</b>     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Indigenous aged care residents  | -89.3 | -88.9 | -79.5 | -57.8 | -84.2 | -83.7 | -94.1 | -34.2 | -80.6 |
| Indigenous CACP recipients  | -3.6  | 33.3  | -22.7 | 37.8  | 21.1  | -58.1 | 170.6 | 9.3   | 16.1  |
| Indigenous HACC recipients  | 17.9  | -11.1 | -34.1 | -17.8 | 10.5  | -51.2 | -47.1 | -7.0  | -16.1 |
| Residents from a non-English speaking country   | -23.2 | -23.8 | -40.0 | -21.1 | -24.6 | -50.8 | -22.4 | -15.7 | -25.9 |
| CACP recipients from a non-English speaking country   | 7.7   | 13.1  | 2.8   | 15.0  | 2.6   | 11.9  | -11.6 | -61.1 | 8.8   |
| HACC recipients from a non-English speaking country   | -11.1 | 0.4   | -21.4 | 0.0   | 8.7   | -20.6 | 18.1  | -26.4 | -4.4  |

Table 13A.4

**Table 13A.4 Aged care recipients from special needs groups, June 2008 (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|

- (a) See table 13A.2 for notes and sources of population data.
- (b) Reports provisional HACC data that has not been validated and may be subject to revision.
- (c) The proportion of HACC agencies that submitted data for the year varied between jurisdictions and actual results may vary from those reported.
- (d) 'Nil' and 'Not Stated' responses from the HACC Minimum Data Set Collection are not included in calculations.
- (e) Indigenous people aged 50 and over as a percentage of the total population aged 70 and over plus the number of Indigenous people aged 50 to 69 years old.
- (f) Indigenous status based on self-identification. Unknown responses distributed *pro rata*.
- (g) Percentage variation of the special needs recipients proportion from their proportion in the target population.

Source: DoHA (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 13A.19.

Table 13A.5

Table 13A.5 HACC client characteristics, 2007-08 (a), (b)

| Unit  | NSW        | Vic            | Qld            | WA             | SA            | Tas           | ACT           | NT           | Aust           |
|---|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| HACC clients by age                                   |            |                |                |                |               |               |               |              |                |
| Aged under 50 years                                   | %          | 9.6            | 13.2           | 10.6           | 9.6           | 10.1          | 16.6          | 23.2         | 11.3           |
| 50 years and over                                     | %          | 90.4           | 86.8           | 89.4           | 90.4          | 89.9          | 83.4          | 76.8         | 88.7           |
| 70 years and over                                     | %          | 72.5           | 65.5           | 69.9           | 71.8          | 68.2          | 63.5          | 40.5         | 68.9           |
| HACC clients by gender                                |            |                |                |                |               |               |               |              |                |
| Male  | %          | 35.4           | 36.0           | 37.5           | 33.5          | 34.7          | 32.4          | 42.4         | 36.0           |
| Female  | %          | 64.6           | 64.0           | 62.5           | 66.5          | 65.3          | 67.6          | 57.6         | 64.0           |
| Indigenous clients as a proportion of all clients (c) |            |                |                |                |               |               |               |              |                |
| Indigenous males                                      | %          | 1.2            | 0.4            | 1.1            | 1.3           | 0.8           | 0.4           | 19.4         | 1.0            |
| Indigenous females                                    | %          | 2.3            | 0.6            | 1.6            | 2.2           | 1.2           | 0.6           | 28.9         | 1.6            |
| Total Indigenous                                      | %          | 3.5            | 0.9            | 2.8            | 3.5           | 1.9           | 1.0           | 48.4         | 2.6            |
| Main language spoken at home                          |            |                |                |                |               |               |               |              |                |
| English   | %          | 89.1           | 87.1           | 96.0           | 90.3          | 96.8          | 90.0          | 54.6         | 89.9           |
| Other than English                                    | %          | 10.9           | 12.9           | 4.0            | 9.7           | 3.2           | 10.0          | 45.4         | 10.1           |
| Carer status  |            |                |                |                |               |               |               |              |                |
| Does not have a carer                                 | %          | 71.4           | 63.4           | 61.6           | 69.8          | 71.7          | 68.8          | 53.1         | 67.1           |
| Has a carer   | %          | 28.6           | 36.6           | 38.4           | 30.2          | 28.3          | 31.2          | 46.9         | 32.9           |
| <b>Total HACC clients</b>                             | <b>No.</b> | <b>223 978</b> | <b>258 204</b> | <b>157 403</b> | <b>64 905</b> | <b>24 412</b> | <b>10 317</b> | <b>3 661</b> | <b>831 472</b> |

(a) Reports provisional data that have not been validated and may be subject to revision.

(b) 'Nil' and 'Not Stated' responses from the HACC Minimum Data Set Collection are not included in calculations.

(c) Includes only people who self identify as Indigenous.

Source: DoHA (unpublished), HACC Minimum Data Set Collection 2007-08; 2009 Report, table 13A.33.

Table 13A.6

Table 13A.6 Distribution of HACC clients, by age and Indigenous status, 2007-08 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

|  | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas          | ACT          | NT           | Aust         |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Distribution of HACC clients by Indigenous status  |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Proportion of Indigenous HACC clients              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Aged under 50 years                                | 30.8         | 40.4         | 27.2         | 22.2         | 34.6         | 26.1         | 41.2         | 24.4         | 30.0         |
| 50 years to 69 years                               | 39.4         | 39.1         | 37.8         | 48.6         | 41.5         | 29.9         | 40.0         | 49.3         | 41.0         |
| 70 years and over                                  | 29.8         | 20.5         | 35.0         | 29.2         | 23.8         | 43.9         | 18.8         | 26.2         | 29.1         |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Proportion of non-Indigenous HACC clients          |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Aged under 50 years                                | 8.6          | 12.4         | 10.7         | 8.4          | 9.8          | 10.0         | 16.8         | 18.0         | 10.4         |
| 50 years to 69 years                               | 17.1         | 20.6         | 19.7         | 16.9         | 19.2         | 21.3         | 19.5         | 25.8         | 19.0         |
| 70 years and over                                  | 74.3         | 67.0         | 69.6         | 74.6         | 71.0         | 68.7         | 63.7         | 56.2         | 70.5         |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Proportion of all HACC clients                     |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Aged under 50 years                                | 9.6          | 13.2         | 10.6         | 9.6          | 11.9         | 10.1         | 16.6         | 23.2         | 11.3         |
| 50 years to 69 years                               | 17.9         | 21.3         | 19.6         | 18.6         | 19.9         | 21.7         | 19.9         | 36.3         | 19.8         |
| 70 years and over                                  | 72.5         | 65.5         | 69.9         | 71.8         | 68.2         | 68.2         | 63.5         | 40.5         | 68.9         |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Distribution of HACC clients by age group          |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Proportion of HACC clients aged 50 years and under |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous clients                                 | 11.6         | 3.0          | 6.8          | 8.8          | 7.7          | 4.9          | 2.4          | 55.9         | 7.1          |
| Non-Indigenous clients                             | 88.4         | 97.0         | 93.2         | 91.2         | 92.3         | 95.1         | 97.6         | 44.1         | 92.9         |
| <b>All persons</b>                                 | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Proportion of HACC clients aged 50–70 years        |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous clients                                 | 7.8          | 1.8          | 5.2          | 9.5          | 4.8          | 2.7          | 2.0          | 64.2         | 5.4          |
| Non-Indigenous clients                             | 92.2         | 98.2         | 94.8         | 90.5         | 95.2         | 97.3         | 98.0         | 35.8         | 94.6         |
| <b>All persons</b>                                 | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

Table 13A.6

Table 13A.6 Distribution of HACC clients, by age and Indigenous status, 2007-08 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

|   | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas          | ACT          | NT           | Aust         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Proportion of HACC clients aged 70 years and over |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous clients                                | 1.4          | 0.3          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 0.8          | 1.2          | 0.3          | 30.4         | 1.1          |
| Non-Indigenous clients                            | 98.6         | 99.7         | 98.6         | 98.6         | 99.2         | 98.8         | 99.7         | 69.6         | 98.9         |
| <b>All persons</b>                                | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) Reports provisional data that have not been validated and may be subject to revision.

(b) 'Nil' and 'Not Stated' responses from the HACC Minimum Data Set Collection are not included in calculations.

(c) Indigenous clients include only people who self identify as Indigenous.

Source: DoHA (unpublished), HACC Minimum Data Set 2007-08; 2009 Report, table 13A.34.

Table 13A.7

Table 13A.7 Comparative characteristics of Indigenous HACC clients, 2007-08 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

|   | Unit | NSW  | Vic (f) | Qld  | WA (g) | SA   | Tas  | ACT  | NT   | Aust |
|---|------|------|---------|------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Indigenous persons as a proportion of the Australian population       |      |      |         |      |        |      |      |      |      |      |
| Total   | %    | 2.3  | 0.7     | 3.6  | 3.4    | 1.8  | 3.8  | 1.3  | 30.6 | 2.5  |
| Aged 50+ years  | %    | 0.9  | 0.3     | 1.3  | 1.3    | 0.6  | 1.3  | 0.4  | 16.3 | 0.9  |
| Aged 70+ years  | %    | 0.5  | 0.2     | 0.7  | 0.7    | 0.3  | 0.7  | 0.1  | 19.2 | 0.5  |
| Indigenous persons as a proportion of HACC clients                    |      |      |         |      |        |      |      |      |      |      |
| Total   | %    | 3.5  | 0.9     | 2.8  | 3.5    | 2.3  | 1.9  | 1.0  | 48.4 | 2.6  |
| Aged 50+ years  | %    | 2.7  | 0.6     | 2.3  | 3.0    | 1.7  | 1.6  | 0.7  | 46.4 | 2.0  |
| Aged 70+ years  | %    | 1.4  | 0.3     | 1.4  | 1.4    | 0.8  | 1.2  | 0.3  | 30.4 | 1.1  |
| Characteristics of Indigenous HACC clients aged 50 years and over     |      |      |         |      |        |      |      |      |      |      |
| Female  | %    | 67.5 | 66.0    | 64.0 | 63.8   | 61.8 | 65.0 | 67.3 | 63.0 | 65.2 |
| Speaks English at home  | %    | 97.2 | 98.7    | 87.8 | 65.6   | 82.5 | 99.6 | 97.8 | 18.4 | 82.6 |
| Receives a pension  | %    | 96.9 | 95.6    | 98.0 | 99.3   | 96.4 | 96.6 | 91.9 | 99.2 | 97.5 |
| Lives alone   | %    | 34.1 | 35.0    | 28.4 | 19.5   | 27.4 | 42.8 | 31.1 | 7.3  | 27.9 |
| Has a carer   | %    | 17.5 | 30.5    | 35.5 | 34.6   | 27.5 | 33.9 | 29.5 | 34.9 | 27.4 |
| Receives four or more service types                                   | %    | 18.0 | 21.1    | 45.1 | 55.0   | 43.1 | 23.5 | 40.0 | 61.3 | 34.8 |
| Monthly hours of service per client                                   | hrs  | 5.7  | 7.0     | 8.3  | 7.6    | 5.1  | 3.3  | 9.3  | 9.8  | 6.9  |
| Characteristics of non-Indigenous HACC clients aged 50 years and over |      |      |         |      |        |      |      |      |      |      |
| Female  | %    | 65.8 | 65.9    | 64.8 | 68.6   | 65.8 | 66.5 | 69.3 | 56.8 | 65.9 |
| Speaks English at home  | %    | 88.8 | 85.6    | 95.8 | 90.5   | 87.5 | 96.4 | 90.0 | 86.9 | 89.4 |
| Receives a pension  | %    | 94.5 | 92.6    | 92.1 | 92.4   | 93.3 | 95.1 | 86.2 | 94.3 | 93.1 |
| Lives alone   | %    | 46.7 | 45.2    | 44.4 | 52.9   | 48.1 | 50.7 | 50.7 | 53.5 | 46.7 |
| Has a carer   | %    | 26.3 | 35.2    | 36.5 | 27.4   | 23.4 | 25.3 | 27.6 | 48.0 | 30.7 |
| Receives four or more services  | %    | 17.7 | 13.0    | 24.4 | 34.7   | 28.2 | 23.2 | 15.8 | 22.0 | 20.1 |
| Monthly hours of service per client                                   | hrs  | 3.6  | 3.9     | 4.0  | 5.3    | 2.8  | 3.0  | 3.4  | 3.8  | 3.8  |

(a) 'Nil' and 'Not Stated' responses from the HACC Minimum Data Set Collection are not included in calculations.

Table 13A.7

**Table 13A.7 Comparative characteristics of Indigenous HACC clients, 2007-08 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

| <i>Unit</i> | NSW | Vic (f) | Qld | WA (g) | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|-------------|-----|---------|-----|--------|----|-----|-----|----|------|
|-------------|-----|---------|-----|--------|----|-----|-----|----|------|

(b) ABS Preliminary Population Projections by SLA 2006–2026 (unpublished); Indigenous estimates based on ratios from unpublished ABS data from the 2006 Census applied to ABS Preliminary Population Projections by SLA 2006–2026 (unpublished).

- (c) Reports provisional data that have not been validated and may be subject to revision.
- (d) The proportion of a HACC agencies that submitted data for the year varied between jurisdictions and actual service levels may be higher than stated.
- (e) Indigenous data include only people who self identify as Indigenous.
- (f) Validation processes for the Victorian Data Repository and the HACC MDS differ and actual service levels may be up to 5 per cent higher or lower than stated. In the case of Respite Care, the Victorian Data Repository recorded service levels 50 per cent higher than stated.
- (g) WA service volumes for Social Support are under represented by 3–4 per cent due to a processing error.

Source: DoHA (unpublished) Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set 2007-08; 2009 Report, table 13A.35.



Table 13A.8

**Table 13A.8 Aged care assessments (a), (b), (c)**

|   | NSW    | Vic    | Qld (d) | WA     | SA     | Tas   | ACT   | NT   | Aust    |
|---|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------|---------|
| Indigenous aged care assessments per 1000 Indigenous persons aged 50 years or over  |        |        |         |        |        |       |       |      |         |
| 2003-04   | 16.2   | 74.8   | 12.5    | 59.5   | 47.1   | 17.4  | 26.5  | 49.1 | 30.9    |
| 2004-05   | 28.5   | 67.0   | 11.6    | 65.3   | 37.8   | 18.0  | 31.8  | 50.2 | 34.6    |
| 2005-06   | 34.1   | 48.4   | 20.7    | 59.9   | 44.6   | 16.7  | 19.9  | 51.8 | 37.2    |
| 2006-07   | 27.9   | 35.7   | 23.1    | 57.2   | 36.2   | 13.7  | 51.2  | 56.7 | 34.5    |
| Total number of aged care assessments of Indigenous persons aged 50 years and older   |        |        |         |        |        |       |       |      |         |
| 2003-04   | 253    | 249    | 169     | 435    | 130    | 35    | 9     | 294  | 1 574   |
| 2004-05   | 455    | 229    | 162     | 500    | 107    | 37    | 11    | 311  | 1 812   |
| 2005-06   | 557    | 170    | 298     | 481    | 129    | 35    | 7     | 335  | 2 012   |
| 2006-07   | 552    | 163    | 385     | 474    | 122    | 32    | 21    | 417  | 2 166   |
| Aged care assessments of persons aged 70 years or over and Indigenous persons aged 50–69 years per 1000 persons aged 70 years or over and Indigenous persons aged 50–69 years |        |        |         |        |        |       |       |      |         |
| 2003-04   | 92.7   | 100.9  | 82.0    | 88.8   | 77.0   | 86.7  | 94.6  | 55.7 | 90.8    |
| 2004-05   | 90.1   | 95.8   | 74.4    | 89.4   | 76.4   | 82.7  | 120.6 | 63.6 | 87.5    |
| 2005-06   | 88.3   | 92.5   | 71.4    | 94.1   | 86.3   | 88.2  | 113.0 | 61.9 | 86.8    |
| 2006-07   | 86.7   | 89.7   | 72.8    | 88.8   | 80.8   | 88.7  | 87.5  | 70.0 | 84.5    |
| Total number of assessments of persons aged 70 years or over and Indigenous persons aged 50–69 years  |        |        |         |        |        |       |       |      |         |
| 2003-04   | 61 569 | 48 446 | 27 652  | 14 708 | 13 231 | 4 396 | 2 003 | 552  | 172 557 |
| 2004-05   | 60 751 | 46 821 | 25 734  | 15 228 | 13 273 | 4 257 | 2 640 | 650  | 169 354 |
| 2005-06   | 60 697 | 46 256 | 25 426  | 16 531 | 15 237 | 4 626 | 2 555 | 660  | 171 988 |
| 2006-07   | 60 937 | 46 320 | 27 514  | 16 473 | 14 585 | 4 822 | 2 077 | 858  | 173 586 |

- (a) Population data for 2008 are calculated on a different basis to years prior to 2008. See table 13A.2 for notes regarding total population and Indigenous population data.
- (b) 2006-07 data in this table include complete assessments only. For previous years the following information applies: In May 2003 a new Minimum Data Set (MDSv2) was introduced for the Aged Care Assessment Program. With the exception of Queensland and about half of NSW, it had been adopted by states and territories when data shown in this table were collected. The data in this table have been selected to match MDSv1 and MDSv2 coding and to be comparable as closely as possible with previous reports containing MDSv1 data. Includes only assessments (completed and not completed) for the stated client group. (Some assessments are not completed because, for example, the client's circumstances may change or the client may withdraw mid-way through the assessment process. Separate counting of completed and not completed assessments has been introduced over time with the adoption of the MDSv2.)
- (c) The number of Indigenous assessments is based on self-identification of Indigenous status. Therefore these figures may not accurately represent the assessment of Indigenous persons.
- (d) The total number of assessments for Queensland in 2005-06 is underestimated by approximately 2000 due to technical failure.

Source: Aged Care Assessment Program National Data Repository (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 13A.39.

Table 13A.9

Table 13A.9 Australian Government expenditure on Aged Community Care Programs, 2007-08 (\$ million)

|   | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas         | ACT         | NT          | Other       | Aust          |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Aged Care Assessment (a)                            | 22.5         | 15.7         | 11.1         | 6.5          | 6.0          | 1.7         | 0.7         | 0.9         | -           | 65.0          |
| Community Aged Care Packages (CACPs) (b)            | 153.1        | 118.0        | 71.9         | 37.9         | 41.1         | 12.1        | 6.0         | 7.7         | -           | 447.8         |
| Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) (c)               | 45.4         | 39.9         | 21.7         | 11.6         | 12.6         | 3.5         | 3.8         | 2.6         | -           | 141.1         |
| EACH Dementia                                       | 18.7         | 16.1         | 9.3          | 4.2          | 5.2          | 1.9         | 1.3         | 0.9         | -           | 57.7          |
| Community Care Grants (d)                           | 0.6          | 0.4          | 0.7          | 0.2          | 0.1          | 0.3         | -           | 0.4         | -           | 2.6           |
| Assistance with Care and Housing for the Aged (e)   | 1.0          | 0.9          | 0.5          | 0.3          | 0.3          | 0.1         | 0.2         | 0.2         | -           | 3.5           |
| National Respite for Carers (NRCP) (f)              | 50.7         | 37.7         | 29.1         | 13.7         | 15.4         | 5.6         | 3.8         | 4.8         | 12.6        | 173.5         |
| Day Therapy Centres (g)                             | 5.3          | 5.9          | 6.3          | 3.4          | 11.5         | 1.2         | 0.2         | 0.7         | -           | 34.6          |
| Continence Aids Assistance Scheme                   | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           | na          | na          | na          | 20.1        | 20.1          |
| Carers Information and Support (h)                  | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -           | -           | -           | 1.9         | 1.9           |
| Commonwealth Carelink Centres (i)                   | 4.0          | 3.0          | 2.8          | 2.1          | 1.2          | 0.8         | 0.3         | 0.6         | 1.7         | 16.4          |
| National Continence Management Strategy (j)         | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           | na          | na          | na          | 4.2         | 4.2           |
| Home and Community Care (HACC)                      | 305.2        | 246.8        | 223.1        | 101.0        | 85.4         | 26.3        | 11.9        | 7.0         | -           | 1 006.7       |
| Veterans' Home Care (VHC)                           | 31.9         | 23.8         | 19.1         | 9.4          | 7.3          | 4.8         | 1.8         | 0.2         | ..          | 98.3          |
| DVA Community Nursing                               | 47.5         | 16.1         | 14.1         | 6.0          | 9.9          | 4.7         | 1.8         | 0.1         | ..          | 100.2         |
| Multi-purpose Service Program                       | 24.2         | 9.2          | 12.0         | 20.7         | 9.0          | 3.0         | -           | 0.2         | -           | 78.3          |
| Additional COAG funding for ACATs                   | 1.2          | 0.9          | 0.6          | 0.3          | 0.3          | 0.2         | 0.1         | 0.1         | 0.7         | 4.3           |
| Transition Care Program                             | 19.6         | 14.8         | 6.8          | 3.3          | 5.7          | 1.6         | 1.1         | 0.1         | ..          | 52.8          |
| Dementia Education and Support                      | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -           | -           | -           | 1.5         | 1.5           |
| Indigenous specific services                        | 0.8          | 1.7          | 3.0          | 0.8          | 5.4          | 0.6         | -           | 6.5         | 2.1         | 20.9          |
| <b>Total expenditure on community care programs</b> | <b>731.7</b> | <b>550.9</b> | <b>432.1</b> | <b>221.4</b> | <b>216.4</b> | <b>68.4</b> | <b>33.1</b> | <b>33.0</b> | <b>44.8</b> | <b>2331.3</b> |

(a) The objective of Aged Care Assessment is to provide comprehensive multidisciplinary assessment of needs of frail older people, including delegated authority to approve people for Australian Government subsidised care through residential aged care, Community Aged Care Packages and flexible care. Funded through Australian Government grants to State and Territory Governments that operate 115 Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACATs) and Evaluation Units.

Table 13A.9

**Table 13A.9 Australian Government expenditure on Aged Community Care Programs, 2007-08 (\$ million)**

|  | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Other | Aust |
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|-------|------|
| (b) The objective of Community Aged Care Packages are to assist people with complex care needs who otherwise are eligible for low level residential care to remain in the community. Australian Government only funded.  |     |     |     |    |    |     |     |    |       |      |
| (c) The objective of Extended Aged Care at Home is to provide high level care at home as an alternative to high level residential care. Australian Government only funded.   |     |     |     |    |    |     |     |    |       |      |
| (d) The objective of Community Care Grants is to provide one-off assistance in the form of a grant to help Care Package Providers establish the administrative infrastructure for package provision.   |     |     |     |    |    |     |     |    |       |      |
| (e) The objective of Assistance with Care and Housing for the Aged is to assist financially disadvantaged older people who are renting or who are homeless to access both community care and accommodation. Formerly a pilot program.  |     |     |     |    |    |     |     |    |       |      |
| (f) The objective of National Respite for Carers is to provide support for carers of the frail aged and people with disabilities, through the provision of information, advice, coordination and delivery of respite care services. A further breakdown of expenditure is in table 13.4 of the Aged care services chapter. |     |     |     |    |    |     |     |    |       |      |
| (g) The objective of Day Therapy Centres is to assist older people to maintain or recover functional independence, through the provision of therapy services to allow them to remain in the community or in low level residential care. Funding is Australian Government only.   |     |     |     |    |    |     |     |    |       |      |
| (h) The objective of Carers Information and Support is to provide information and support for carers of frail aged and people with a disability to assist them in their caring role.   |     |     |     |    |    |     |     |    |       |      |
| (i) The objective of Commonwealth Carelink Centres is to provide a single point of information about the range of community, aged and disability services. Includes 65 shopfronts and a national 1800 number.  |     |     |     |    |    |     |     |    |       |      |
| (j) The objective of the National Continence Management Strategy is to improve continence awareness, management and treatment so that more Australians can live and participate in their community with confidence and dignity.  |     |     |     |    |    |     |     |    |       |      |
| na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.   |     |     |     |    |    |     |     |    |       |      |

Source: DoHA (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 13A.48.

Table 13A.10

Table 13A.10 Access to Commonwealth Carelink Centres, 2007-08 (a)

| Unit  | NSW         | Vic     | Qld     | WA      | SA      | Tas    | ACT    | NT     | Aust      |
|---|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Indigenous contacts (b)   | no. 575     | 68      | 664     | 140     | 186     | 9      | 15     | 139    | 1 796     |
| Indigenous target population (c)  | no. 19 792  | 4 572   | 16 643  | 8 280   | 3 368   | 2 339  | 410    | 7 351  | 62 755    |
| Indigenous contacts per 1000 Indigenous people in the target population | no. 29.1    | 14.9    | 39.9    | 16.9    | 55.2    | 3.8    | 36.6   | 18.9   | 28.6      |
| All contacts  | no. 57 142  | 22 616  | 62 842  | 23 872  | 16 648  | 6 579  | 2 818  | 648    | 193 165   |
| All target population (d)   | no. 702 737 | 516 293 | 378 005 | 185 518 | 180 510 | 54 386 | 23 732 | 12 260 | 2 053 441 |
| All contacts per 1000 target population                                 | no. 81.3    | 43.8    | 166.2   | 128.7   | 92.2    | 121.0  | 118.7  | 52.9   | 94.1      |

(a) Contacts include phone calls, emails, visits and facsimiles.

(b) People making contact self identify as Indigenous. Therefore, there is likely to be substantial under reporting of Indigenous status.

(c) Indigenous people aged 50 years and over. See footnotes to table 13A.2 for details of population calculations.

(d) All people aged 70 years and older plus Indigenous people aged 50-69. See footnotes to table 13A.2 for details of population calculations.

Source: DoHA (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 13A.57.

**Table 13A.11 Indigenous permanent residents classified as high or low care and Indigenous CACP, and EACH at 30 June 2008: age-sex specific usage rates per 1000 people by remoteness (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|   | Major cities | Inner regional | Outer regional | Remote | Very remote | All regions |
|---|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| All Permanent residents, CACP and EACH recipients at 30 June 2008 |              |                |                |        |             |             |
| Females   |              |                |                |        |             |             |
| under 50  | 0.2          | 0.2            | 0.4            | 0.3    | 0.2         | 0.3         |
| 50–54   | 4.8          | 7.2            | 7.3            | 5.6    | 9.9         | 6.6         |
| 55–64   | 11.7         | 22.5           | 26.7           | 28.5   | 29.3        | 21.6        |
| 65–74   | 38.2         | 61.2           | 64.5           | 112.9  | 90.0        | 65.2        |
| 75+   | 146.0        | 134.0          | 159.0          | 262.4  | 200.0       | 167.5       |
| Males   |              |                |                |        |             |             |
| under 50  | 0.1          | 0.1            | 0.4            | 0.3    | 0.3         | 0.2         |
| 50–54   | 3.2          | 6.4            | 5.8            | 12.4   | 6.2         | 5.8         |
| 55–64   | 9.0          | 12.6           | 21.3           | 31.4   | 20.7        | 16.5        |
| 65–74   | 31.0         | 43.4           | 72.4           | 74.0   | 70.7        | 53.8        |
| 75+   | 96.1         | 95.4           | 123.1          | 229.3  | 240.1       | 138.5       |
| Persons   |              |                |                |        |             |             |
| under 50  | 0.2          | 0.2            | 0.4            | 0.3    | 0.3         | 0.2         |
| 50–54   | 4.0          | 6.8            | 6.5            | 8.9    | 8.1         | 6.2         |
| 55–64   | 10.4         | 17.6           | 24.2           | 29.9   | 25.2        | 19.2        |
| 65–74   | 34.8         | 52.7           | 67.7           | 95.1   | 81.0        | 59.7        |
| 75+   | 129.7        | 119.8          | 147.2          | 253.7  | 218.2       | 158.7       |

- (a) Geographical data are based on the ABS Australian Standard Geographic Classification of Remoteness Areas 2001. Data are classified according to an index of remoteness which rates each ABS Census District based on the number and size of towns, the distance to major towns and urban centres. For more information refer to the Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ABS Publication 1216.0). See notes to table 13A.2.
- (b) These figures exclude places and packages funded by Multi-purpose services and those provided by flexible funding under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Strategy.
- (c) All permanent residents are included.
- (d) Indigenous population data for June 2008 are determined using DoHA unpublished projections based on published ABS Experimental Indigenous ERPs by remoteness areas for age groups up to 65 plus, as at June 2006 (ABS Cat. no. 3238.0.55.001). Observed average annual growth at remoteness area (RA) level in ABS Experimental Indigenous Estimated Residential Populations (ERPs) between 2001 and 2006 for total Indigenous persons of all ages was applied to project 2006 ERPs forward to 2008. The 65 years and over group was split into 65-74 and 75 plus age groups for each RA using proportions from published Indigenous ERP data for males, females, persons for Australia. Also see notes to table 13A.2 for further notes and sources of data.
- (e) EACH packages do not include EACH dementia packages. Earlier reports included EACH dementia packages in these data.

Source: DoHA (unpublished); *ABS Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009* (ABS cat no 3238.0); *Experimental Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians* (ABS cat no 3238.0.55.001); 2009 Report, table 13A.65.

# 14A Services for people with a disability — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 14.7 of the chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report). Data in this chapter are examined by the Disability Services Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat. A peer review process is also undertaken by the Disability Services Working Group in the development of the data definitions. Unsourced information was obtained from the Australian, State and Territory governments.

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Table 14A.1

**Table 14A.1 Users of CSTDA accommodation support services, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

|   | <i>NSW (h)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (i)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Indigenous people using accommodation support services per 1000 Indigenous population aged under 65 years         |                |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2003-04   | 1.2            | 10.4       | 1.5        | 2.7       | 2.6       | 1.7        | 0.5            | 1.8       | 2.2         |
| 2004-05   | 1.1            | 8.5        | 1.6        | 2.7       | 3.3       | 1.7        | 0.7            | 1.8       | 2.1         |
| 2005-06   | 1.3            | 11.0       | 1.7        | 2.4       | 3.5       | 1.5        | np             | 1.9       | 2.4         |
| 2006-07   | 1.3            | 10.6       | 2.0        | 4.0       | 5.0       | 1.5        | np             | 2.3       | 2.8         |
| Indigenous people using accommodation support services per 1000 Indigenous potential population                   |                |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2006-07   | 14.8           | 122.6      | 23.3       | 46.8      | 58.2      | 17.8       | np             | 26.7      | 32.3        |
| Non-Indigenous people using accommodation support services per 1000 non-Indigenous population aged under 65 years |                |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2003-04   | 1.1            | 1.8        | 1.3        | 1.7       | 3.1       | 2.6        | 1.1            | 0.8       | 1.5         |
| 2004-05   | 1.0            | 1.4        | 1.4        | 1.8       | 3.4       | 2.8        | 1.2            | 0.6       | 1.5         |
| 2005-06   | 1.2            | 1.7        | 1.4        | 1.9       | 3.3       | 2.7        | 1.1            | 0.8       | 1.6         |
| 2006-07   | 1.2            | 1.6        | 1.5        | 2.0       | 3.4       | 2.7        | 1.1            | 0.9       | 1.6         |
| Non-Indigenous people using accommodation support services per 1000 non-Indigenous potential population           |                |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2006-07   | 31.8           | 42.5       | 38.4       | 50.6      | 85.7      | 66.4       | 28.1           | 23.6      | 42.4        |
| All people using accommodation services per 1000 total population aged under 65 years                             |                |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2003-04   | 1.1            | 1.9        | 1.3        | 1.7       | 3.1       | 2.6        | 1.1            | 1.1       | 1.6         |
| 2004-05   | 1.0            | 1.4        | 1.4        | 1.8       | 3.4       | 2.7        | 1.1            | 1.0       | 1.5         |
| 2005-06   | 1.2            | 1.8        | 1.4        | 1.9       | 3.3       | 2.6        | 1.1            | 1.1       | 1.6         |
| 2006-07   | 1.2            | 1.7        | 1.5        | 2.0       | 3.4       | 2.6        | 1.1            | 1.3       | 1.7         |

- (a) Service user data are estimates after a statistical linkage key is used to account for individuals who received services from more than one service type outlet during each period. Individuals might have accessed services from more than one State or Territory. Where Indigenous status was inconsistently recorded for the same user, the user was counted as an Indigenous Australian.
- (b) Data for all service users exclude 954 service users in 2003-04, 2436 service users in 2004-05, 687 service users in 2005-06 and 868 service users in 2006-07 whose Indigenous status was not reported, thus accommodation support service users per 1000 total population aged under 65 years may differ from other tables. Due to the relatively high missing rate of data, care should be taken when interpreting this indicator.
- (c) Data for users of CSTDA funded accommodation support services exclude specialist psychiatric disability services identified by the jurisdiction.
- (d) Service user data collected under the CSTDA NMDS are not comparable with data from the previous CSDA MDS snapshot day collections.
- (e) Data for users per 1000 people are derived by dividing the number of service users by the number of people aged under 65 years, multiplied by 1000. Data for users per 1000 potential population are derived by dividing the number of service users by the potential population, multiplied by 1000.
- (f) Data quality continues to improve following the implementation of the CSTDA NMDS. However, this indicator needs to be interpreted with care due to a number of factors affecting data quality. Differences in service type outlet and service user response rates between jurisdictions and across years, for example, should be taken into account when interpreting these data.

**Table 14A.1 Users of CSTDA accommodation support services, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

|     | <i>NSW (h)</i>   | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (i)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| (g) | Comparisons of the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations' access to services per 1000 people should be undertaken with care. The need for services is likely to be greater for Indigenous people than non-Indigenous people due to the higher prevalence of disability. The AIHW estimated that the proportion of Indigenous people aged over 18 years who had a profound or severe core activity limitation is approximately 2.4 times that of non-Indigenous people. |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| (h) | NSW has experienced low and varied data response rates. This led to underreporting of service user numbers for all years and affected the comparability of the data across the years.  |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| (i) | ACT data for service users per 1000 Indigenous people/potential population are not published as they are based on a small number of service users.   |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |

**np** Not published.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from the *CSTDA NMDS*; ABS, *Australian Demographic Statistics*, Cat. no. 3101.0 (various issues), Canberra; ABS 2004, *Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population 30 June 2001 to 30 June 2009*, Cat. no. 3238.0, Canberra; AIHW 2006, *'Potential Population' — Updating the Indigenous Factor in Disability Services Performance Indicator Denominators*, AIHW Cat. no. DIS 45, Welfare Working Paper Series no. 50, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 14A.30.

Table 14A.2

**Table 14A.2 Users of CSTDA community support services, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|   | <i>NSW (g)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Indigenous people using community support services per 1000 Indigenous population aged under 65 years         |                |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2004-05   | 5.6            | 15.2       | 4.6        | 13.7      | 18.9      | 1.9        | 7.0        | 5.0       | 7.6         |
| 2005-06   | 6.6            | 29.3       | 5.0        | 10.2      | 18.1      | 2.3        | 7.3        | 1.9       | 8.0         |
| 2006-07   | 8.1            | 35.8       | 5.5        | 16.1      | 18.1      | 3.3        | 9.7        | 2.5       | 9.9         |
| Indigenous people using community support services per 1000 Indigenous potential population                   |                |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2006-07   | 92.6           | 413.6      | 63.3       | 187.5     | 209.4     | 37.4       | 114.9      | 29.9      | 114.6       |
| Non-Indigenous people using community support services per 1000 non-Indigenous population aged under 65 years |                |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2004-05   | 3.1            | 2.6        | 2.4        | 6.7       | 7.2       | 4.8        | 8.4        | 4.5       | 3.6         |
| 2005-06   | 3.4            | 5.5        | 2.6        | 6.4       | 8.4       | 5.3        | 6.7        | 2.2       | 4.5         |
| 2006-07   | 3.3            | 7.0        | 2.7        | 7.0       | 8.6       | 5.3        | 10.0       | 2.0       | 5.0         |
| Non-Indigenous people using community support services per 1000 non-Indigenous potential population           |                |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2006-07   | 86.2           | 181.8      | 70.3       | 179.5     | 218.9     | 130.2      | 265.9      | 53.1      | 129.7       |
| All people using community support services per 1000 total population aged under 65 years                     |                |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2004-05   | 3.2            | 2.7        | 2.5        | 6.9       | 7.5       | 4.7        | 8.4        | 4.7       | 3.7         |
| 2005-06   | 3.5            | 5.7        | 2.7        | 6.5       | 8.6       | 5.2        | 6.7        | 2.1       | 4.6         |
| 2006-07   | 3.5            | 7.2        | 2.8        | 7.3       | 8.8       | 5.2        | 10.0       | 2.2       | 5.2         |

- (a) Service user data are estimates after a statistical linkage key is used to account for individuals who received services from more than one service type outlet during each period. Individuals might have accessed services from more than one State or Territory. Where Indigenous status was inconsistently recorded for the same user, the user was counted as an Indigenous Australian.
- (b) Data for all service users exclude 27 356 service users in 2004-05, 15 013 service users in 2005-06 and 5451 service users in 2006-07 whose Indigenous status was not reported, thus community support service users per 1000 total population may differ from other tables. Due to the relatively high missing rate of data, care should be taken when interpreting this indicator.
- (c) Data for users of CSTDA funded community support services exclude specialist psychiatric disability services identified by the jurisdiction.
- (d) Data for users per 1000 people are derived by dividing the number of service users by the number of people aged under 65 years, multiplied by 1000. Data for users per 1000 potential population are derived by dividing the number of service users by the potential population, multiplied by 1000.
- (e) Data quality continues to improve following the implementation of the CSTDA NMDS. However, this indicator needs to be interpreted with care due to a number of factors affecting data quality. Differences in service type outlet and service user response rates between jurisdictions and across years, for example, should be taken into account when interpreting these data.
- (f) Comparisons of the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations' access to services per 1000 people should be undertaken with care. The need for services is likely to be greater for Indigenous people than non-Indigenous people due to the higher prevalence of disability. The AIHW estimated that the proportion of Indigenous people aged over 18 years who had a profound or severe core activity limitation is approximately 2.4 times that of non-Indigenous people.
- (g) NSW has experienced low and varied data response rates. This led to underreporting of service user numbers for all years and affected the comparability of the data across the years.

Table 14A.2 **Users of CSTDA community support services, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|  | <i>NSW (g)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
|--|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the *CSTDA NMDS*; ABS, *Australian Demographic Statistics*, Cat no. 3101.0 (various issues), Canberra; ABS 2004, *Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population 30 June 2001 to 30 June 2009*, Cat. no. 3238.0, Canberra; AIHW 2006, *'Potential Population' — Updating the Indigenous Factor in Disability Services Performance Indicator Denominators*, AIHW Cat. no. DIS 45, Welfare Working Paper Series no. 50, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 14A.31.

Table 14A.3

**Table 14A.3 Users of CSTDA community access services, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|  | <i>NSW (g)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (h)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Indigenous people using community access services per 1000 Indigenous population aged under 65 years         |                |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2003-04  | 1.4            | 10.8       | 1.7        | 3.9       | 3.0       | 2.0        | 1.0            | 1.6       | 2.6         |
| 2004-05  | 1.5            | 9.2        | 1.8        | 2.4       | 4.0       | 2.1        | 0.7            | 1.5       | 2.3         |
| 2005-06  | 1.7            | 10.9       | 2.0        | 1.9       | 4.0       | 2.4        | np             | 2.0       | 2.5         |
| 2006-07  | 2.2            | 11.8       | 2.5        | 2.6       | 3.6       | 1.8        | np             | 2.3       | 3.0         |
| Indigenous people using community access services per 1000 Indigenous potential population                   |                |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2006-07  | 25.5           | 136.4      | 29.3       | 29.7      | 41.2      | 20.9       | np             | 27.3      | 34.8        |
| Non-Indigenous people using community access services per 1000 non-Indigenous population aged under 65 years |                |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2003-04  | 1.1            | 2.5        | 1.4        | 3.6       | 3.1       | 3.3        | 1.0            | 1.1       | 2.0         |
| 2004-05  | 1.1            | 2.0        | 1.7        | 2.5       | 3.3       | 3.3        | 0.9            | 1.2       | 1.8         |
| 2005-06  | 1.3            | 2.7        | 1.8        | 2.3       | 3.2       | 3.4        | 1.0            | 1.1       | 2.0         |
| 2006-07  | 1.8            | 2.9        | 2.0        | 2.2       | 3.5       | 3.2        | 1.0            | 1.3       | 2.3         |
| Non-Indigenous people using community access services per 1000 non-Indigenous potential population           |                |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2006-07  | 46.5           | 75.1       | 51.1       | 56.2      | 89.8      | 78.4       | 25.8           | 35.5      | 59.1        |
| All people using community access services per 1000 total population aged under 65 years                     |                |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2003-04  | 1.1            | 2.6        | 1.4        | 3.6       | 3.1       | 3.2        | 1.0            | 1.3       | 2.0         |
| 2004-05  | 1.1            | 2.0        | 1.7        | 2.5       | 3.3       | 3.2        | 0.9            | 1.2       | 1.8         |
| 2005-06  | 1.3            | 2.8        | 1.8        | 2.3       | 3.2       | 3.4        | 1.0            | 1.4       | 2.1         |
| 2006-07  | 1.8            | 2.9        | 2.0        | 2.2       | 3.5       | 3.1        | 1.0            | 1.6       | 2.3         |

- (a) Service user data are estimates after a statistical linkage key is used to account for individuals who received services from more than one service type outlet during each period. Individuals might have accessed services from more than one State or Territory. Where Indigenous status was inconsistently recorded for the same user, the user was counted as an Indigenous Australian.
- (b) Data for all service users exclude 7283 service users in 2003-04, 5222 service users in 2004-05, 3057 service users in 2005-06 and 3218 service users in 2006-07 whose Indigenous status was not reported, thus community access service users per 1000 total population may differ from other tables. This 'not reported' total includes recreation/holiday programs (service type 3.02) who were not required to complete the item on Indigenous status; however those who did provide a response are included in the data. Due to the relatively high missing rate of data, care should be taken when interpreting this indicator.
- (c) Data for users of CSTDA funded community access services exclude specialist psychiatric disability services identified by the jurisdiction.
- (d) Data for users per 1000 people are derived by dividing the number of service users by the number of people aged under 65 years, multiplied by 1000. Data for users per 1000 potential population are derived by dividing the number of service users by the potential population, multiplied by 1000.
- (e) Data quality continues to improve following the implementation of the CSTDA NMDS. However, this indicator needs to be interpreted with care due to a number of factors affecting data quality. Differences in service type outlet and service user response rates between jurisdictions and across years, for example, should be taken into account when interpreting these data.

**Table 14A.3 Users of CSTDA community access services, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|     | <i>NSW (g)</i>   | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (h)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| (f) | Comparisons of the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations' access to services per 1000 people should be undertaken with care. The need for services is likely to be greater for Indigenous people than non-Indigenous people due to the higher prevalence of disability. The AIHW estimated that the proportion of Indigenous people aged over 18 years who had a profound or severe core activity limitation is approximately 2.4 times that of non-Indigenous people. |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| (g) | NSW has experienced low and varied data response rates. This led to underreporting of service user numbers for all years and affected the comparability of the data across the years.  |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| (h) | ACT data for service users per 1000 Indigenous people/potential population are not published as they are based on a small number of service users.   |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |

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Table 14A.4

Table 14A.4 **Users of CSTDA respite services, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|   | <i>NSW (g)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA (h)</i> | <i>SA Tas (i)</i> | <i>ACT (i)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |     |
|---|----------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-----|
| Indigenous people using respite services per 1000 Indigenous population aged under 65 years         |                |            |            |               |                   |                |           |             |     |
| 2003-04   | 1.6            | 9.7        | 1.5        | 3.5           | 1.5               | np             | 0.5       | 1.2         | 2.2 |
| 2004-05   | 1.4            | 8.2        | 1.5        | 2.6           | 2.2               | np             | np        | 0.9         | 1.9 |
| 2005-06   | 1.6            | 16.2       | 2.0        | 3.8           | 2.1               | 0.4            | np        | 1.2         | 2.9 |
| 2006-07   | 2.3            | 16.0       | 2.2        | 4.4           | 1.9               | 0.6            | 1.6       | 1.8         | 3.3 |
| Non-Indigenous people using respite services per 1000 non-Indigenous population aged under 65 years |                |            |            |               |                   |                |           |             |     |
| 2003-04   | na             | na         | na         | na            | na                | na             | na        | na          | na  |
| 2004-05   | 0.7            | 1.3        | 1.0        | 1.5           | 1.1               | 0.7            | 1.0       | 0.9         | 1.0 |
| 2005-06   | 0.8            | 2.2        | 1.1        | 1.4           | 1.1               | 0.7            | 1.0       | 0.9         | 1.3 |
| 2006-07   | 0.9            | 2.3        | 1.2        | 1.5           | 1.2               | 0.7            | 1.0       | 1.3         | 1.4 |
| All people using respite services per 1000 total population aged under 65 years                     |                |            |            |               |                   |                |           |             |     |
| 2003-04   | na             | na         | na         | na            | na                | na             | na        | na          | na  |
| 2004-05   | 0.7            | 1.4        | 1.0        | 1.6           | 1.1               | 0.6            | 1.0       | 0.9         | 1.0 |
| 2005-06   | 0.8            | 2.3        | 1.2        | 1.4           | 1.2               | 0.7            | 1.0       | 1.0         | 1.3 |
| 2006-07   | 0.9            | 2.4        | 1.2        | 1.6           | 1.2               | 0.7            | 1.0       | 1.4         | 1.4 |

- (a) Service user data are estimates after a statistical linkage key is used to account for individuals who received services from more than one service type outlet during each period. Individuals might have accessed services from more than one State or Territory. Where Indigenous status was inconsistently recorded for the same user, the user was counted as an Indigenous Australian.
- (b) Data for all service users exclude 3667 service users in 2004-05, 1791 service users in 2005-06 and 1879 service users in 2006-07 whose Indigenous status was not reported, thus respite service users per 1000 total population may differ from other tables. Due to the relatively high missing rate of data, care should be taken when interpreting this indicator.
- (c) Data for users of CSTDA funded respite services exclude specialist psychiatric disability services identified by the jurisdiction.
- (d) Data for users per 1000 people are derived by dividing the number of service users by the number of people aged under 65 years, multiplied by 1000.
- (e) Data quality continues to improve following the implementation of the CSTDA NMDS. However, this indicator needs to be interpreted with care due to a number of factors affecting data quality. Differences in service type outlet and service user response rates between jurisdictions and across years, for example, should be taken into account when interpreting these data.
- (f) Comparisons of the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations' access to services per 1000 people should be undertaken with care. The need for services is likely to be greater for Indigenous people than non-Indigenous people due to the higher prevalence of disability. The AIHW estimated that the proportion of Indigenous people aged over 18 years who had a profound or severe core activity limitation is approximately 2.4 times that of non-Indigenous people.
- (g) NSW has experienced low and varied data response rates. This led to underreporting of service user numbers for all years and affected the comparability of the data across the years.
- (h) WA data for 2005-06 have been corrected for miscoding of data and, therefore, vary from the data reported in the AIHW report on Disability Support Services in 2005-06.
- (i) Tasmanian data for 2003-04 and 2004-05 and ACT data for all years for service users per 1000 Indigenous people are not published as they are based on a small number of service users.

na Not available. np Not published.

Table 14A.4 **Users of CSTDA respite services, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|  | <i>NSW (g)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA (h)</i> | <i>SA Tas (i)</i> | <i>ACT (i)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|----------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
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Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the *CSTDA NMDS*; ABS, *Australian Demographic Statistics*, Cat no. 3101.0 (various issues), Canberra; ABS 2004, *Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population 30 June 2001 to 30 June 2009*, Cat. no. 3238.0, Canberra; AIHW 2006, *'Potential Population' — Updating the Indigenous Factor in Disability Services Performance Indicator Denominators*, AIHW Cat. no. DIS 45, Welfare Working Paper Series no. 50, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 14A.33.



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Table 14A.5 **Users of CSTDA employment services, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | <i>NSW (e)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Indigenous people using employment services per 1000 Indigenous population aged 15–64 years               |                |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2003-04   | 6.6            | 15.2       | 5.2        | 5.3       | 6.6       | 6.7        | 5.6        | 2.4       | 6.0         |
| 2004-05   | 7.3            | 10.9       | 5.2        | 5.1       | 6.5       | 8.5        | 6.6        | 2.4       | 6.0         |
| 2005-06   | 6.5            | 12.6       | 6.1        | 4.6       | 6.7       | 8.2        | 2.3        | 1.8       | 5.9         |
| 2006-07   | 7.9            | 13.9       | 6.5        | 4.9       | 7.7       | 7.5        | 5.2        | 2.9       | 6.8         |
| Indigenous potential population using employment services per 1000 Indigenous population aged 15–64 years |                |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2006-07   | 158.5          | 277.1      | 128.2      | 95.0      | 160.1     | 156.7      | 95.4       | 53.2      | 133.0       |
| Non-Indigenous people using employment services per 1000 non-Indigenous population aged 15–64 years       |                |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2003-04   | 4.1            | 5.1        | 4.5        | 4.6       | 5.5       | 5.0        | 3.9        | 3.1       | 4.6         |
| 2004-05   | 4.0            | 5.1        | 4.5        | 4.5       | 5.8       | 5.2        | 3.3        | 2.9       | 4.6         |
| 2005-06   | 4.7            | 5.8        | 5.3        | 5.2       | 6.2       | 6.4        | 3.8        | 3.2       | 5.2         |
| 2006-07   | 5.3            | 6.1        | 5.7        | 5.3       | 7.0       | 6.6        | 4.2        | 3.5       | 5.7         |
| Non-Indigenous people using employment services per 1000 non-Indigenous population aged 15–64 years       |                |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2006-07   | 220.7          | 248.9      | 222.1      | 204.1     | 285.0     | 265.6      | 155.8      | 129.3     | 229.5       |
| All people using employment services per 1000 total population aged 15–64 years                           |                |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2003-04   | 4.1            | 5.2        | 4.5        | 4.6       | 5.5       | 5.0        | 3.9        | 2.9       | 4.6         |
| 2004-05   | 4.1            | 5.2        | 4.5        | 4.5       | 5.8       | 5.3        | 3.4        | 2.8       | 4.6         |
| 2005-06   | 4.8            | 5.8        | 5.3        | 5.2       | 6.2       | 6.5        | 3.8        | 2.9       | 5.3         |
| 2006-07   | 5.4            | 6.1        | 5.7        | 5.3       | 7.0       | 6.6        | 4.2        | 3.4       | 5.7         |

- (a) Service user data are estimates after a statistical linkage key is used to account for individuals who received services from more than one service type outlet during each period. Individuals might have accessed services from more than one State or Territory.
- (b) Data for users per 1000 people are derived by dividing the number of service users by the number of people aged 15–64 years, multiplied by 1000. Data for users per 1000 potential population are derived by dividing the number of service users by the potential population, multiplied by 1000.
- (c) Data for all service users exclude 4498 service users in 2003-04, 2665 service users in 2004-05, 1288 service users in 2005-06 and 91 service users in 2006-07 whose Indigenous status was not reported, thus employment service users per 1000 total population aged 15–64 years may differ from other tables. Due to the relatively high missing rate of data, care should be taken when interpreting this indicator.
- (d) Comparisons of the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations' access to services per 1000 people should be undertaken with care. The need for services is likely to be greater for Indigenous people than non-Indigenous people due to the higher prevalence of disability. The AIHW estimated that the proportion of Indigenous people aged over 18 years who had a profound or severe core activity limitation is approximately 2.4 times that of non-Indigenous people.
- (e) NSW has experienced low and varied data response rates. This led to underreporting of service user numbers for all years and affected the comparability of the data across the years.

Table 14A.5 **Users of CSTDA employment services, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | <i>NSW (e)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
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Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from the *CSTDA NMDS*; ABS, *Australian Demographic Statistics*, Cat. no. 3101.0 (various issues), Canberra; ABS 2004, *Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population 30 June 2001 to 30 June 2009*, Cat. no. 3238.0, Canberra; AIHW 2006, *'Potential Population' — Updating the Indigenous Factor in Disability Services Performance Indicator Denominators*, AIHW Cat. no. DIS 45, Welfare Working Paper Series no. 50, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 14A.34.

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Table 14A.6 Labour force participation and employment of people with a profound or severe core activity limitation, by special needs groups, 2006 (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

|   | NSW  | Vic  | Q/d  | WA   | SA   | Tas  | ACT  | NT   | Aust |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Labour force participation rate                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| People in major cities and inner regional areas | 18.0 | 17.1 | 18.4 | 22.8 | 20.2 | 16.2 | 30.9 | ..   | 18.6 |
| People in outer regional and remote areas       | 15.9 | 18.2 | 17.4 | 21.5 | 17.5 | 14.4 | ..   | 21.5 | 17.5 |
| People born in an English speaking country      | 19.5 | 19.9 | 19.0 | 24.0 | 21.2 | 15.8 | 33.8 | 23.3 | 20.1 |
| People born in a non-English speaking country   | 12.0 | 9.4  | 12.9 | 15.6 | 10.6 | 13.7 | 20.4 | 17.8 | 11.5 |
| Non-Indigenous people                           | 18.0 | 17.1 | 18.5 | 23.0 | 20.0 | 15.5 | 31.8 | 29.5 | 18.6 |
| Indigenous people                               | 14.7 | 18.3 | 16.4 | 17.8 | 13.2 | 15.4 | 26.3 | 13.4 | 15.7 |
| Employment rate                                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| People in major cities and inner regional areas | 85.0 | 86.0 | 85.7 | 90.4 | 88.8 | 86.8 | 90.4 | ..   | 86.4 |
| People in outer regional and remote areas       | 85.9 | 86.1 | 86.9 | 90.1 | 87.6 | 87.9 | ..   | 91.4 | 87.5 |
| People born in an English speaking country      | 86.1 | 86.6 | 85.9 | 90.4 | 89.0 | 87.6 | 91.4 | 91.4 | 87.1 |
| People born in a non-English speaking country   | 79.3 | 82.7 | 84.0 | 90.2 | 84.6 | 78.3 | 83.5 | 85.7 | 82.3 |
| Non-Indigenous people                           | 85.5 | 86.3 | 86.3 | 90.4 | 88.6 | 87.3 | 90.5 | 93.9 | 86.9 |
| Indigenous people                               | 76.4 | 77.6 | 76.1 | 87.9 | 84.8 | 82.4 | 88.5 | 83.2 | 79.3 |

(a) For people aged 15–64 years.

(b) The ABS 2006 Census module, used to source these data, was designed to measure 'Core Activity Need for Assistance' (ASSNP). In previous years, the data were sourced from the SDAC and the ABS disability module. The ASSNP is conceptually comparable with the SDAC and ABS disability module population of people who have a profound or severe core activity limitation, but due to the different collection methodology and shortening of the question set used, the population identified is smaller (but displays very similar characteristics). It is likely that the reduction is at the less severe end of the profound or severe core activity limitation population. As such, these data will differ from those of previous years.

(c) Profound/severe core activity limitation refers to always or sometimes needing assistance with one or more of the core activities. Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self-care.

.. Not applicable.

Source: ABS (unpublished), derived from 2006 Census of Population and Housing; 2009 Report, table 14A.49.

Table 14A.7

Table 14A.7 Labour force participation and employment of people with a profound or severe core activity limitation, by special needs groups, 2005 (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

|   | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas          | ACT         | NT | Aust         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----|--------------|
| Labour force participation rate                 |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |    |              |
| People in major cities and inner regional areas | 33.6 ± 6.8   | 31.4 ± 7.8   | 35.2 ± 7.5   | 30.2 ± 9.8   | 35.9 ± 11.7  | 18.2* ± 10.4 | 54.8 ± 18.0 | .. | 33.1 ± 3.6   |
| People in outer regional and remote areas       | 32.7* ± 22.1 | np           | 31.7 ± 13.2  | 40.8* ± 21.1 | np           | 24.6* ± 20.3 | ..          | np | 30.1 ± 7.0   |
| People born in an English speaking country      | 35.0 ± 7.5   | 36.2 ± 8.7   | 34.6 ± 6.8   | 32.8 ± 11.1  | 32.7 ± 9.5   | 20.4 ± 9.6   | 55.5 ± 20.6 | np | 34.5 ± 3.5   |
| People born in a non-English speaking country   | 25.1* ± 14.8 | 17.8* ± 12.1 | 31.4* ± 26.7 | 29.1* ± 21.3 | np           | np           | np          | –  | 23.6 ± 7.1   |
| Non-Indigenous people                           | 34.6 ± 7.1   | 30.7 ± 7.7   | 34.0 ± 6.7   | 31.4 ± 9.8   | 33.3 ± 10.2  | 20.7* ± 10.2 | 60.2 ± 17.9 | np | 33.0 ± 3.4   |
| Indigenous people                               | np           | np           | np           | np           | –            | np           | –           | np | 23.0* ± 16.5 |
| Employment rate                                 |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |    |              |
| People in major cities and inner regional areas | 90.1 ± 8.7   | 73.1 ± 16.0  | 87.6 ± 9.4   | 95.7 ± 8.6   | 83.4 ± 13.1  | 81.3 ± 28.5  | 100.0       | .. | 85.3 ± 5.2   |
| People in outer regional and remote areas       | 100.0        | np           | 91.4 ± 17.7  | 100.0        | 100.0        | 100.0        | ..          | np | 96.9 ± 6.3   |
| People born in an English speaking country      | 91.6 ± 8.6   | 73.2 ± 17.9  | 89.2 ± 8.2   | 96.3 ± 7.5   | 85.1 ± 13.3  | 96.0 ± 8.5   | 100.0       | np | 87.3 ± 9.2   |
| People born in a non-English speaking country   | 88.1 ± 25.2  | 74.9 ± 35.7  | 75.5* ± 55.9 | 100.0        | 78.8* ± 45.6 | –            | np          | –  | 81.9 ± 23.8  |
| Non-Indigenous people                           | 91.1 ± 7.9   | 73.1 ± 16.0  | 88.0 ± 8.3   | 96.6 ± 6.8   | 84.3 ± 12.6  | 92.5 ± 15.4  | 100.0       | np | 86.5 ± 4.7   |
| Indigenous people                               | np           | np           | np           | np           | –            | –            | –           | np | 96.0 ± 9.0   |

(a) For people aged 15–64 years.

(b) Profound/severe core activity limitation refers to always or sometimes needing assistance with one or more of the core activities. Core activities comprise communication, mobility and self-care.

(c) A \*\* indicates a relative standard error (RSE) of between 25 per cent and 50 per cent. Estimates with RSEs greater than 25 per cent should be used with caution. Estimates with RSEs greater than 50 per cent are considered too unreliable for general use. These estimates are not published.

(d) The labour force participation and employment rates reported in this table include 95 per cent confidence intervals (for example, X per cent ± X per cent).

(e) Due to differences in collection methodology, the data collected by the ABS Disability Module (used in the Survey of Education and Training Experience) relate to a broader 'disability and long-term health condition' population than the 'disability' population obtained from the much more detailed Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers — however, the characteristics of the populations are similar. The data are suitable for population comparisons, but not for prevalence updates between Disability, Ageing and Carers surveys.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

Source: ABS (unpublished), derived from the *Survey of Education and Training Experience, Australia 2005*, Cat. no. 6278.0; 2009 Report, table 14A.50.

# 15A Protection and support services — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 15.13 of the chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report). Unsourced information was obtained from the Australian, State and Territory governments.

Data in this Report are examined by the Protection and Support Services Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat.

Data reported in the attachment tables are the most accurate available at the time of data collection. Historical data may have been updated since the last report.

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|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>     | <i>Vic</i>    | <i>Qld</i>    | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>     | <i>Tas</i>    | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    |
|--|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous children  |             |                |               |               |              |               |               |              |              |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |               |               |              |               |               |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |               |               |              |               |               |              |              |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 8 860          | 706           | 1 804         | 546          | 737           | 47            | 136          | 600          |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 16 007         | 335           | 1 592         | 604          | 807           | 19            | 79           | 341          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>24 867</b>  | <b>1 041</b>  | <b>3 396</b>  | <b>1 150</b> | <b>1 544</b>  | <b>66</b>     | <b>215</b>   | <b>941</b>   |
| Investigations in process (c)                                  | no.         | 702            | 154           | 1 352         | 293          | 2             | 28            | –            | 231          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)                 | no.         | 4 927          | ..            | 148           | 52           | ..            | 30            | 18           | 272          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>30 496</b>  | <b>1 195</b>  | <b>4 896</b>  | <b>1 495</b> | <b>1 546</b>  | <b>124</b>    | <b>233</b>   | <b>1 444</b> |
| Dealt with by other means (e)                                  | no.         | 6 959          | 1 723         | ..            | 1 591        | 2 631         | 251           | 771          | 967          |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>37 455</b>  | <b>2 918</b>  | <b>4 896</b>  | <b>3 086</b> | <b>4 177</b>  | <b>375</b>    | <b>1 004</b> | <b>2 411</b> |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |               |               |              |               |               |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |               |               |              |               |               |              |              |
| Substantiated  | %           | 23.7           | 24.2          | 36.8          | 17.7         | 17.6          | 12.5          | 13.5         | 24.9         |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 42.7           | 11.5          | 32.5          | 19.6         | 19.3          | 5.1           | 7.9          | 14.1         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>66.4</b>    | <b>35.7</b>   | <b>69.4</b>   | <b>37.3</b>  | <b>37.0</b>   | <b>17.6</b>   | <b>21.4</b>  | <b>39.0</b>  |
| Investigations in process (c)                                  | %           | 1.9            | 5.3           | 27.6          | 9.5          | –             | 7.5           | –            | 9.6          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)                 | %           | 13.2           | ..            | 3.0           | 1.7          | ..            | 8.0           | 1.8          | 11.3         |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>81.4</b>    | <b>41.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>48.4</b>  | <b>37.0</b>   | <b>33.1</b>   | <b>23.2</b>  | <b>59.9</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means                                      | %           | 18.6           | 59.0          | ..            | 51.6         | 63.0          | 66.9          | 76.8         | 40.1         |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Non-Indigenous children (f)                                    |             |                |               |               |              |               |               |              |              |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |               |               |              |               |               |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |               |               |              |               |               |              |              |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 25 275         | 5 659         | 6 224         | 918          | 1 594         | 1 167         | 691          | 156          |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 56 801         | 3 380         | 8 429         | 1 424        | 2 299         | 853           | 556          | 178          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>82 076</b>  | <b>9 039</b>  | <b>14 653</b> | <b>2 342</b> | <b>3 893</b>  | <b>2 020</b>  | <b>1 247</b> | <b>334</b>   |
| Investigations in process (c)                                  | no.         | 3 295          | 933           | 4 797         | 415          | 14            | 210           | –            | 121          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)                 | no.         | 21 711         | ..            | 657           | 131          | ..            | 903           | 86           | 117          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>107 082</b> | <b>9 972</b>  | <b>20 107</b> | <b>2 888</b> | <b>3 907</b>  | <b>3 133</b>  | <b>1 333</b> | <b>572</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (e)                                  | no.         | 51 062         | 28 717        | ..            | 3 003        | 12 763        | 9 355         | 6 633        | 677          |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>158 144</b> | <b>38 689</b> | <b>20 107</b> | <b>5 891</b> | <b>16 670</b> | <b>12 488</b> | <b>7 966</b> | <b>1 249</b> |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |               |               |              |               |               |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |               |               |              |               |               |              |              |
| Substantiated  | %           | 16.0           | 14.6          | 31.0          | 15.6         | 9.6           | 9.3           | 8.7          | 12.5         |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 35.9           | 8.7           | 41.9          | 24.2         | 13.8          | 6.8           | 7.0          | 14.3         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>51.9</b>    | <b>23.4</b>   | <b>72.9</b>   | <b>39.8</b>  | <b>23.4</b>   | <b>16.2</b>   | <b>15.7</b>  | <b>26.7</b>  |

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Table 15A.1 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, 2007-08 (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>     | <i>Vic</i>    | <i>Qld</i>    | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>     | <i>Tas</i>    | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    |
|--|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Investigations in process (c)                                  | %           | 2.1            | 2.4           | 23.9          | 7.0          | 0.1           | 1.7           | –            | 9.7          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)                 | %           | 13.7           | ..            | 3.3           | 2.2          | ..            | 7.2           | 1.1          | 9.4          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>67.7</b>    | <b>25.8</b>   | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>49.0</b>  | <b>23.4</b>   | <b>25.1</b>   | <b>16.7</b>  | <b>45.8</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (e)                                  | %           | 32.3           | 74.2          | ..            | 51.0         | 76.6          | 74.9          | 83.3         | 54.2         |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| All children   |             |                |               |               |              |               |               |              |              |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |               |               |              |               |               |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |               |               |              |               |               |              |              |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 34 135         | 6 365         | 8 028         | 1 464        | 2 331         | 1 214         | 827          | 756          |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 72 808         | 3 715         | 10 021        | 2 028        | 3 106         | 872           | 635          | 519          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>106 943</b> | <b>10 080</b> | <b>18 049</b> | <b>3 492</b> | <b>5 437</b>  | <b>2 086</b>  | <b>1 462</b> | <b>1 275</b> |
| Investigations in process (c)                                  | no.         | 3 997          | 1 087         | 6 149         | 708          | 16            | 238           | –            | 352          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)                 | no.         | 26 638         | ..            | 805           | 183          | ..            | 933           | 104          | 389          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>137 578</b> | <b>11 167</b> | <b>25 003</b> | <b>4 383</b> | <b>5 453</b>  | <b>3 257</b>  | <b>1 566</b> | <b>2 016</b> |
| Dealt with by other means (e)                                  | no.         | 58 021         | 30 440        | ..            | 4 594        | 15 394        | 9 606         | 7 404        | 1 644        |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>195 599</b> | <b>41 607</b> | <b>25 003</b> | <b>8 977</b> | <b>20 847</b> | <b>12 863</b> | <b>8 970</b> | <b>3 660</b> |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |               |               |              |               |               |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |               |               |              |               |               |              |              |
| Substantiated  | %           | 17.5           | 15.3          | 32.1          | 16.3         | 11.2          | 9.4           | 9.2          | 20.7         |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 37.2           | 8.9           | 40.1          | 22.6         | 14.9          | 6.8           | 7.1          | 14.2         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>54.7</b>    | <b>24.2</b>   | <b>72.2</b>   | <b>38.9</b>  | <b>26.1</b>   | <b>16.2</b>   | <b>16.3</b>  | <b>34.8</b>  |
| Investigations in process (c)                                  | %           | 2.0            | 2.6           | 24.6          | 7.9          | 0.1           | 1.9           | –            | 9.6          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)                 | %           | 13.6           | ..            | 3.2           | 2.0          | ..            | 7.3           | 1.2          | 10.6         |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>70.3</b>    | <b>26.8</b>   | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>48.8</b>  | <b>26.2</b>   | <b>25.3</b>   | <b>17.5</b>  | <b>55.1</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (e)                                  | %           | 29.7           | 73.2          | ..            | 51.2         | 73.8          | 74.7          | 82.5         | 44.9         |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

(b) A number of changes have been made since the 2008 Report. See footnotes (c) - (e).

(c) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.

(d) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons. Prior to 2006-07, these cases may previously have been recorded as 'Dealt with by other means'.

(e) 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. Dealt with by other means also includes cases that were previously reported as 'no investigation possible/no action'.

**Table 15A.1 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, 2007-08 (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|

(f) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.16, 15A.28, 15A.40, 15A.52, 15A.64, 15A.76, 15A.88 and 15A.100; 2009 Report, table 15A.5.

Table 15A.2

Table 15A.2 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2007-08 (number) (a)**

|                                 | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>  |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                      |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 674          | 227          | 567          | 498          | 164          | 29         | 24         | 195        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 236          | 163          | 819          | 126          | 151          | 71         | 18         | 40         |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>910</b>   | <b>390</b>   | <b>1 386</b> | <b>624</b>   | <b>315</b>   | <b>100</b> | <b>42</b>  | <b>235</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 459          | 285          | na           | 170          | 93           | 57         | 16         | 181        |
| Non-Indigenous (b)              |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 2 104        | 1 718        | 1 360        | 744          | 475          | 231        | 103        | 83         |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 600          | 1 181        | 1 566        | 200          | 372          | 242        | 96         | 3          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>2 704</b> | <b>2 899</b> | <b>2 926</b> | <b>944</b>   | <b>847</b>   | <b>473</b> | <b>199</b> | <b>86</b>  |
| Children discharged from orders | 1 586        | 1 901        | na           | 272          | 401          | 224        | 144        | 98         |
| All children                    |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 2 778        | 1 945        | 1 927        | 1 242        | 639          | 260        | 127        | 278        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 836          | 1 344        | 2 385        | 326          | 523          | 313        | 114        | 43         |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>3 614</b> | <b>3 289</b> | <b>4 312</b> | <b>1 568</b> | <b>1 162</b> | <b>573</b> | <b>241</b> | <b>321</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 2 045        | 2 186        | na           | 442          | 494          | 281        | 160        | 279        |

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available.

Source: Tables 15A.17, 15A.29, 15A.41, 15A.53, 15A.65, 15A.77, 15A.89 and 15A.101; 2009 Report, table 15A.6.



Table 15A.3

**Table 15A.3 Children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, at 30 June 2008 (number) (a)**

|   | <i>NSW (b)</i> | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld (c)</i> | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA (c), (d)</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>  |
|---|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders     |                |              |                |              |                    |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders              | 2 917          | 623          | 1 619          | 1 012        | 475                | 122        | 90         | 322        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders  | na             | ..           | 131            | 24           | 9                  | na         | –          | na         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders      | na             | 305          | 114            | 39           | –                  | 5          | 7          | –          |
| Interim and temporary orders                | 463            | 49           | 352            | 204          | 26                 | 12         | 13         | 17         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements       | na             | ..           | ..             | ..           | 30                 | –          | 7          | 24         |
| Other/not stated                            | ..             | ..           | ..             | ..           | ..                 | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>            | <b>3 380</b>   | <b>977</b>   | <b>2 216</b>   | <b>1 279</b> | <b>540</b>         | <b>139</b> | <b>117</b> | <b>363</b> |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders |                |              |                |              |                    |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders              | 7 330          | 4 172        | 3 463          | 1 367        | 1 472              | 657        | 334        | 143        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders  | na             | ..           | 432            | 38           | 30                 | na         | 9          | na         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders      | na             | 2 343        | 290            | 81           | 4                  | 19         | 26         | 2          |
| Interim and temporary orders                | 1 376          | 384          | 639            | 329          | 98                 | 84         | 52         | 8          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements       | na             | ..           | ..             | ..           | 53                 | 15         | 14         | 4          |
| Other/not stated                            | ..             | ..           | ..             | ..           | ..                 | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>        | <b>8 706</b>   | <b>6 899</b> | <b>4 824</b>   | <b>1 815</b> | <b>1 657</b>       | <b>775</b> | <b>435</b> | <b>157</b> |
| Number of all children on orders            |                |              |                |              |                    |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders              | 10 247         | 4 795        | 5 082          | 2 379        | 1 947              | 779        | 424        | 465        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders  | na             | ..           | 563            | 62           | 39                 | na         | 9          | na         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders      | na             | 2 648        | 404            | 120          | 4                  | 24         | 33         | 2          |
| Interim and temporary orders                | 1 839          | 433          | 991            | 533          | 124                | 96         | 65         | 25         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements       | na             | ..           | ..             | ..           | 83                 | 15         | 21         | 28         |
| Other/not stated                            | ..             | ..           | ..             | ..           | ..                 | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| <b>Total all children</b>                   | <b>12 086</b>  | <b>7 876</b> | <b>7 040</b>   | <b>3 094</b> | <b>2 197</b>       | <b>914</b> | <b>552</b> | <b>520</b> |

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

(b) Disaggregated data for number of Indigenous children on orders are not available as at 30 June 2008. Supervisory, third party parental responsibility and administrative/voluntary arrangements are reported under finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements.

(c) From 2008 data for the category third party parental responsibility orders are reported separately. Previously these were counted as a subset of guardianship or custody orders.

(d) For South Australia third party parental responsibility orders and administrative/voluntary arrangements used to be reported under guardianship or custody orders.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

**Table 15A.3 Children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, at 30 June 2008 (number) (a)**

|  | <i>NSW</i> (b) | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> (c) | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> (c), (d) | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|----------------|------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
|--|----------------|------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------|

*Source:* Tables 15A.18, 15A.30, 15A.42, 15A.54, 15A.66, 15A.78, 15A.90 and 15A.102; 2009 Report, table 15A.7.

Table 15A.4

**Table 15A.4 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 2007-08 (a)**

|  | <i>NSW</i>     | <i>Vic</i>    | <i>Qld</i>    | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>     | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    | <i>Aust</i>    |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications (b)                          |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Number of children   |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 15 756         | 2 180         | 4 265         | 2 657        | 2 397         | 196          | 394          | 1 978        | 29 823         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 86 172         | 30 119        | 17 836        | 5 222        | 11 200        | 7 314        | 4 135        | 983          | 162 981        |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>101 928</b> | <b>32 299</b> | <b>22 101</b> | <b>7 879</b> | <b>13 597</b> | <b>7 510</b> | <b>4 529</b> | <b>2 961</b> | <b>192 804</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                                 |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 256.2          | 176.0         | 71.5          | 90.3         | 212.3         | 25.2         | 214.4        | 84.1         | 143.8          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 59.1           | 27.0          | 19.5          | 11.6         | 35.1          | 71.2         | 58.7         | 28.0         | 36.5           |
| All children   | 67.0           | 28.7          | 22.7          | 16.4         | 41.2          | 67.9         | 62.6         | 50.5         | 41.3           |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations                   |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Number of children   |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 11 032         | 964           | 2 991         | 1 145        | 1 024         | 55           | 137          | 1 089        | 18 437         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 44 907         | 8 595         | 13 084        | 2 328        | 2 938         | 1 517        | 769          | 404          | 74 542         |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>55 939</b>  | <b>9 559</b>  | <b>16 075</b> | <b>3 473</b> | <b>3 962</b>  | <b>1 572</b> | <b>906</b>   | <b>1 493</b> | <b>92 979</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                                 |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 179.4          | 77.8          | 50.1          | 38.9         | 90.7          | 7.1          | 74.5         | 46.3         | 88.9           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 30.8           | 7.7           | 14.3          | 5.2          | 9.2           | 14.8         | 10.9         | 11.5         | 16.7           |
| All children   | 36.8           | 8.5           | 16.5          | 7.2          | 12.0          | 14.2         | 12.5         | 25.5         | 19.9           |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations                            |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Number of children   |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 3 263          | 681           | 1 617         | 520          | 547           | 39           | 88           | 558          | 7 313          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 9 856          | 5 481         | 5 660         | 863          | 1 272         | 881          | 447          | 142          | 24 602         |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>13 119</b>  | <b>6 162</b>  | <b>7 277</b>  | <b>1 383</b> | <b>1 819</b>  | <b>920</b>   | <b>535</b>   | <b>700</b>   | <b>31 915</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                                 |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 53.0           | 55.0          | 27.1          | 17.7         | 48.4          | 5.0          | 47.9         | 23.7         | 35.3           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 6.8            | 4.9           | 6.2           | 1.9          | 4.0           | 8.6          | 6.3          | 4.0          | 5.5            |
| All children   | 8.6            | 5.5           | 7.5           | 2.9          | 5.5           | 8.3          | 7.4          | 11.9         | 6.8            |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2008 |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Number of children   |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 3 380          | 977           | 2 216         | 1 279        | 540           | 139          | 117          | 363          | 9 011          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 8 706          | 6 899         | 4 824         | 1 815        | 1 657         | 775          | 435          | 157          | 25 268         |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>12 086</b>  | <b>7 876</b>  | <b>7 040</b>  | <b>3 094</b> | <b>2 197</b>  | <b>914</b>   | <b>552</b>   | <b>520</b>   | <b>34 279</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                                 |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 51.9           | 74.1          | 35.0          | 41.0         | 45.2          | 16.9         | 60.2         | 14.6         | 41.0           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 5.6            | 5.8           | 5.0           | 3.8          | 4.9           | 7.1          | 5.8          | 4.2          | 5.3            |
| All children   | 7.5            | 6.6           | 6.8           | 6.0          | 6.2           | 7.8          | 7.1          | 8.4          | 6.9            |

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

**Table 15A.4 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 2007-08 (a)**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|

(b) Data on the number of notifications by Indigenous status should be interpreted with care. These data are collected very early in the child protection process and often before the agency has full knowledge of the child's family circumstances. As a result of this lack of full knowledge and the other inherent difficulties in identifying Indigenous status, these data are not considered to have a high level of reliability.

*Source:* Tables 15A.14, 15A.15, 15A.19, 15A.31, 15A.43, 15A.55, 15A.67, 15A.79, 15A.91 and 15A.102; 2009 Report, table 15A.8.

Table 15A.5

Table 15A.5 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status, 2007-08 (a)**

|   | <i>NSW</i>    | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas (b)</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>  | <i>Aust</i>   |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |               |
| Number of children in care  |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |               |
| Indigenous  | 4 316         | 660          | 2 085        | 1 078        | 467          | 102            | 81         | 281        | 9 070         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 9 250         | 4 396        | 4 585        | 1 468        | 1 374        | 562            | 344        | 117        | 22 096        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>13 566</b> | <b>5 056</b> | <b>6 670</b> | <b>2 546</b> | <b>1 841</b> | <b>664</b>     | <b>425</b> | <b>398</b> | <b>31 166</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population                                |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |               |
| Indigenous  | 66.3          | 50.1         | 33.0         | 34.6         | 39.1         | 12.4           | 41.6       | 11.3       | 41.3          |
| Non-Indigenous  | 6.0           | 3.7          | 4.7          | 3.0          | 4.0          | 5.1            | 4.6        | 3.1        | 4.6           |
| All children  | 8.4           | 4.2          | 6.4          | 5.0          | 5.2          | 5.6            | 5.5        | 6.4        | 6.3           |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |               |
| Number of children in care  |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |               |
| Indigenous  | 4 926         | 1 021        | 2 730        | 1 347        | 603          | 150            | 126        | 464        | 11 367        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 11 082        | 6 877        | 6 259        | 1 915        | 1 776        | 818            | 550        | 190        | 29 467        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>16 008</b> | <b>7 898</b> | <b>8 989</b> | <b>3 262</b> | <b>2 379</b> | <b>968</b>     | <b>676</b> | <b>654</b> | <b>40 834</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population                                |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |               |
| Indigenous  | 75.9          | 77.7         | 43.4         | 43.3         | 50.3         | 18.2           | 65.2       | 18.7       | 51.9          |
| Non-Indigenous  | 7.1           | 5.8          | 6.4          | 4.0          | 5.2          | 7.5            | 7.3        | 5.1        | 6.2           |
| All children  | 9.9           | 6.6          | 8.7          | 6.4          | 6.7          | 8.2            | 8.8        | 10.6       | 8.2           |

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

(b) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be low.

Source: Tables 15A.14, 15A.15, 15A.20, 15A.32, 15A.44, 15A.56, 15A.68, 15A.80, 15A.92 and 15A.104; 2009 Report, table 15A.16.

Table 15A.6

Table 15A.6 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June 2008 (number) (a) (b)**

|  | <i>NSW</i>    | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas (c)</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>  |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                               |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 61            | 41           | 83           | 41           | 25           | 4              | 14         | 4          |
| Family group homes                       | ..            | ..           | ..           | 44           | –            | 6              | ..         | 14         |
| Home based care                          |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 1 315         | 309          | 1 235        | 334          | 201          | 55             | 31         | 180        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 2 926         | 279          | 767          | 651          | 229          | 30             | 35         | 52         |
| Other home based care                    | –             | 30           | –            | ..           | –            | 7              | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>4 241</b>  | <b>618</b>   | <b>2 002</b> | <b>985</b>   | <b>430</b>   | <b>92</b>      | <b>66</b>  | <b>232</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 13            | 1            | –            | 7            | 5            | –              | 1          | 2          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 1             | –            | –            | 1            | 7            | –              | –          | 29         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>4 316</b>  | <b>660</b>   | <b>2 085</b> | <b>1 078</b> | <b>467</b>   | <b>102</b>     | <b>81</b>  | <b>281</b> |
| Non-Indigenous                           |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 255           | 385          | 303          | 104          | 141          | 16             | 33         | –          |
| Family group homes                       | ..            | ..           | ..           | 7            | –            | 30             | ..         | –          |
| Home based care                          |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 4 133         | 2 163        | 2 803        | 847          | 710          | 322            | 173        | 67         |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 4 797         | 1 548        | 1 479        | 485          | 434          | 150            | 133        | 20         |
| Other home based care                    | 3             | 278          | –            | ..           | 4            | 34             | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>8 933</b>  | <b>3 989</b> | <b>4 282</b> | <b>1 332</b> | <b>1 148</b> | <b>506</b>     | <b>306</b> | <b>87</b>  |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 57            | 22           | –            | 16           | 20           | 2              | 4          | 1          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 5             | –            | –            | 9            | 65           | 8              | 1          | 29         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>9 250</b>  | <b>4 396</b> | <b>4 585</b> | <b>1 468</b> | <b>1 374</b> | <b>562</b>     | <b>344</b> | <b>117</b> |
| All children                             |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 316           | 426          | 386          | 145          | 166          | 20             | 47         | 4          |
| Family group homes                       | ..            | ..           | ..           | 51           | –            | 36             | ..         | 14         |
| Home based care                          |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 5 448         | 2 472        | 4 038        | 1 181        | 911          | 377            | 204        | 247        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 7 723         | 1 827        | 2 246        | 1 136        | 663          | 180            | 168        | 72         |
| Other home based care                    | 3             | 308          | –            | ..           | 4            | 41             | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>13 174</b> | <b>4 607</b> | <b>6 284</b> | <b>2 317</b> | <b>1 578</b> | <b>598</b>     | <b>372</b> | <b>319</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 70            | 23           | –            | 23           | 25           | 2              | 5          | 3          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 6             | –            | –            | 10           | 72           | 8              | 1          | 58         |
| <b>Total children</b>                    | <b>13 566</b> | <b>5 056</b> | <b>6 670</b> | <b>2 546</b> | <b>1 841</b> | <b>664</b>     | <b>425</b> | <b>398</b> |

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

(b) Family group homes are included as part of residential care. However in this table they have been disaggregated.

(c) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be low.

– Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable.

**Table 15A.6 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June 2008 (number) (a) (b)**

|                | <i>NSW</i>  | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas (c)</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|----------------|---|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|
| <i>Source:</i> | Tables 15A.21, 15A.33, 15A.45, 15A.57, 15A.69, 15A.81, 15A.93 and 15A.105; 2009 Report, table 15A.17. |            |            |           |           |                |            |           |

Table 15A.7

Table 15A.7 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, 30 June 2008 (number) (a)**

|                                      | <i>NSW</i>    | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |               |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 3 143         | 492          | 1 847        | 1 049        | 416          | 102        | 81         | 281        |
| Another type of order                | –             | –            | –            | ..           | 17           | –          | –          | ..         |
| Not on an order                      | 1 173         | 168          | 238          | 29           | 34           | –          | –          | ..         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>4 316</b>  | <b>660</b>   | <b>2 085</b> | <b>1 078</b> | <b>467</b>   | <b>102</b> | <b>81</b>  | <b>281</b> |
| Non-Indigenous                       |               |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 7 909         | 3 356        | 3 970        | 1 421        | 1 341        | 562        | 338        | 117        |
| Another type of order                | –             | –            | –            | ..           | 17           | –          | 1          | ..         |
| Not on an order                      | 1 341         | 1 040        | 615          | 47           | 16           | –          | 5          | ..         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>9 250</b>  | <b>4 396</b> | <b>4 585</b> | <b>1 468</b> | <b>1 374</b> | <b>562</b> | <b>344</b> | <b>117</b> |
| All children                         |               |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 11 052        | 3 848        | 5 817        | 2 470        | 1 757        | 664        | 419        | 398        |
| Another type of order                | –             | –            | –            | ..           | 34           | –          | 1          | ..         |
| Not on an order                      | 2 514         | 1 208        | 853          | 76           | 50           | –          | 5          | ..         |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>13 566</b> | <b>5 056</b> | <b>6 670</b> | <b>2 546</b> | <b>1 841</b> | <b>664</b> | <b>425</b> | <b>398</b> |

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

– Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable.

Source: Tables 15A.22, 15A.34, 15A.46, 15A.58, 15A.70, 15A.82, 15A.94 and 15A.106; 2009 Report, table 15A.18.



Table 15A.8

Table 15A.8 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June 2008 (number) (a)**

|                                      | <i>NSW</i>    | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas (b)</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Respite                              | 25            | –            | na           | –            | –            | –              | –          | na         |
| Non-respite                          |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 92            | 14           | 61           | 14           | –            | 1              | –          | 179        |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 411           | 89           | 279          | 81           | 24           | 11             | 10         | 12         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 496           | 94           | 267          | 146          | 33           | 10             | 7          | 12         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 787           | 110          | 324          | 249          | 67           | 17             | 11         | 26         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 1 143         | 198          | 700          | 306          | 50           | 43             | 24         | 35         |
| 5 years or more                      | 1 362         | 155          | 454          | 282          | 293          | 20             | 29         | 17         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –             | –            | –            | –            | –            | –              | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 4 291         | 660          | 2 085        | 1 078        | 467          | 102            | 81         | 281        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –             | –            | –            | –            | –            | –              | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>4 316</b>  | <b>660</b>   | <b>2 085</b> | <b>1 078</b> | <b>467</b>   | <b>102</b>     | <b>81</b>  | <b>281</b> |
| Non-Indigenous                       |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Respite                              | 52            | 11           | na           | –            | –            | –              | 2          | na         |
| Non-respite                          |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 217           | 139          | 176          | 20           | 1            | 13             | 14         | 83         |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 960           | 470          | 576          | 151          | 95           | 46             | 28         | 4          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 1 003         | 460          | 513          | 176          | 68           | 77             | 41         | 14         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 1 605         | 627          | 787          | 243          | 188          | 101            | 59         | 6          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 2 197         | 1 287        | 1 315        | 392          | 144          | 175            | 103        | 4          |
| 5 years or more                      | 3 216         | 1 402        | 1 218        | 486          | 878          | 150            | 97         | 6          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –             | –            | –            | –            | –            | –              | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 9 198         | 4 385        | 4 585        | 1 468        | 1 374        | 562            | 342        | 117        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –             | –            | –            | –            | –            | –              | –          | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>9 250</b>  | <b>4 396</b> | <b>4 585</b> | <b>1 468</b> | <b>1 374</b> | <b>562</b>     | <b>344</b> | <b>117</b> |
| All children                         |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Respite                              | 77            | 11           | na           | –            | –            | –              | 2          | na         |
| Non-respite                          |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 309           | 153          | 237          | 34           | 1            | 14             | 14         | 262        |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 1 371         | 559          | 855          | 232          | 119          | 57             | 38         | 16         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 1 499         | 554          | 780          | 322          | 101          | 87             | 48         | 26         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 2 392         | 737          | 1 111        | 492          | 255          | 118            | 70         | 32         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 3 340         | 1 485        | 2 015        | 698          | 194          | 218            | 127        | 39         |
| 5 years or more                      | 4 578         | 1 557        | 1 672        | 768          | 1 171        | 170            | 126        | 23         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –             | –            | –            | –            | –            | –              | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 13 489        | 5 045        | 6 670        | 2 546        | 1 841        | 664            | 423        | 398        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –             | –            | –            | –            | –            | –              | –          | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>13 566</b> | <b>5 056</b> | <b>6 670</b> | <b>2 546</b> | <b>1 841</b> | <b>664</b>     | <b>425</b> | <b>398</b> |

**Table 15A.8 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June 2008 (number) (a)**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> (b) | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

(b) Tasmania is not able to distinguish between respite care and non-respite care.

– Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

*Source:* Tables 15A.23, 15A.35, 15A.47, 15A.59, 15A.71, 15A.83, 15A.95 and 15A.107; 2009 Report, table 15A.19.

Table 15A.9

Table 15A.9 **Children who exited care during the year 2007-08 by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care (number) (a)**

|                                      | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>  | <i>SA</i>  | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 136          | 72           | 176          | 27         | 24         | 20         | 6          | na        |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 112          | 29           | 52           | 16         | 13         | 1          | 1          | na        |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 122          | 32           | 61           | 11         | 12         | 7          | 7          | na        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 78           | 20           | 99           | 45         | 11         | 5          | 8          | na        |
| 5 years or more                      | 91           | 20           | 46           | 47         | 15         | 6          | 2          | na        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –          | –          | –          | –          | na        |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>539</b>   | <b>173</b>   | <b>434</b>   | <b>146</b> | <b>75</b>  | <b>39</b>  | <b>24</b>  | <b>na</b> |
| Non-Indigenous                       |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 444          | 505          | 440          | 47         | 80         | 55         | 27         | na        |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 232          | 193          | 173          | 36         | 50         | 39         | 14         | na        |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 229          | 234          | 189          | 17         | 42         | 33         | 14         | na        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 159          | 210          | 167          | 61         | 29         | 42         | 21         | na        |
| 5 years or more                      | 264          | 133          | 141          | 83         | 43         | 16         | 12         | na        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –          | –          | –          | –          | na        |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>1 328</b> | <b>1 275</b> | <b>1 110</b> | <b>244</b> | <b>244</b> | <b>185</b> | <b>88</b>  | <b>na</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 580          | 577          | 616          | 74         | 104        | 75         | 33         | na        |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 344          | 222          | 225          | 52         | 63         | 40         | 15         | na        |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 351          | 266          | 250          | 28         | 54         | 40         | 21         | na        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 237          | 230          | 266          | 106        | 40         | 47         | 29         | na        |
| 5 years or more                      | 355          | 153          | 187          | 130        | 58         | 22         | 14         | na        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –          | –          | –          | –          | na        |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>1 867</b> | <b>1 448</b> | <b>1 544</b> | <b>390</b> | <b>319</b> | <b>224</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>na</b> |

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.24, 15A.36, 15A.48, 15A.60, 15A.72, 15A.84, 15A.96 and 15A.108; 2009 Report, table 15A.20.

Table 15A.10

Table 15A.10 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (a)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>   | <i>Tas (b)</i> | <i>ACT</i>  | <i>NT</i>   | <i>Aust</i>   |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 2008  |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 2 926        | 279          | 767          | 651          | 229         | 30             | 35          | 52          | 4 969         |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 4 797        | 1 548        | 1 479        | 485          | 434         | 150            | 133         | 20          | 9 046         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>7 723</b> | <b>1 827</b> | <b>2 246</b> | <b>1 136</b> | <b>663</b>  | <b>180</b>     | <b>168</b>  | <b>72</b>   | <b>14 015</b> |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | %           | 67.8         | 42.3         | 36.8         | 60.4         | 49.0        | 29.4           | 43.2        | 18.5        | 54.8          |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 51.9         | 35.2         | 32.3         | 33.0         | 31.6        | 26.7           | 38.7        | 17.1        | 40.9          |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>56.9</b>  | <b>36.1</b>  | <b>33.7</b>  | <b>44.6</b>  | <b>36.0</b> | <b>27.1</b>    | <b>39.5</b> | <b>18.1</b> | <b>45.0</b>   |
| 2007  |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 2 526        | 260          | 705          | 573          | 180         | 27             | 43          | 45          | 4 359         |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 4 254        | 1 521        | 1 379        | 444          | 373         | 128            | 107         | 13          | 8 219         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>6 780</b> | <b>1 781</b> | <b>2 084</b> | <b>1 017</b> | <b>553</b>  | <b>155</b>     | <b>150</b>  | <b>58</b>   | <b>12 578</b> |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | %           | 68.5         | 41.5         | 40.3         | 58.6         | 44.4        | 23.9           | 48.3        | 16.8        | 55.1          |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 52.2         | 34.4         | 32.7         | 31.9         | 29.3        | 23.1           | 34.5        | 10.1        | 40.2          |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>57.2</b>  | <b>35.3</b>  | <b>34.9</b>  | <b>42.9</b>  | <b>33.0</b> | <b>23.2</b>    | <b>37.6</b> | <b>14.6</b> | <b>44.3</b>   |
| 2006  |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 1 951        | 233          | 521          | 452          | 137         | 20             | 39          | 44          | 3 397         |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 3 585        | 1 383        | 1 129        | 356          | 222         | 128            | 103         | 13          | 6 919         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 536</b> | <b>1 616</b> | <b>1 650</b> | <b>808</b>   | <b>359</b>  | <b>148</b>     | <b>142</b>  | <b>57</b>   | <b>10 316</b> |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | %           | 67.3         | 42.2         | 34.8         | 59.0         | 38.2        | 20.4           | 47.6        | 17.8        | 52.3          |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 51.2         | 32.6         | 25.8         | 29.6         | 19.5        | 21.9           | 33.7        | 12.4        | 36.5          |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>55.9</b>  | <b>33.7</b>  | <b>28.1</b>  | <b>41.1</b>  | <b>24.0</b> | <b>21.7</b>    | <b>36.6</b> | <b>16.2</b> | <b>40.5</b>   |
| 2005  |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 1 751        | 214          | 458          | 400          | 82          | 19             | 21          | 45          | 2 990         |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 3 541        | 1 121        | 1 053        | 337          | 182         | 107            | 92          | 12          | 6 445         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 292</b> | <b>1 335</b> | <b>1 511</b> | <b>737</b>   | <b>264</b>  | <b>126</b>     | <b>113</b>  | <b>57</b>   | <b>9 435</b>  |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | %           | 68.9         | 40.7         | 35.9         | 57.8         | 28.7        | 24.4           | 35.0        | 20.6        | 52.7          |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 53.0         | 28.9         | 24.0         | 29.6         | 17.4        | 21.5           | 32.6        | 11.3        | 35.8          |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>57.3</b>  | <b>30.3</b>  | <b>26.7</b>  | <b>40.3</b>  | <b>19.9</b> | <b>21.9</b>    | <b>33.0</b> | <b>17.6</b> | <b>39.8</b>   |

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

**Table 15A.10 Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (a)**

|     | <i>Unit</i>   | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas (b)</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (b) | Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be low. |            |            |            |           |           |                |            |           |             |

*Source:* Tables 15A.25, 15A.37, 15A.49, 15A.61, 15A.73, 15A.85, 15A.97 and 15A.109; 2009 Report, table 15A.21.

Table 15A.11

Table 15A.11 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2008 (a), (b), (c)

|  | Unit       | NSW          | Vic         | Qld          | WA           | SA          | Tas         | ACT         | NT          | Aust         |
|--|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |            |              |             |              |              |             |             |             |             |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |            |              |             |              |              |             |             |             |             |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.        | 2 517        | 103         | 399          | 566          | 182         | 14          | 21          | 87          | 3 889        |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.        | 409          | 176         | 164          | 94           | 47          | 16          | 14          | na          | 920          |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>2 926</b> | <b>279</b>  | <b>563</b>   | <b>660</b>   | <b>229</b>  | <b>30</b>   | <b>35</b>   | <b>87</b>   | <b>4 809</b> |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.        | 700          | 144         | 610          | 155          | 124         | 6           | 14          | 48          | 1 801        |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.        | 8            | 15          | 9            | 25           | —           | —           | 4           | —           | 61           |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b> | <b>708</b>   | <b>159</b>  | <b>619</b>   | <b>180</b>   | <b>124</b>  | <b>6</b>    | <b>18</b>   | <b>48</b>   | <b>1 862</b> |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>3 634</b> | <b>438</b>  | <b>1 182</b> | <b>840</b>   | <b>353</b>  | <b>36</b>   | <b>53</b>   | <b>135</b>  | <b>6 671</b> |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |            |              |             |              |              |             |             |             |             |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | no.        | 615          | 182         | 829          | 170          | 77          | 62          | 17          | 146         | 2 098        |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.        | 53           | 25          | 74           | 60           | 25          | 4           | 10          | —           | 251          |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>668</b>   | <b>207</b>  | <b>903</b>   | <b>230</b>   | <b>102</b>  | <b>66</b>   | <b>27</b>   | <b>146</b>  | <b>2 349</b> |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.        | 14           | 15          | —            | 8            | 12          | —           | 1           | —           | 50           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b> | <b>4 316</b> | <b>660</b>  | <b>2 085</b> | <b>1 078</b> | <b>467</b>  | <b>102</b>  | <b>81</b>   | <b>281</b>  | <b>9 070</b> |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |            |              |             |              |              |             |             |             |             |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |            |              |             |              |              |             |             |             |             |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %          | 58.5         | 16.0        | 19.1         | 52.9         | 40.0        | 13.7        | 26.3        | 31.0        | 43.1         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %          | 9.5          | 27.3        | 7.9          | 8.8          | 10.3        | 15.7        | 17.5        | na          | 10.2         |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>   | <b>68.0</b>  | <b>43.3</b> | <b>27.0</b>  | <b>61.7</b>  | <b>50.3</b> | <b>29.4</b> | <b>43.8</b> | <b>31.0</b> | <b>53.3</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %          | 16.3         | 22.3        | 29.3         | 14.5         | 27.3        | 5.9         | 17.5        | 17.1        | 20.0         |
| Indigenous residential care  | %          | 0.2          | 2.3         | 0.4          | 2.3          | —           | —           | 5.0         | —           | 0.7          |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>   | <b>16.5</b>  | <b>24.7</b> | <b>29.7</b>  | <b>16.8</b>  | <b>27.3</b> | <b>5.9</b>  | <b>22.5</b> | <b>17.1</b> | <b>20.6</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>   | <b>84.5</b>  | <b>67.9</b> | <b>56.7</b>  | <b>78.5</b>  | <b>77.6</b> | <b>35.3</b> | <b>66.3</b> | <b>48.0</b> | <b>74.0</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |            |              |             |              |              |             |             |             |             |              |

Table 15A.11

Table 15A.11 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2008 (a), (b), (c)

|  | Unit | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas          | ACT          | NT           | Aust         |
|--|------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Other non-Indigenous carer               | %    | 14.3         | 28.2         | 39.8         | 15.9         | 16.9         | 60.8         | 21.3         | 52.0         | 23.3         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care       | %    | 1.2          | 3.9          | 3.5          | 5.6          | 5.5          | 3.9          | 12.5         | –            | 2.8          |
| <b>Total children</b>                    | %    | <b>15.5</b>  | <b>32.1</b>  | <b>43.3</b>  | <b>21.5</b>  | <b>22.4</b>  | <b>64.7</b>  | <b>33.8</b>  | <b>52.0</b>  | <b>26.0</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b> | %    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

(b) The denominator for calculating the proportion of children excludes Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(c) Residential care includes family group homes.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.26, 15A.38, 15A.50, 15A.62, 15A.74, 15A.86, 15A.98 and 15A.110; 2009 Report, table 15A.22.

Table 15A.12

Table 15A.12 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement by Indigenous status, 30 June 2008 (a)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i>  | <i>ACT</i>  | <i>NT</i>   | <i>Aust</i>   |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Number of children   |             |              |              |              |              |              |             |             |             |               |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 2 948        | 416          | 1 568        | 805          | 320          | 73          | 46          | 195         | 6 371         |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 6 058        | 2 479        | 3 030        | 973          | 818          | 384         | 215         | 63          | 14 020        |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>9 006</b> | <b>2 895</b> | <b>4 598</b> | <b>1 778</b> | <b>1 138</b> | <b>457</b>  | <b>261</b>  | <b>258</b>  | <b>20 391</b> |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |              |              |              |              |              |             |             |             |               |
| Indigenous   | %           | 99.9         | 97.4         | 98.7         | 92.5         | 94.7         | 96.1        | 97.9        | 90.7        | 97.8          |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 99.7         | 96.4         | 98.4         | 94.9         | 91.7         | 96.7        | 100.0       | 80.8        | 97.8          |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>99.7</b>  | <b>96.6</b>  | <b>98.5</b>  | <b>93.8</b>  | <b>92.5</b>  | <b>96.6</b> | <b>99.6</b> | <b>88.1</b> | <b>97.8</b>   |

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

Source: Tables 15A.27, 15A.39, 15A.51, 15A.63, 15A.75, 15A.87, 15A.99 and 15A.111; 2009 Report, table 15A.23.



Table 15A.13

**Table 15A.13 Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender (a)**

|   | <i>NSW (b)</i> | <i>Vic (c)</i> | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>  | <i>SA</i>  | <i>Tas (d)</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>  |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support service by Indigenous status |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| 2003-04   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 54             | 84             | 20           | 97         | 80         | 14             | 17         | na         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 74             | 1 308          | 79           | 199        | 170        | 49             | 99         | na         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>128</b>     | <b>1 392</b>   | <b>99</b>    | <b>296</b> | <b>250</b> | <b>63</b>      | <b>116</b> | <b>na</b>  |
| 2004-05   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 55             | 148            | 20           | 188        | 23         | 15             | 12         | na         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 96             | 839            | 79           | 258        | 66         | 30             | 116        | na         |
| <b>All children (e)</b>   | <b>151</b>     | <b>1 502</b>   | <b>290</b>   | <b>446</b> | <b>89</b>  | <b>45</b>      | <b>128</b> | <b>na</b>  |
| 2005-06   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 123            | 661            | 195          | 163        | 6          | 2              | na         | 35         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 106            | 1 347          | 93           | 286        | 93         | 50             | na         | 22         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>229</b>     | <b>2 008</b>   | <b>288</b>   | <b>449</b> | <b>99</b>  | <b>52</b>      | <b>na</b>  | <b>57</b>  |
| 2006-07   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 165            | 210            | 888          | 175        | 21         | 3              | 82         | 29         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 100            | 1 531          | 352          | 323        | 39         | 50             | 336        | 32         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>265</b>     | <b>1 741</b>   | <b>1 240</b> | <b>498</b> | <b>60</b>  | <b>53</b>      | <b>418</b> | <b>61</b>  |
| 2007-08   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 178            | 152            | 806          | 104        | 26         | 4              | 91         | 75         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 107            | 906            | 1 038        | 267        | 22         | 59             | 348        | 29         |
| <b>All children (e)</b>   | <b>285</b>     | <b>5 694</b>   | <b>1 844</b> | <b>371</b> | <b>48</b>  | <b>63</b>      | <b>439</b> | <b>104</b> |
| Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by sex              |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| 2003-04   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Male  | 68             | 345            | 42           | 128        | 128        | 31             | 61         | na         |
| Female  | 60             | 285            | 57           | 114        | 121        | 32             | 55         | na         |
| Unknown   | –              | 762            | –            | 54         | 1          | –              | –          | na         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>128</b>     | <b>1 392</b>   | <b>99</b>    | <b>296</b> | <b>250</b> | <b>63</b>      | <b>116</b> | <b>na</b>  |
| 2004-05   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Male  | 84             | 552            | 57           | 249        | 35         | 29             | 17         | na         |
| Female  | 67             | 433            | 42           | 197        | 54         | 16             | 15         | na         |
| Unknown   | –              | 517            | –            | –          | –          | –              | 96         | na         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>151</b>     | <b>1 502</b>   | <b>290</b>   | <b>446</b> | <b>89</b>  | <b>45</b>      | <b>128</b> | <b>na</b>  |
| 2005-06   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Male  | 122            | 444            | 150          | 230        | 54         | 25             | na         | 32         |
| Female  | 107            | 387            | 138          | 217        | 45         | 27             | na         | 25         |
| Unknown   | –              | 1 177          | –            | 2          | –          | –              | na         | –          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>229</b>     | <b>2 008</b>   | <b>288</b>   | <b>449</b> | <b>99</b>  | <b>52</b>      | <b>na</b>  | <b>57</b>  |

Table 15A.13

**Table 15A.13 Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender (a)**

|              | <i>NSW (b)</i> | <i>Vic (c)</i> | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>  | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas (d)</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>  |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|-----------|----------------|------------|------------|
| 2006-07      |                |                |              |            |           |                |            |            |
| Male         | 131            | 704            | 535          | 245        | 36        | 23             | 227        | 32         |
| Female       | 134            | 610            | 620          | 246        | 24        | 30             | 191        | 29         |
| Unknown      | –              | 427            | 85           | 7          | –         | –              | –          | –          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>265</b>     | <b>1 741</b>   | <b>1 240</b> | <b>498</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>53</b>      | <b>418</b> | <b>61</b>  |
| 2007-08      |                |                |              |            |           |                |            |            |
| Male         | 141            | 232            | 890          | 190        | 24        | 44             | 236        | 46         |
| Female       | 144            | 247            | 758          | 152        | 24        | 19             | 203        | 58         |
| Unknown      | –              | 5 215          | 196          | 29         | –         | –              | –          | –          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>285</b>     | <b>5 694</b>   | <b>1 844</b> | <b>371</b> | <b>48</b> | <b>63</b>      | <b>439</b> | <b>104</b> |

(a) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).

(b) In NSW, each family receives this service for a minimum of 14 hours per week.

(c) Over the past four years significant additional funding has been provided to Victorian 'Family Services'. Client data relating to the clients that received intensive support from these services has previously not been able to be provided but is included.

(d) The count of 'children commencing Intensive Family Support Services' represents the count of all children who were provided with a service during the year.

(e) Includes children for whom Indigenous status is recorded as unknown.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), *Intensive Family Support Services Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.27.

Table 15A.14

Table 15A.14 Target population data used for annual data, December ('000) (a)

|                          | 2003-04        | 2004-05        | 2005-06        | 2006-07        | 2007-08        |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years |                |                |                |                |                |
| Indigenous children      |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 60.3           | 60.7           | 61.1           | 61.2           | 61.5           |
| Vic                      | 12.1           | 12.2           | 12.3           | 12.3           | 12.4           |
| Qld                      | 57.3           | 58.0           | 58.4           | 59.1           | 59.7           |
| WA                       | 28.7           | 28.9           | 29.1           | 29.3           | 29.4           |
| SA                       | 11.1           | 11.1           | 11.2           | 11.2           | 11.3           |
| Tas                      | 7.7            | 7.7            | 7.8            | 7.7            | 7.8            |
| ACT                      | 1.7            | 1.8            | 1.7            | 1.8            | 1.8            |
| NT                       | 23.1           | 23.3           | 23.3           | 23.4           | 23.5           |
| <b>Australia</b>         | <b>202.1</b>   | <b>203.7</b>   | <b>204.8</b>   | <b>206.2</b>   | <b>207.4</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous children  |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 1 451.6        | 1 446.0        | 1 441.0        | 1 458.6        | 1 459.2        |
| Vic                      | 1 079.1        | 1 080.9        | 1 081.8        | 1 104.4        | 1 114.7        |
| Qld                      | 845.0          | 854.0          | 864.7          | 895.5          | 914.4          |
| WA                       | 427.0          | 428.5          | 430.0          | 443.1          | 450.3          |
| SA                       | 316.6          | 314.0          | 312.8          | 317.8          | 319.1          |
| Tas                      | 103.3          | 102.7          | 102.5          | 102.6          | 102.8          |
| ACT                      | 70.7           | 69.8           | 69.4           | 69.9           | 70.5           |
| NT                       | 33.2           | 33.1           | 33.4           | 34.7           | 35.1           |
| <b>Australia</b>         | <b>4 326.5</b> | <b>4 329.0</b> | <b>4 335.7</b> | <b>4 426.6</b> | <b>4 466.1</b> |
| All children             |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 1 511.9        | 1 506.6        | 1 502.0        | 1 519.8        | 1 520.8        |
| Vic                      | 1 091.2        | 1 093.2        | 1 094.1        | 1 116.7        | 1 127.1        |
| Qld                      | 902.3          | 912.0          | 923.1          | 954.6          | 974.1          |
| WA                       | 455.8          | 457.4          | 459.1          | 472.4          | 479.7          |
| SA                       | 327.6          | 325.2          | 323.9          | 329.1          | 330.4          |
| Tas                      | 111.0          | 110.4          | 110.3          | 110.3          | 110.5          |
| ACT                      | 72.4           | 71.6           | 71.2           | 71.7           | 72.3           |
| NT                       | 56.3           | 56.3           | 56.8           | 58.2           | 58.6           |
| <b>Australia</b>         | <b>4 528.6</b> | <b>4 532.7</b> | <b>4 540.5</b> | <b>4 632.8</b> | <b>4 673.5</b> |
| Children aged 0–17 years |                |                |                |                |                |
| Indigenous children      |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 63.3           | 63.8           | 64.2           | 64.6           | 64.9           |
| Vic                      | 12.8           | 12.9           | 13.0           | 13.0           | 13.1           |
| Qld                      | 60.1           | 60.9           | 61.2           | 62.3           | 62.9           |
| WA                       | 30.2           | 30.5           | 30.7           | 30.9           | 31.1           |
| SA                       | 11.7           | 11.7           | 11.8           | 11.9           | 12.0           |
| Tas                      | 8.1            | 8.2            | 8.2            | 8.2            | 8.2            |
| ACT                      | 1.8            | 1.9            | 1.8            | 1.9            | 1.9            |
| NT                       | 24.4           | 24.5           | 24.6           | 24.8           | 24.9           |
| <b>Australia</b>         | <b>212.4</b>   | <b>214.4</b>   | <b>215.4</b>   | <b>217.6</b>   | <b>219.1</b>   |

Table 15A.14

Table 15A.14 Target population data used for annual data, December ('000) (a)

|                         | 2003-04        | 2004-05        | 2005-06        | 2006-07        | 2007-08        |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Non-Indigenous children |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                     | 1 538.7        | 1 533.0        | 1 528.6        | 1 548.0        | 1 550.5        |
| Vic                     | 1 144.2        | 1 146.8        | 1 148.1        | 1 173.6        | 1 185.1        |
| Qld                     | 896.2          | 905.4          | 917.4          | 949.8          | 971.1          |
| WA                      | 454.3          | 455.9          | 457.5          | 471.2          | 478.9          |
| SA                      | 336.6          | 333.9          | 332.7          | 338.3          | 343.0          |
| Tas                     | 109.8          | 109.1          | 108.9          | 108.9          | 109.3          |
| ACT                     | 75.2           | 74.3           | 73.9           | 74.6           | 75.1           |
| NT                      | 34.9           | 34.8           | 35.1           | 36.6           | 37.1           |
| <b>Australia</b>        | <b>4 589.9</b> | <b>4 593.2</b> | <b>4 602.1</b> | <b>4 700.9</b> | <b>4 750.1</b> |
| All children            |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                     | 1 602.0        | 1 596.8        | 1 592.8        | 1 612.6        | 1 615.4        |
| Vic                     | 1 157.0        | 1 159.7        | 1 161.0        | 1 186.6        | 1 198.2        |
| Qld                     | 956.3          | 966.3          | 978.6          | 1 012.1        | 1 034.0        |
| WA                      | 484.5          | 486.4          | 488.1          | 502.1          | 510.0          |
| SA                      | 348.3          | 345.6          | 344.4          | 350.2          | 355.0          |
| Tas                     | 117.9          | 117.3          | 117.1          | 117.1          | 117.5          |
| ACT                     | 77.1           | 76.2           | 75.7           | 76.5           | 77.0           |
| NT                      | 59.2           | 59.3           | 59.7           | 61.4           | 62.0           |
| <b>Australia</b>        | <b>4 802.3</b> | <b>4 807.6</b> | <b>4 817.6</b> | <b>4 918.5</b> | <b>4 969.2</b> |

(a) Indigenous and non-Indigenous numbers have been supplied by AIHW derived from ABS data sources.

Source: ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 December; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections; 2009 Report, table 15A.30.

Table 15A.15

Table 15A.15 Target population data used for end of financial year data, March ('000) (a)

|                          | 2003-04        | 2004-05        | 2005-06        | 2006-07        | 2007-08        |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years |                |                |                |                |                |
| Indigenous children      |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 60.5           | 60.8           | 61.5           | 61.4           | 61.7           |
| Vic                      | 12.2           | 12.3           | 12.4           | 12.4           | 12.4           |
| Qld                      | 57.7           | 58.3           | 59.3           | 59.4           | 59.9           |
| WA                       | 28.8           | 29.0           | 29.3           | 29.3           | 29.5           |
| SA                       | 11.1           | 11.2           | 11.3           | 11.3           | 11.3           |
| Tas                      | 7.7            | 7.7            | 7.8            | 7.8            | 7.8            |
| ACT                      | 1.8            | 1.8            | 1.8            | 1.8            | 1.8            |
| NT                       | 23.2           | 23.3           | 23.5           | 23.5           | 23.5           |
| <b>Australia</b>         | <b>202.9</b>   | <b>204.5</b>   | <b>206.8</b>   | <b>206.8</b>   | <b>208.0</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous children  |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 1 444.2        | 1 441.0        | 1 433.2        | 1 458.4        | 1 455.2        |
| Vic                      | 1 078.8        | 1 079.4        | 1 083.5        | 1 104.8        | 1 117.9        |
| Qld                      | 846.0          | 856.8          | 869.8          | 903.6          | 916.4          |
| WA                       | 427.5          | 427.5          | 432.3          | 445.1          | 454.1          |
| SA                       | 316.0          | 313.4          | 313.4          | 318.2          | 319.7          |
| Tas                      | 103.4          | 102.7          | 102.6          | 102.7          | 103.0          |
| ACT                      | 70.5           | 69.8           | 69.5           | 70.1           | 70.7           |
| NT                       | 33.2           | 33.0           | 33.4           | 34.9           | 35.2           |
| <b>Australia</b>         | <b>4 319.6</b> | <b>4 323.7</b> | <b>4 337.6</b> | <b>4 437.8</b> | <b>4 472.4</b> |
| All children             |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 1 504.7        | 1 501.9        | 1 494.7        | 1 519.8        | 1 516.9        |
| Vic                      | 1 091.0        | 1 091.6        | 1 095.9        | 1 117.2        | 1 130.3        |
| Qld                      | 903.7          | 915.1          | 929.1          | 963.0          | 976.3          |
| WA                       | 456.4          | 456.5          | 461.5          | 474.4          | 483.6          |
| SA                       | 327.1          | 324.6          | 324.6          | 329.4          | 331.0          |
| Tas                      | 111.1          | 110.4          | 110.4          | 110.5          | 110.8          |
| ACT                      | 72.3           | 71.6           | 71.3           | 71.9           | 72.6           |
| NT                       | 56.4           | 56.3           | 56.9           | 58.3           | 58.8           |
| <b>Australia</b>         | <b>4 522.6</b> | <b>4 528.0</b> | <b>4 544.4</b> | <b>4 644.6</b> | <b>4 680.3</b> |
| Children aged 0–17 years |                |                |                |                |                |
| Indigenous children      |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 63.5           | 64.0           | 64.8           | 64.7           | 65.1           |
| Vic                      | 12.8           | 12.9           | 13.1           | 13.1           | 13.2           |
| Qld                      | 60.5           | 61.3           | 62.4           | 62.6           | 63.3           |
| WA                       | 30.4           | 30.6           | 30.9           | 31.0           | 31.2           |
| SA                       | 11.7           | 11.8           | 11.9           | 11.9           | 12.0           |
| Tas                      | 8.2            | 8.2            | 8.2            | 8.2            | 8.2            |
| ACT                      | 1.8            | 1.9            | 1.9            | 1.9            | 1.9            |

Table 15A.15

Table 15A.15 **Target population data used for end of financial year data, March ('000) (a)**

|                         | 2003-04        | 2004-05        | 2005-06        | 2006-07        | 2007-08        |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| NT                      | 24.5           | 24.6           | 24.8           | 24.8           | 24.9           |
| <b>Australia</b>        | <b>213.4</b>   | <b>215.3</b>   | <b>218.0</b>   | <b>218.3</b>   | <b>219.8</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous children |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                     | 1 531.4        | 1 527.8        | 1 521.1        | 1 548.4        | 1 546.8        |
| Vic                     | 1 144.4        | 1 145.2        | 1 150.0        | 1 174.6        | 1 188.7        |
| Qld                     | 897.2          | 908.3          | 922.8          | 958.7          | 973.5          |
| WA                      | 454.9          | 454.7          | 459.8          | 473.4          | 482.9          |
| SA                      | 336.0          | 333.2          | 333.3          | 338.8          | 340.5          |
| Tas                     | 109.8          | 109.0          | 109.1          | 109.1          | 109.6          |
| ACT                     | 75.1           | 74.2           | 74.0           | 74.8           | 75.4           |
| NT                      | 34.9           | 34.7           | 35.0           | 36.8           | 37.2           |
| <b>Australia</b>        | <b>4 583.7</b> | <b>4 587.0</b> | <b>4 605.2</b> | <b>4 714.5</b> | <b>4 754.6</b> |
| All children            |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                     | 1 594.9        | 1 591.8        | 1 585.9        | 1 613.1        | 1 611.9        |
| Vic                     | 1 157.3        | 1 158.1        | 1 163.1        | 1 187.7        | 1 201.9        |
| Qld                     | 957.7          | 969.6          | 985.2          | 1 021.3        | 1 036.8        |
| WA                      | 485.3          | 485.3          | 490.7          | 504.4          | 514.1          |
| SA                      | 347.7          | 345.0          | 345.2          | 350.7          | 352.5          |
| Tas                     | 118.0          | 117.2          | 117.3          | 117.3          | 117.9          |
| ACT                     | 76.9           | 76.1           | 75.9           | 76.7           | 77.3           |
| NT                      | 59.3           | 59.3           | 59.8           | 61.6           | 62.1           |
| <b>Australia</b>        | <b>4 797.1</b> | <b>4 802.3</b> | <b>4 823.2</b> | <b>4 932.9</b> | <b>4 974.4</b> |

(a) Indigenous and non-Indigenous numbers have been supplied by AIHW derived from ABS data sources.

Source: ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 March ; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections; 2009 Report, table 15A.31.

# Single jurisdiction data — NSW

Table 15A.16

Table 15A.16 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Indigenous children</b>                                     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | na             | 3 140          | 6 868          | 9 401          | 8 860          |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | na             | na             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | na             | 3 871          | 7 110          | 11 200         | 16 007         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>na</b>      | <b>7 011</b>   | <b>13 978</b>  | <b>20 601</b>  | <b>24 867</b>  |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | no.         | na             | 3 759          | 1 480          | 593            | 702            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 3 470          | 4 927          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>na</b>      | <b>10 770</b>  | <b>15 458</b>  | <b>24 664</b>  | <b>30 496</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 8 612          | 6 959          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | na             | 9 560          | 9 531          | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | no.         | na             | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>na</b>      | <b>20 330</b>  | <b>24 989</b>  | <b>33 276</b>  | <b>37 455</b>  |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | na             | 15.4           | 27.5           | 28.3           | 23.7           |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | na             | na             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | na             | 19.0           | 28.5           | 33.7           | 42.7           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>na</b>      | <b>34.5</b>    | <b>55.9</b>    | <b>61.9</b>    | <b>66.4</b>    |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | %           | na             | 18.5           | 5.9            | 1.8            | 1.9            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 10.4           | 13.2           |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>na</b>      | <b>53.0</b>    | <b>61.9</b>    | <b>74.1</b>    | <b>81.4</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 25.9           | 18.6           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %           | na             | 47.0           | 38.1           | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | %           | na             | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>na</b>      | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| <b>Non-Indigenous children (i)</b>                             |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | na             | 12 353         | 22 941         | 27 693         | 25 275         |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | na             | na             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | na             | 21 620         | 32 415         | 44 435         | 56 801         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>na</b>      | <b>33 973</b>  | <b>55 356</b>  | <b>72 128</b>  | <b>82 076</b>  |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | no.         | na             | 13 829         | 5 166          | 2 653          | 3 295          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 14 809         | 21 711         |



Table 15A.16

Table 15A.16 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>na</b>      | <b>47 802</b>  | <b>60 522</b>  | <b>89 590</b>  | <b>107 082</b> |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  |             | ..             | ..             | ..             | 67 062         | 51 062         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | na             | 65 504         | 67 295         | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                            | no.         | na             | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>na</b>      | <b>113 306</b> | <b>127 817</b> | <b>156 652</b> | <b>158 144</b> |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | na             | 10.9           | 17.9           | 17.7           | 16.0           |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | na             | na             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | na             | 19.1           | 25.4           | 28.4           | 35.9           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>na</b>      | <b>30.0</b>    | <b>43.3</b>    | <b>46.0</b>    | <b>51.9</b>    |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | %           | na             | 12.2           | 4.0            | 1.7            | 2.1            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 9.5            | 13.7           |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>na</b>      | <b>42.2</b>    | <b>47.4</b>    | <b>57.2</b>    | <b>67.7</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 42.8           | 32.3           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %           | na             | 57.8           | 52.6           | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                            | %           | na             | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>na</b>      | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | na             | 15 493         | 29 809         | 37 094         | 34 135         |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | na             | na             | ..             | ..             | —              |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | na             | 25 491         | 39 525         | 55 635         | 72 808         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>na</b>      | <b>40 984</b>  | <b>69 334</b>  | <b>92 729</b>  | <b>106 943</b> |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | no.         | na             | 17 588         | 6 646          | 3 246          | 3 997          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 18 279         | 26 638         |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>na</b>      | <b>58 572</b>  | <b>75 980</b>  | <b>114 254</b> | <b>137 578</b> |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 75 674         | 58 021         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | na             | 75 064         | 76 826         | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | no.         | na             | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>115 541</b> | <b>133 636</b> | <b>152 806</b> | <b>189 928</b> | <b>195 599</b> |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | na             | 11.6           | 19.5           | 19.5           | 17.5           |

Table 15A.16

Table 15A.16 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|  | Unit     | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Carer/family issues                            | %        | na           | na           | ..           | ..           | –            |
| Not substantiated                              | %        | na           | 19.1         | 25.9         | 29.3         | 37.2         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>                         | <b>%</b> | <b>na</b>    | <b>30.7</b>  | <b>45.4</b>  | <b>48.8</b>  | <b>54.7</b>  |
| Investigations in process (f)                  | %        | na           | 13.2         | 4.3          | 1.7          | 2.0          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g) | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | 9.6          | 13.6         |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                    | <b>%</b> | <b>na</b>    | <b>43.8</b>  | <b>49.7</b>  | <b>60.2</b>  | <b>70.3</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                  | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | 39.8         | 29.7         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means        | %        | na           | 56.2         | 50.3         | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action          | %        | na           | –            | –            | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                     | <b>%</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised.
- (c) Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (d) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.
- (e) 'Carer/family issues' includes children where no actual harm is determined but carer/family issues were involved.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (h) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (i) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.33.

Table 15A.17

Table 15A.17 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, New South Wales (number) (a)**

|                                 | 2003-04   | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                      |           |              |              |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |           |              |              |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | na        | 391          | 521          | 556          | 674          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | na        | 231          | 302          | 357          | 236          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>na</b> | <b>622</b>   | <b>823</b>   | <b>913</b>   | <b>910</b>   |
| Children discharged from orders | na        | 505          | 545          | 458          | 459          |
| Non-Indigenous (b)              |           |              |              |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |           |              |              |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | na        | 1 327        | 1556         | 1870         | 2 104        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | na        | 588          | 598          | 712          | 600          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>na</b> | <b>1 915</b> | <b>2 154</b> | <b>2 582</b> | <b>2 704</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | na        | 1 720        | 1 589        | 1 509        | 1 586        |
| All children                    |           |              |              |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |           |              |              |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | na        | 1 718        | 2077         | 2426         | 2 778        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | na        | 819          | 900          | 1069         | 836          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>na</b> | <b>2 537</b> | <b>2 977</b> | <b>3 495</b> | <b>3 614</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | na        | 2 225        | 2 134        | 1 967        | 2 045        |

(a) In 2003-04, NSW was unable to provide data due to ongoing implementation of the new reporting system.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

**na** Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.34.

Table 15A.18

Table 15A.18 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, New South Wales (number) (a), (b)**

|   | 2004      | 2005         | 2006         | 2007          | 2008          |
|---|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders         |           |              |              |               |               |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | na        | 1 914        | 2 114        | 2 505         | 2 917         |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (c)  | ..        | ..           | ..           | ..            | na            |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | na        | na           | na           | na            | na            |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | na        | 199          | 295          | 375           | 463           |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)       | ..        | ..           | ..           | ..            | na            |
| Other/not stated                                | ..        | ..           | ..           | ..            | ..            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                | <b>na</b> | <b>2 113</b> | <b>2 409</b> | <b>2 880</b>  | <b>3 380</b>  |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (d) |           |              |              |               |               |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | na        | 5 836        | 5 949        | 6 614         | 7 330         |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (c)  | ..        | ..           | ..           | ..            | na            |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | na        | na           | na           | na            | na            |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | na        | 671          | 855          | 1 145         | 1 376         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)       | ..        | ..           | ..           | ..            | na            |
| Other/not stated                                | ..        | ..           | ..           | ..            | ..            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>            | <b>na</b> | <b>6 507</b> | <b>6 804</b> | <b>7 759</b>  | <b>8 706</b>  |
| Number of all children on orders                |           |              |              |               |               |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | na        | 7 750        | 8 063        | 9 119         | 10 247        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (c)  | ..        | ..           | ..           | ..            | na            |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | na        | na           | na           | na            | na            |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | na        | 870          | 1 150        | 1 520         | 1 839         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)       | ..        | ..           | ..           | ..            | na            |
| Other/not stated                                | ..        | ..           | ..           | ..            | ..            |
| <b>Total all children</b>                       | <b>na</b> | <b>8 620</b> | <b>9 213</b> | <b>10 639</b> | <b>12 086</b> |

(a) Data exclude children on 'finalised supervisory orders'. Disaggregated data are not available as at 30 June 2008. Supervisory, third party parental responsibility and administrative/voluntary arrangements are reported under finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements.

(b) In 2003-04, NSW was unable to provide data due to ongoing implementation of the new reporting system.

(c) This category is included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

**na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.35.

Table 15A.19

**Table 15A.19 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | 2003-04       | 2004-05       | 2005-06       | 2006-07       | 2007-08        |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications              |               |               |               |               |                |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |                |
| Indigenous   | na            | 9 310         | 11 063        | 13 534        | 15 756         |
| Non-Indigenous   | na            | 67 952        | 73 293        | 85 128        | 86 172         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>70 571</b> | <b>77 262</b> | <b>84 356</b> | <b>98 662</b> | <b>101 928</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |               |               |               |               |                |
| Indigenous   | na            | 153.5         | 181.2         | 221.0         | 256.2          |
| Non-Indigenous   | na            | 47.0          | 50.9          | 58.4          | 59.1           |
| All children   | 46.7          | 51.3          | 56.2          | 64.9          | 67.0           |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations   |               |               |               |               |                |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |                |
| Indigenous   | na            | 3 946         | 6 326         | 8 568         | 11 032         |
| Non-Indigenous   | na            | 22 963        | 30 880        | 37 659        | 44 907         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>na</b>     | <b>26 909</b> | <b>37 206</b> | <b>46 227</b> | <b>55 939</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |               |               |               |               |                |
| Indigenous   | na            | 65.1          | 103.6         | 139.9         | 179.4          |
| Non-Indigenous   | na            | 15.9          | 21.4          | 25.8          | 30.8           |
| All children   | na            | 17.9          | 24.8          | 30.4          | 36.8           |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations            |               |               |               |               |                |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |                |
| Indigenous   | na            | 1 642         | 2 696         | 3 276         | 3 263          |
| Non-Indigenous   | na            | 7 556         | 9 931         | 10 414        | 9 856          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>na</b>     | <b>9 198</b>  | <b>12 627</b> | <b>13 690</b> | <b>13 119</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |               |               |               |               |                |
| Indigenous   | na            | 27.1          | 44.2          | 53.5          | 53.0           |
| Non-Indigenous   | na            | 5.2           | 6.9           | 7.1           | 6.8            |
| All children   | na            | 6.1           | 8.4           | 9.0           | 8.6            |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders |               |               |               |               |                |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |                |
| Indigenous   | na            | 2 113         | 2 409         | 2 880         | 3 380          |
| Non-Indigenous   | na            | 6 507         | 6 804         | 7 759         | 8 706          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>na</b>     | <b>8 620</b>  | <b>9 213</b>  | <b>10 639</b> | <b>12 086</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                 |               |               |               |               |                |
| Indigenous   | na            | 33.0          | 37.2          | 44.5          | 51.9           |
| Non-Indigenous   | na            | 4.3           | 4.5           | 5.0           | 5.6            |
| All children   | na            | 5.4           | 5.8           | 6.6           | 7.5            |

**Table 15A.19 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year. |         |         |         |         |         |
| (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.   |         |         |         |         |         |
| (c) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.  |         |         |         |         |         |
| (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.   |         |         |         |         |         |
| <b>na</b> Not available.  |         |         |         |         |         |

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.36.

Table 15A.20

**Table 15A.20 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | 2004         | 2005          | 2006          | 2007          | 2008 (f)      |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |              |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children in care  |              |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous  | 2 459        | 2 543         | 2 897         | 3 689         | 4 316         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 6 686        | 6 687         | 6 999         | 8 154         | 9 250         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>9 145</b> | <b>9 230</b>  | <b>9 896</b>  | <b>11 843</b> | <b>13 566</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)                            |              |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous  | 38.7         | 39.7          | 44.7          | 57.0          | 66.3          |
| Non-Indigenous  | 4.4          | 4.4           | 4.6           | 5.3           | 6.0           |
| All children  | 5.7          | 5.8           | 6.2           | 7.3           | 8.4           |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |              |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children in care  |              |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous  | na           | 3 134         | 3 496         | 4 234         | 4 926         |
| Non-Indigenous  | na           | 8 530         | 8 707         | 9 832         | 11 082        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>na</b>    | <b>11 664</b> | <b>12 203</b> | <b>14 066</b> | <b>16 008</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)                            |              |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous  | na           | 49.1          | 54.5          | 65.6          | 75.9          |
| Non-Indigenous  | na           | 5.6           | 5.7           | 6.4           | 7.1           |
| All children  | na           | 7.3           | 7.7           | 8.7           | 9.9           |

- (a) Data prior to 2004 on children in out-of-home care include the following categories of children even if they do not meet the definition of 'out-of-home care': wards, children under a guardianship order, protected persons (including overseas adoptees) and pre-adoption placements.
- (b) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.
- (c) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (e) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.
- (f) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.40.

Table 15A.21

Table 15A.21 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, New South Wales (number)**

|  | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007          | 2008 (a)      |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Indigenous                               |              |              |              |               |               |
| Residential care                         | 46           | 49           | 52           | 43            | 61            |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..            | ..            |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |               |               |
| Foster care                              | 710          | 734          | 886          | 1 107         | 1 315         |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 1 685        | 1 751        | 1 951        | 2 526         | 2 926         |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –            | –             | –             |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>2 395</b> | <b>2 485</b> | <b>2 837</b> | <b>3 633</b>  | <b>4 241</b>  |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 17           | 9            | 8            | 13            | 13            |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 1            | –            | –            | –             | 1             |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>2 459</b> | <b>2 543</b> | <b>2 897</b> | <b>3 689</b>  | <b>4 316</b>  |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                       |              |              |              |               |               |
| Residential care                         | 250          | 219          | 206          | 220           | 255           |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..            | ..            |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |               |               |
| Foster care                              | 2 923        | 2 886        | 3 173        | 3 634         | 4 133         |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 3 392        | 3 541        | 3 585        | 4 254         | 4 797         |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –            | –             | 3             |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>6 315</b> | <b>6 427</b> | <b>6 758</b> | <b>7 888</b>  | <b>8 933</b>  |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 113          | 41           | 35           | 46            | 57            |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 8            | –            | –            | –             | 5             |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>6 686</b> | <b>6 687</b> | <b>6 999</b> | <b>8 154</b>  | <b>9 250</b>  |
| All children                             |              |              |              |               |               |
| Residential care                         | 296          | 268          | 258          | 263           | 316           |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..            | ..            |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |               |               |
| Foster care                              | 3 633        | 3 620        | 4 059        | 4 741         | 5 448         |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 5 077        | 5 292        | 5 536        | 6 780         | 7 723         |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –            | –             | 3             |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>8 710</b> | <b>8 912</b> | <b>9 595</b> | <b>11 521</b> | <b>13 174</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 130          | 50           | 43           | 59            | 70            |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 9            | –            | –            | –             | 6             |
| <b>Total all children</b>                | <b>9 145</b> | <b>9 230</b> | <b>9 896</b> | <b>11 843</b> | <b>13 566</b> |

(a) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.41.



Table 15A.22

**Table 15A.22 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, New South Wales (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007          | 2008          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |               |               |
| Care and protection order            | na           | 2 008        | 2 289        | 2 719         | 3 143         |
| Another type of order                | na           | –            | –            | –             | –             |
| Not on an order                      | na           | 535          | 608          | 970           | 1 173         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>2 459</b> | <b>2 543</b> | <b>2 897</b> | <b>3 689</b>  | <b>4 316</b>  |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |              |              |              |               |               |
| Care and protection order            | na           | 5 929        | 6 264        | 7 100         | 7 909         |
| Another type of order                | na           | –            | –            | –             | –             |
| Not on an order                      | na           | 758          | 735          | 1 054         | 1 341         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>6 686</b> | <b>6 687</b> | <b>6 999</b> | <b>8 154</b>  | <b>9 250</b>  |
| All children                         |              |              |              |               |               |
| Care and protection order            | na           | 7 937        | 8 553        | 9 819         | 11 052        |
| Another type of order                | na           | –            | –            | –             | –             |
| Not on an order                      | na           | 1 293        | 1 343        | 2 024         | 2 514         |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>9 145</b> | <b>9 230</b> | <b>9 896</b> | <b>11 843</b> | <b>13 566</b> |

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders that are not care and protection orders.

(b) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.42.

Table 15A.23

**Table 15A.23 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, New South Wales (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007          | 2008          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |               |               |
| Respite                              | na           | 75           | 38           | 44            | 25            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |               |               |
| Less than 1 month                    | na           | 36           | 21           | 81            | 92            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | na           | 234          | 848          | 444           | 411           |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | na           | 214          | 168          | 445           | 496           |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | na           | 345          | 312          | 584           | 787           |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | na           | 769          | 706          | 921           | 1 143         |
| 5 years or more                      | na           | 866          | 804          | 1 170         | 1 362         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | na           | –            | –            | –             | –             |
| Total non-respite                    | na           | 2 464        | 2 859        | 3 645         | 4 291         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | na           | 4            | –            | –             | –             |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>2 459</b> | <b>2 543</b> | <b>2 897</b> | <b>3 689</b>  | <b>4 316</b>  |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |              |              |              |               |               |
| Respite                              | na           | 105          | 88           | 71            | 52            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |               |               |
| Less than 1 month                    | na           | 118          | 85           | 206           | 217           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | na           | 586          | 1 793        | 890           | 960           |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | na           | 600          | 435          | 944           | 1 003         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | na           | 819          | 668          | 1 077         | 1 605         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | na           | 2 056        | 1 810        | 1 987         | 2 197         |
| 5 years or more                      | na           | 2 358        | 2 120        | 2 979         | 3 216         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | na           | –            | –            | –             | –             |
| Total non-respite                    | na           | 6 537        | 6 911        | 8 083         | 9 198         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | na           | 45           | –            | –             | –             |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>6 686</b> | <b>6 687</b> | <b>6 999</b> | <b>8 154</b>  | <b>9 250</b>  |
| All children                         |              |              |              |               |               |
| Respite                              | na           | 180          | 126          | 115           | 77            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |               |               |
| Less than 1 month                    | na           | 154          | 106          | 287           | 309           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | na           | 820          | 2 641        | 1 334         | 1 371         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | na           | 814          | 603          | 1 389         | 1 499         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | na           | 1 164        | 980          | 1 661         | 2 392         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | na           | 2 825        | 2 516        | 2 908         | 3 340         |
| 5 years or more                      | na           | 3 224        | 2 924        | 4 149         | 4 578         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | na           | –            | –            | –             | –             |
| Total non-respite                    | na           | 9 001        | 9 770        | 11 728        | 13 489        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | na           | 49           | –            | –             | –             |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>9 145</b> | <b>9 230</b> | <b>9 896</b> | <b>11 843</b> | <b>13 566</b> |

**Table 15A.23 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, New South Wales (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|--|------|------|------|------|------|

(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) In 2003-04, NSW was unable to provide full data due to ongoing implementation of the new reporting system.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.43.

Table 15A.24

Table 15A.24 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, New South Wales (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2003-04   | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |           |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | na        | 141          | 143          | 159          | 136          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | na        | 64           | 50           | 57           | 112          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | na        | 67           | 58           | 38           | 122          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | na        | 107          | 69           | 66           | 78           |
| 5 years or more                      | na        | 84           | 105          | 69           | 91           |
| Not stated/unknown                   | na        | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>na</b> | <b>463</b>   | <b>425</b>   | <b>389</b>   | <b>539</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |           |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | na        | 443          | 395          | 424          | 444          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | na        | 221          | 220          | 187          | 232          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | na        | 218          | 176          | 171          | 229          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | na        | 257          | 188          | 176          | 159          |
| 5 years or more                      | na        | 206          | 224          | 207          | 264          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | na        | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>1 345</b> | <b>1 203</b> | <b>1 165</b> | <b>1 328</b> |
| All children                         |           |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | na        | 584          | 538          | 583          | 580          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | na        | 285          | 270          | 244          | 344          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | na        | 285          | 234          | 209          | 351          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | na        | 364          | 257          | 242          | 237          |
| 5 years or more                      | na        | 290          | 329          | 276          | 355          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | na        | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>na</b> | <b>1 808</b> | <b>1 628</b> | <b>1 554</b> | <b>1 867</b> |

(a) Prior to 2004-05, separate data on children who exited care provided by non government organisations (NGOs) was not available. Estimated figures were provided for these children exiting care.

(b) NSW was unable to provide data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.44.

**Table 15A.25 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i>  | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008 (c)</i> |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |                 |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 1 685        | 1 751        | 1 951        | 2 526        | 2 926           |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 3 392        | 3 541        | 3 585        | 4 254        | 4 797           |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 077</b> | <b>5 292</b> | <b>5 536</b> | <b>6 780</b> | <b>7 723</b>    |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |              |              |              |              |                 |
| Indigenous  | %           | 68.5         | 68.9         | 67.3         | 68.5         | 67.8            |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 50.7         | 53.0         | 51.2         | 52.2         | 51.9            |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>55.5</b>  | <b>57.3</b>  | <b>55.9</b>  | <b>57.2</b>  | <b>56.9</b>     |

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where the placement type was known.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.45.

Table 15A.26

Table 15A.26 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, New South Wales (a)**

|  | Unit       | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         |
|--|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.        | na           | 1 485        | 1 669        | 2 233        | 2 517        |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.        | na           | 266          | 282          | 293          | 409          |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>na</b>    | <b>1 751</b> | <b>1 951</b> | <b>2 526</b> | <b>2 926</b> |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.        | na           | 443          | 512          | 637          | 700          |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.        | na           | 7            | 9            | 12           | 8            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b> | <b>na</b>    | <b>450</b>   | <b>521</b>   | <b>649</b>   | <b>708</b>   |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>na</b>    | <b>2 201</b> | <b>2 472</b> | <b>3 175</b> | <b>3 634</b> |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carers  | no.        | na           | 291          | 374          | 470          | 615          |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.        | na           | 42           | 43           | 31           | 53           |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>na</b>    | <b>333</b>   | <b>417</b>   | <b>501</b>   | <b>668</b>   |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.        | na           | 9            | 8            | 13           | 14           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b> | <b>2 459</b> | <b>2 543</b> | <b>2 897</b> | <b>3 689</b> | <b>4 316</b> |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %          | na           | 58.6         | 57.8         | 60.7         | 58.5         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %          | na           | 10.5         | 9.8          | 8.0          | 9.5          |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>   | <b>na</b>    | <b>69.1</b>  | <b>67.5</b>  | <b>68.7</b>  | <b>68.0</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %          | na           | 17.5         | 17.7         | 17.3         | 16.3         |
| Indigenous residential care  | %          | na           | 0.3          | 0.3          | 0.3          | 0.2          |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>   | <b>na</b>    | <b>17.8</b>  | <b>18.0</b>  | <b>17.7</b>  | <b>16.5</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>   | <b>na</b>    | <b>86.9</b>  | <b>85.6</b>  | <b>86.4</b>  | <b>84.5</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %          | na           | 11.5         | 12.9         | 12.8         | 14.3         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %          | na           | 1.7          | 1.5          | 0.8          | 1.2          |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>   | <b>na</b>    | <b>13.1</b>  | <b>14.4</b>  | <b>13.6</b>  | <b>15.5</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>   | <b>na</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.46.

Table 15A.27

Table 15A.27 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i>  | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of children   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 1 769        | 1 794        | 2 042        | 2 563        | 2 948        |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 4 477        | 4 515        | 4 723        | 5 373        | 6 058        |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>6 246</b> | <b>6 309</b> | <b>6 765</b> | <b>7 936</b> | <b>9 006</b> |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | %           | 99.3         | 99.0         | 99.5         | 99.9         | 99.9         |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 99.0         | 99.4         | 99.6         | 99.6         | 99.7         |
| All children   | %           | 99.1         | 99.2         | 99.5         | 99.7         | 99.7         |

(a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.47.

# Single jurisdiction data — Vic



Table 15A.28

Table 15A.28 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Indigenous children  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 749            | 816            | 859            | 730            | 706            |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 483            | 396            | 338            | 365            | 335            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 232</b>   | <b>1 212</b>   | <b>1 197</b>   | <b>1 095</b>   | <b>1 041</b>   |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | no.         | 31             | 39             | 20             | 82             | 154            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | —              | —              |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 263</b>   | <b>1 251</b>   | <b>1 217</b>   | <b>1 177</b>   | <b>1 195</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 1 709          | 1 723          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | 1 159          | 1 246          | 1 484          | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | no.         | —              | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 422</b>   | <b>2 497</b>   | <b>2 701</b>   | <b>2 886</b>   | <b>2 918</b>   |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 30.9           | 32.7           | 31.8           | 25.3           | 24.2           |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 19.9           | 15.9           | 12.5           | 12.6           | 11.5           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>50.9</b>    | <b>48.5</b>    | <b>44.3</b>    | <b>37.9</b>    | <b>35.7</b>    |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | %           | 1.3            | 1.6            | 0.7            | 2.8            | 5.3            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | —              | —              |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>52.1</b>    | <b>50.1</b>    | <b>45.0</b>    | <b>40.8</b>    | <b>41.0</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 59.2           | 59.0           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %           | 47.9           | 49.9           | 55.0           | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | %           | —              | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous children (i)                                    |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 6 663          | 6 582          | 6 704          | 6 098          | 5 659          |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 3 979          | 3 692          | 3 429          | 3 344          | 3 380          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>10 642</b>  | <b>10 274</b>  | <b>10 133</b>  | <b>9 442</b>   | <b>9 039</b>   |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | no.         | 354            | 363            | 544            | 684            | 933            |

Table 15A.28

Table 15A.28 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | —              | ..             |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>10 996</b>  | <b>10 637</b>  | <b>10 678</b>  | <b>10 126</b>  | <b>9 972</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  |             | ..             | ..             | ..             | 25 663         | 28 717         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | 23 538         | 24 389         | 24 608         | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                            | no.         | —              | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>34 534</b>  | <b>35 026</b>  | <b>35 286</b>  | <b>35 789</b>  | <b>38 689</b>  |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 19.3           | 18.8           | 19.0           | 17.0           | 14.6           |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 11.5           | 10.5           | 9.7            | 9.3            | 8.7            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>30.8</b>    | <b>29.3</b>    | <b>28.7</b>    | <b>26.4</b>    | <b>23.4</b>    |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | %           | 1.0            | 1.0            | 1.5            | 1.9            | 2.4            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | —              | ..             |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>31.8</b>    | <b>30.4</b>    | <b>30.3</b>    | <b>28.3</b>    | <b>25.8</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 71.7           | 74.2           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %           | 68.2           | 69.6           | 69.7           | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                            | %           | —              | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 7 412          | 7 398          | 7 563          | 6 828          | 6 365          |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 4 462          | 4 088          | 3 767          | 3 709          | 3 715          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>11 874</b>  | <b>11 486</b>  | <b>11 330</b>  | <b>10 537</b>  | <b>10 080</b>  |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | no.         | 385            | 402            | 564            | 763            | 1 087          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | —              | ..             |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>12 259</b>  | <b>11 888</b>  | <b>11 894</b>  | <b>11 300</b>  | <b>11 167</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 27 375         | 30 440         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | 24 697         | 25 635         | 26 093         | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | no.         | —              | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>36 956</b>  | <b>37 523</b>  | <b>37 987</b>  | <b>38 675</b>  | <b>41 607</b>  |

Table 15A.28

Table 15A.28 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|  | Unit     | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Substantiated  | %        | 20.1         | 19.7         | 19.9         | 17.7         | 15.3         |
| Carer/family issues  | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Not substantiated  | %        | 12.1         | 10.9         | 9.9          | 9.6          | 8.9          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b> | <b>32.1</b>  | <b>30.6</b>  | <b>29.8</b>  | <b>27.2</b>  | <b>24.2</b>  |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | %        | 1.0          | 1.1          | 1.5          | 2.0          | 2.6          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | —            | ..           |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b> | <b>33.2</b>  | <b>31.7</b>  | <b>31.3</b>  | <b>29.2</b>  | <b>26.8</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | 70.8         | 73.2         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %        | 66.8         | 68.3         | 68.7         | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | %        | —            | —            | —            | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised.
- (c) In Victoria if a case is open following the first notification, no further notifications concerning the child are counted.
- (d) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (e) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (h) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (i) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

**Table 15A.28 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.50.

Table 15A.29

Table 15A.29 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)**

|                                 | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                      |              |              |              |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 162          | 213          | 196          | 236          | 227          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 157          | 197          | 201          | 121          | 163          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>319</b>   | <b>410</b>   | <b>397</b>   | <b>357</b>   | <b>390</b>   |
| Children discharged from orders | 229          | 226          | 257          | 283          | 285          |
| Non-Indigenous (d)              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 1 337        | 1 516        | 1 458        | 1 651        | 1 718        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 1 122        | 1 154        | 1 203        | 926          | 1 181        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>2 459</b> | <b>2 670</b> | <b>2 661</b> | <b>2 577</b> | <b>2 899</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 1 799        | 1 806        | 1 846        | 2 227        | 1 901        |
| All children                    |              |              |              |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 1 499        | 1 729        | 1 654        | 1 887        | 1 945        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 1 279        | 1 351        | 1 404        | 1 047        | 1 344        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>2 778</b> | <b>3 080</b> | <b>3 058</b> | <b>2 934</b> | <b>3 289</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 2 028        | 2 032        | 2 103        | 2 510        | 2 186        |

- (a) Admissions to orders in other jurisdictions could not be counted.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (c) Data for 2006-07 are based on an extract from the new child protection system which only contains information relating to open cases and/or cases commenced after 1 July 2000. As the earliest history that can be traced back for a client is to 1 July 2000, if a child had been admitted to an order prior to 1 July 2000 they may be counted as admitted for the first time in 2006-07.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.51.

Table 15A.30

**Table 15A.30 Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Victoria (number) (a), (b)**

|   | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 439          | 525          | 550          | 436          | 623          |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (c)  | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 111          | 137          | 157          | 164          | 305          |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 24           | 20           | 33           | 23           | 49           |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | –            | ..           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                | <b>574</b>   | <b>682</b>   | <b>740</b>   | <b>623</b>   | <b>977</b>   |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (d) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 3 355        | 3 572        | 3 772        | 3 905        | 4 172        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (c)  | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 1 118        | 1 223        | 1 274        | 1 463        | 2 343        |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 204          | 181          | 198          | 188          | 384          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | –            | ..           |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>            | <b>4 677</b> | <b>4 976</b> | <b>5 244</b> | <b>5 556</b> | <b>6 899</b> |
| Number of all children on orders                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 3 794        | 4 097        | 4 322        | 4 341        | 4 795        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (c)  | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 1 229        | 1 360        | 1 431        | 1 627        | 2 648        |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 228          | 201          | 231          | 211          | 433          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | –            | ..           |
| <b>Total all children</b>                       | <b>5 251</b> | <b>5 658</b> | <b>5 984</b> | <b>6 179</b> | <b>7 876</b> |

(a) Permanent care orders are included in the category 'guardianship or custody orders'.

(b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

(c) This category is included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

**na** Not available. **..** Not applicable. **–** Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.52.

Table 15A.31

**Table 15A.31 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | 2003-04       | 2004-05       | 2005-06       | 2006-07       | 2007-08       |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications              |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 1 673         | 1 855         | 2 007         | 2 058         | 2 180         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 26 261        | 26 651        | 27 623        | 28 183        | 30 119        |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>27 934</b> | <b>28 506</b> | <b>29 630</b> | <b>30 241</b> | <b>32 299</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 137.8         | 151.8         | 163.0         | 167.1         | 176.0         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 24.3          | 24.7          | 25.5          | 25.5          | 27.0          |
| All children   | 25.6          | 26.1          | 27.1          | 27.1          | 28.7          |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 1 064         | 1 090         | 1 107         | 1 012         | 964           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 9 696         | 9 463         | 9 447         | 8 927         | 8 595         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>10 760</b> | <b>10 553</b> | <b>10 554</b> | <b>9 939</b>  | <b>9 559</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 87.6          | 89.2          | 89.9          | 82.1          | 77.8          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 9.0           | 8.8           | 8.7           | 8.1           | 7.7           |
| All children   | 9.9           | 9.7           | 9.6           | 8.9           | 8.5           |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 700           | 770           | 834           | 697           | 681           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 6 323         | 6 244         | 6 453         | 5 891         | 5 481         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>7 023</b>  | <b>7 014</b>  | <b>7 287</b>  | <b>6 588</b>  | <b>6 162</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 57.7          | 63.0          | 67.7          | 56.6          | 55.0          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 5.9           | 5.8           | 6.0           | 5.3           | 4.9           |
| All children   | 6.4           | 6.4           | 6.7           | 5.9           | 5.5           |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 574           | 682           | 740           | 623           | 977           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 4 677         | 4 976         | 5 244         | 5 556         | 6 899         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>5 251</b>  | <b>5 658</b>  | <b>5 984</b>  | <b>6 179</b>  | <b>7 876</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                 |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 44.7          | 52.8          | 56.4          | 47.6          | 74.1          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 4.1           | 4.3           | 4.6           | 4.7           | 5.8           |
| All children   | 4.5           | 4.9           | 5.1           | 5.2           | 6.6           |

**Table 15A.31 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.   |         |         |         |         |         |
| (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.   |         |         |         |         |         |
| (c) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, <i>the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005</i> which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data. |         |         |         |         |         |
| (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.   |         |         |         |         |         |

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.53.



Table 15A.32

Table 15A.32 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b)**

|   | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008 (c)     |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 531          | 526          | 552          | 626          | 660          |
| Non-Indigenous  | 3 778        | 3 882        | 4 242        | 4 426        | 4 396        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>4 309</b> | <b>4 408</b> | <b>4 794</b> | <b>5 052</b> | <b>5 056</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 41.4         | 40.7         | 42.1         | 47.8         | 50.1         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 3.3          | 3.4          | 3.7          | 3.8          | 3.7          |
| All children  | 3.7          | 3.8          | 4.1          | 4.3          | 4.2          |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 1 043        | 1 035        | 1 103        | 988          | 1 021        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 6 580        | 6 442        | 6 692        | 6 797        | 6 877        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>7 623</b> | <b>7 477</b> | <b>7 795</b> | <b>7 785</b> | <b>7 898</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 81.7         | 80.4         | 85.2         | 75.8         | 77.7         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 5.8          | 5.6          | 5.8          | 5.8          | 5.8          |
| All children  | 6.6          | 6.4          | 6.7          | 6.6          | 6.6          |

- (a) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (d) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (e) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.57.

Table 15A.33

Table 15A.33 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)**

|  | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008 (e)     |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                               |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 48           | 35           | 48           | 42           | 41           |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 269          | 247          | 252          | 296          | 309          |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 196          | 214          | 233          | 260          | 279          |
| Other home based care                    | 18           | 29           | 18           | 26           | 30           |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>483</b>   | <b>490</b>   | <b>503</b>   | <b>582</b>   | <b>618</b>   |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –            | 1            | 1            | 2            | 1            |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>531</b>   | <b>526</b>   | <b>552</b>   | <b>626</b>   | <b>660</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous (d)                       |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 332          | 330          | 299          | 295          | 385          |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 2 074        | 2 201        | 2 269        | 2 301        | 2 163        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 1 149        | 1 121        | 1 383        | 1 521        | 1 548        |
| Other home based care                    | 195          | 209          | 262          | 270          | 278          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>3 418</b> | <b>3 531</b> | <b>3 914</b> | <b>4 092</b> | <b>3 989</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 28           | 21           | 29           | 39           | 22           |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>3 778</b> | <b>3 882</b> | <b>4 242</b> | <b>4 426</b> | <b>4 396</b> |
| All children                             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 380          | 365          | 347          | 337          | 426          |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 2 343        | 2 448        | 2 521        | 2 597        | 2 472        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 1 345        | 1 335        | 1 616        | 1 781        | 1 827        |
| Other home based care                    | 213          | 238          | 280          | 296          | 308          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>3 901</b> | <b>4 021</b> | <b>4 417</b> | <b>4 674</b> | <b>4 607</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 28           | 22           | 30           | 41           | 23           |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>                | <b>4 309</b> | <b>4 408</b> | <b>4 794</b> | <b>5 052</b> | <b>5 056</b> |

(a) Foster care category for Victoria includes children on permanent care orders where carers are in receipt of foster care payment and children in individually tailored home-based arrangements.

**Table 15A.33 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)**

|  | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 (e) |
|--|------|------|------|------|----------|
|--|------|------|------|------|----------|

- (b) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.
- (c) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (e) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.58.

Table 15A.34

Table 15A.34 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Victoria (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 385          | 422          | 409          | 475          | 492          |
| Another type of order                | 7            | 5            | 6            | 7            | –            |
| Not on an order                      | 139          | 99           | 137          | 144          | 168          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>531</b>   | <b>526</b>   | <b>552</b>   | <b>626</b>   | <b>660</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 2 938        | 3 133        | 3 389        | 3 322        | 3 356        |
| Another type of order                | 112          | 117          | 119          | 219          | –            |
| Not on an order                      | 700          | 618          | 734          | 885          | 1 040        |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>3 750</b> | <b>3 868</b> | <b>4 242</b> | <b>4 426</b> | <b>4 396</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 3 323        | 3 555        | 3 798        | 3 797        | 3 848        |
| Another type of order                | 119          | 122          | 125          | 226          | –            |
| Not on an order                      | 839          | 717          | 871          | 1 029        | 1 208        |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>4 281</b> | <b>4 394</b> | <b>4 794</b> | <b>5 052</b> | <b>5 056</b> |

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders that are not care and protection orders.

(b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.59.

Table 15A.35

**Table 15A.35 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Victoria (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | 19           | 5            | 3            | 15           | –            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 25           | 10           | 13           | 17           | 14           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 83           | 70           | 86           | 65           | 89           |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 77           | 66           | 82           | 112          | 94           |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 73           | 107          | 94           | 130          | 110          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 158          | 125          | 147          | 171          | 198          |
| 5 years or more                      | 94           | 142          | 126          | 116          | 155          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 510          | 520          | 548          | 611          | 660          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 2            | 1            | 1            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>531</b>   | <b>526</b>   | <b>552</b>   | <b>626</b>   | <b>660</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | 21           | 9            | 9            | 68           | 11           |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 164          | 97           | 68           | 92           | 139          |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 525          | 483          | 499          | 379          | 470          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 492          | 418          | 535          | 647          | 460          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 593          | 637          | 700          | 903          | 627          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 1 031        | 1 037        | 1 113        | 1 141        | 1 287        |
| 5 years or more                      | 912          | 1 174        | 1 308        | 1 196        | 1 402        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 3 717        | 3 846        | 4 223        | 4 358        | 4 385        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 42           | 27           | 10           | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>3 778</b> | <b>3 882</b> | <b>4 242</b> | <b>4 426</b> | <b>4 396</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | 40           | 14           | 12           | 83           | 11           |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 189          | 107          | 81           | 109          | 153          |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 608          | 553          | 585          | 444          | 559          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 569          | 484          | 617          | 759          | 554          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 666          | 744          | 794          | 1 033        | 737          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 1 189        | 1 162        | 1 260        | 1 312        | 1 485        |
| 5 years or more                      | 1 006        | 1 316        | 1 434        | 1 312        | 1 557        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 4 227        | 4 366        | 4 771        | 4 969        | 5 045        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 42           | 28           | 11           | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>4 309</b> | <b>4 408</b> | <b>4 794</b> | <b>5 052</b> | <b>5 056</b> |

**Table 15A.35 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Victoria (number)**  
**(a), (b)**

|  | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|--|------|------|------|------|------|

(a) Indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.60.

Table 15A.36

**Table 15A.36 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Victoria (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Indigenous</b>                    |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 99           | 157          | 158          | 181          | 72           |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 43           | 56           | 47           | 57           | 29           |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 34           | 45           | 43           | 53           | 32           |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 25           | 43           | 40           | 44           | 20           |
| 5 years or more                      | 3            | 17           | 10           | 18           | 20           |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>204</b>   | <b>318</b>   | <b>298</b>   | <b>353</b>   | <b>173</b>   |
| <b>Non-Indigenous (b)</b>            |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 548          | 891          | 777          | 748          | 505          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 228          | 351          | 323          | 329          | 193          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 203          | 271          | 277          | 296          | 234          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 190          | 255          | 213          | 250          | 210          |
| 5 years or more                      | 87           | 101          | 143          | 116          | 133          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>1 256</b> | <b>1 869</b> | <b>1 733</b> | <b>1 739</b> | <b>1 275</b> |
| <b>All children</b>                  |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 647          | 1 048        | 935          | 929          | 577          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 271          | 407          | 370          | 386          | 222          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 237          | 316          | 320          | 349          | 266          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 215          | 298          | 253          | 294          | 230          |
| 5 years or more                      | 90           | 118          | 153          | 134          | 153          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>1 460</b> | <b>2 187</b> | <b>2 031</b> | <b>2 092</b> | <b>1 448</b> |

(a) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.61.

Table 15A.37

**Table 15A.37 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i>  | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008 (d)</i> |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |                 |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 196          | 214          | 233          | 260          | 279             |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 1 149        | 1 121        | 1 383        | 1 521        | 1 548           |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 345</b> | <b>1 335</b> | <b>1 616</b> | <b>1 781</b> | <b>1 827</b>    |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |              |              |              |              |                 |
| Indigenous  | %           | 36.9         | 40.7         | 42.2         | 41.5         | 42.3            |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 30.4         | 28.9         | 32.6         | 34.4         | 35.2            |
| All children  | %           | 31.2         | 30.3         | 33.7         | 35.3         | 36.1            |

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.62.



Table 15A.38

Table 15A.38 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i>  | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 98           | 133          | 152          | 125          | 103          |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 81           | 71           | 80           | 102          | 176          |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>179</b>   | <b>204</b>   | <b>232</b>   | <b>227</b>   | <b>279</b>   |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.         | 117          | 77           | 102          | 103          | 144          |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.         | 12           | 11           | 21           | 19           | 15           |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>129</b>   | <b>88</b>    | <b>123</b>   | <b>122</b>   | <b>159</b>   |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>308</b>   | <b>292</b>   | <b>355</b>   | <b>349</b>   | <b>438</b>   |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carers  | no.         | 155          | 181          | 166          | 199          | 182          |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.         | 36           | 24           | 27           | 16           | 25           |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>191</b>   | <b>205</b>   | <b>193</b>   | <b>215</b>   | <b>207</b>   |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.         | 32           | 29           | 4            | 62           | 15           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>531</b>   | <b>526</b>   | <b>552</b>   | <b>626</b>   | <b>660</b>   |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 19.6         | 26.8         | 27.7         | 22.2         | 16.0         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 16.2         | 14.3         | 14.6         | 18.1         | 27.3         |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>35.9</b>  | <b>41.0</b>  | <b>42.3</b>  | <b>40.2</b>  | <b>43.3</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %           | 23.4         | 15.5         | 18.6         | 18.3         | 22.3         |
| Indigenous residential care  | %           | 2.4          | 2.2          | 3.8          | 3.4          | 2.3          |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>    | <b>25.9</b>  | <b>17.7</b>  | <b>22.4</b>  | <b>21.6</b>  | <b>24.7</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>61.7</b>  | <b>58.8</b>  | <b>64.8</b>  | <b>61.9</b>  | <b>67.9</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %           | 31.1         | 36.4         | 30.3         | 35.3         | 28.2         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %           | 7.2          | 4.8          | 4.9          | 2.8          | 3.9          |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>38.3</b>  | <b>41.2</b>  | <b>35.2</b>  | <b>38.1</b>  | <b>32.1</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

**Table 15A.38 Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.63.

Table 15A.39

Table 15A.39 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i>  | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of children   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 350          | 343          | 335          | 403          | 416          |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 2 127        | 2 196        | 2 454        | 2 571        | 2 479        |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 477</b> | <b>2 539</b> | <b>2 789</b> | <b>2 974</b> | <b>2 895</b> |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | %           | 96.7         | 96.9         | 94.6         | 97.1         | 97.4         |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 97.0         | 97.5         | 98.0         | 97.7         | 96.4         |
| All children   | %           | 96.9         | 97.4         | 97.6         | 97.6         | 96.6         |

- (a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.64.

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Table 15A.40

Table 15A.40 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Indigenous children  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 1 864          | 1 707          | 1 839          | 2 096          | 1 804          |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 370            | 462            | 810            | 1 713          | 1 592          |
| <b>Total finalised (d)</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 234</b>   | <b>2 169</b>   | <b>2 649</b>   | <b>3 809</b>   | <b>3 396</b>   |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | no.         | 598            | 1 352          | 1 582          | 1 196          | 1 352          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible                     | no.         | 148            | 124            | 81             | 152            | 148            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 980</b>   | <b>3 645</b>   | <b>4 312</b>   | <b>5 157</b>   | <b>4 896</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                  | no.         | 252            | 291            | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | 252            | 291            | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>3 232</b>   | <b>3 936</b>   | <b>4 312</b>   | <b>5 157</b>   | <b>4 896</b>   |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 57.7           | 43.4           | 42.6           | 40.6           | 36.8           |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 11.4           | 11.7           | 18.8           | 33.2           | 32.5           |
| <b>Total finalised (d)</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>69.1</b>    | <b>55.1</b>    | <b>61.4</b>    | <b>73.9</b>    | <b>69.4</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | %           | 18.5           | 34.3           | 36.7           | 23.2           | 27.6           |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible                     | %           | 4.6            | 3.2            | 1.9            | 2.9            | 3.0            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>92.2</b>    | <b>92.6</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                  | %           | 7.8            | 7.4            | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %           | 7.8            | 7.4            | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous children (g)                                    |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 15 609         | 15 600         | 11 345         | 8 012          | 6 224          |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 5 760          | 5 632          | 7 564          | 9 021          | 8 429          |
| <b>Total finalised (d)</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>21 369</b>  | <b>21 232</b>  | <b>18 909</b>  | <b>17 033</b>  | <b>14 653</b>  |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | no.         | 4 422          | 10 005         | 9 466          | 5 322          | 4 797          |

Table 15A.40

Table 15A.40 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible                     | no.         | 1 627          | 1 268          | 925            | 999            | 657            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>27 418</b>  | <b>32 505</b>  | <b>29 300</b>  | <b>23 354</b>  | <b>20 107</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                  |             | 4 373          | 4 388          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | 4 373          | 4 388          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                            | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>31 791</b>  | <b>36 893</b>  | <b>29 300</b>  | <b>23 354</b>  | <b>20 107</b>  |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 49.1           | 42.3           | 38.7           | 34.3           | 31.0           |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 18.1           | 15.3           | 25.8           | 38.6           | 41.9           |
| <b>Total finalised (d)</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>67.2</b>    | <b>57.6</b>    | <b>64.5</b>    | <b>72.9</b>    | <b>72.9</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | %           | 13.9           | 27.1           | 32.3           | 22.8           | 23.9           |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible                     | %           | 5.1            | 3.4            | 3.2            | 4.3            | 3.3            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>86.2</b>    | <b>88.1</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                  | %           | 13.8           | 11.9           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %           | 13.8           | 11.9           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                            | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 17 473         | 17 307         | 13 184         | 10 108         | 8 028          |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 6 130          | 6 094          | 8 374          | 10 734         | 10 021         |
| <b>Total finalised (d)</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>23 603</b>  | <b>23 401</b>  | <b>21 558</b>  | <b>20 842</b>  | <b>18 049</b>  |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | no.         | 5 020          | 11 357         | 11 048         | 6 518          | 6 149          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible                     | no.         | 1 775          | 1 392          | 1 006          | 1 151          | 805            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>30 398</b>  | <b>36 150</b>  | <b>33 612</b>  | <b>28 511</b>  | <b>25 003</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                  | no.         | 4 625          | 4 679          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | 4 625          | 4 679          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>35 023</b>  | <b>40 829</b>  | <b>33 612</b>  | <b>28 511</b>  | <b>25 003</b>  |

Table 15A.40

Table 15A.40 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

|  | Unit     | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Substantiated  | %        | 49.9         | 42.4         | 39.2         | 35.5         | 32.1         |
| Carer/family issues  | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Not substantiated  | %        | 17.5         | 14.9         | 24.9         | 37.6         | 40.1         |
| <b>Total finalised (d)</b>                                     | <b>%</b> | <b>67.4</b>  | <b>57.3</b>  | <b>64.1</b>  | <b>73.1</b>  | <b>72.2</b>  |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | %        | 14.3         | 27.8         | 32.9         | 22.9         | 24.6         |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible                     | %        | 5.1          | 3.4          | 3.0          | 4.0          | 3.2          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b> | <b>86.8</b>  | <b>88.5</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                  | %        | 13.2         | 11.5         | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %        | 13.2         | 11.5         | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised.
- (c) From 2006-07 notification figures for Queensland are affected by a change in recording practice. With the introduction of the Integrated Client Management System in March 2007, any new child protection concerns received by the department that relate to an open notification or investigation and assessment are recorded as an additional concern and linked to the open notification/investigation and assessment. Previously, any new child protection concerns received by the department were recorded as an additional notification.
- (d) This figure excludes those finalised investigations with an assessment outcome of 'No investigation and Assessment Outcome'. This is instead reported in the category 'Investigation closed – no outcome possible' introduced in 2006-07. It includes notifications where there was insufficient information to enable an assessment outcome of substantiated or unsubstantiated to be determined. This may occur in circumstances where a family was unable to be identified, located or has moved overseas and the investigation is therefore finalised and closed.
- (e) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (f) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice.
- (g) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.67.

Table 15A.41

Table 15A.41 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Queensland (number) (a), (b)**

|                                 | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07   | 2007-08      |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Indigenous                      |              |              |              |           |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |           |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 307          | 431          | 474          | na        | 567          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 271          | 331          | 615          | na        | 819          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>578</b>   | <b>762</b>   | <b>1 089</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>1 386</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 324          | 454          | 640          | na        | na           |
| Non-Indigenous (c)              |              |              |              |           |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |           |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 1 443        | 1 851        | 1 651        | na        | 1 360        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 917          | 1 092        | 1 332        | na        | 1 566        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>2 360</b> | <b>2 943</b> | <b>2 983</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>2 926</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 1 288        | 1 664        | 1 863        | na        | na           |
| All children                    |              |              |              |           |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |           |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 1 750        | 2 282        | 2 125        | na        | 1 927        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 1 188        | 1 423        | 1 947        | na        | 2 385        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>2 938</b> | <b>3 705</b> | <b>4 072</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>4 312</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 1 612        | 2 118        | 2 503        | na        | na           |

(a) Previous admissions to care and protection orders in other jurisdictions could not be counted.

(b) 2006-07 data have not been provided due to the transition to a new information management system.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.68.



Table 15A.42

Table 15A.42 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Queensland (number)**

|   | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 1 041        | 1 188        | 1 439        | 1 589        | 1 619        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a)  | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 131          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 44           | 65           | 85           | 65           | 114          |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 61           | 89           | 143          | 261          | 352          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Other/not stated                                | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                | <b>1 146</b> | <b>1 342</b> | <b>1 667</b> | <b>1 915</b> | <b>2 216</b> |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (c) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 3 342        | 3 909        | 4 145        | 3 706        | 3 463        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a)  | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 432          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 172          | 220          | 265          | 288          | 290          |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 290          | 386          | 369          | 482          | 639          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Other/not stated                                | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>            | <b>3 804</b> | <b>4 515</b> | <b>4 779</b> | <b>4 476</b> | <b>4 824</b> |
| Number of all children on orders                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 4 383        | 5 097        | 5 584        | 5 295        | 5 082        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a)  | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 563          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 216          | 285          | 350          | 353          | 404          |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 351          | 475          | 512          | 743          | 991          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Other/not stated                                | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total all children</b>                       | <b>4 950</b> | <b>5 857</b> | <b>6 446</b> | <b>6 391</b> | <b>7 040</b> |

(a) From 2008, data for the category 'third party parental responsibility orders' are reported separately. Previously these were counted as a subset of 'guardianship or custody orders'.

(b) Administrative/voluntary arrangements are not applicable in Queensland.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.69.

Table 15A.43

**Table 15A.43 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

|  | 2003-04       | 2004-05       | 2005-06       | 2006-07       | 2007-08       |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications                |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                       |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 1 933         | 2 451         | 2 936         | 4 003         | 4 265         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 22 871        | 26 847        | 22 468        | 19 817        | 17 836        |
| <b>All children</b>                                      | <b>24 804</b> | <b>29 298</b> | <b>25 404</b> | <b>23 820</b> | <b>22 101</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 33.7          | 42.3          | 50.3          | 67.7          | 71.5          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 27.1          | 31.4          | 26.0          | 22.1          | 19.5          |
| All children   | 27.5          | 32.1          | 27.5          | 25.0          | 22.7          |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations (d) |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                       |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 1 445         | 1 499         | 1 925         | 2 957         | 2 991         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 15 986        | 16 242        | 14 867        | 14 490        | 13 084        |
| <b>All children</b>                                      | <b>17 431</b> | <b>17 741</b> | <b>16 792</b> | <b>17 447</b> | <b>16 075</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 25.2          | 25.8          | 33.0          | 50.0          | 50.1          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 18.9          | 19.0          | 17.2          | 16.2          | 14.3          |
| All children   | 19.3          | 19.5          | 18.2          | 18.3          | 16.5          |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations              |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                       |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 1 192         | 1 186         | 1 340         | 1 725         | 1 617         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 11 481        | 11 700        | 8 737         | 7 053         | 5 660         |
| <b>All children</b>                                      | <b>12 673</b> | <b>12 886</b> | <b>10 077</b> | <b>8 778</b>  | <b>7 277</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 20.8          | 20.4          | 23.0          | 29.2          | 27.1          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 13.6          | 13.7          | 10.1          | 7.9           | 6.2           |
| All children   | 14.0          | 14.1          | 10.9          | 9.2           | 7.5           |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                       |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 1 146         | 1 342         | 1 667         | 1 915         | 2 216         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3 804         | 4 515         | 4 779         | 4 476         | 4 824         |
| <b>All children</b>                                      | <b>4 950</b>  | <b>5 857</b>  | <b>6 446</b>  | <b>6 391</b>  | <b>7 040</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 18.9          | 21.9          | 26.7          | 30.6          | 35.0          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 4.2           | 5.0           | 5.2           | 4.7           | 5.0           |
| <b>All children</b>                                      | <b>5.2</b>    | <b>6.0</b>    | <b>6.5</b>    | <b>6.3</b>    | <b>6.8</b>    |

**Table 15A.43 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.   |         |         |         |         |         |
| (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.   |         |         |         |         |         |
| (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.   |         |         |         |         |         |
| (d) This figure excludes those children with a finalised investigation and assessment outcome of 'No investigation and assessment outcome'. In these cases there was insufficient information to enable an assessment outcome of substantiated or not substantiated to be determined. This may occur in circumstances where a family was unable to be identified, located or has moved overseas and the investigation is therefore finalised and closed. These finalised investigations have been included in the category 'Investigation closed – no outcome possible' introduced in 2007. |         |         |         |         |         |

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.70.

Table 15A.44

Table 15A.44 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a)**

|   | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008 (b)     |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 958          | 1 275        | 1 496        | 1 749        | 2 085        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 3 455        | 4 382        | 4 380        | 4 223        | 4 585        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>4 413</b> | <b>5 657</b> | <b>5 876</b> | <b>5 972</b> | <b>6 670</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)                                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 15.8         | 20.8         | 24.0         | 27.9         | 33.0         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 3.9          | 4.8          | 4.7          | 4.4          | 4.7          |
| All children  | 4.6          | 5.8          | 6.0          | 5.8          | 6.4          |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (d) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 1 217        | 1 484        | 1 790        | 2 244        | 2 730        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 4 483        | 5 248        | 5 417        | 5 836        | 6 259        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>5 700</b> | <b>6 732</b> | <b>7 207</b> | <b>8 080</b> | <b>8 989</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)                                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 20.2         | 24.4         | 29.2         | 36.0         | 43.4         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 5.0          | 5.8          | 5.9          | 6.1          | 6.4          |
| All children  | 6.0          | 7.0          | 7.4          | 8.0          | 8.7          |

- (a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (b) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (c) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (d) Figures for 2007 are interim.
- (e) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.74.

Table 15A.45

**Table 15A.45 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Queensland (number)**

|  | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008 (a)     |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                               |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 3            | 7            | 37           | 58           | 83           |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 587          | 810          | 938          | 986          | 1 235        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 368          | 458          | 521          | 705          | 767          |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>955</b>   | <b>1 268</b> | <b>1 459</b> | <b>1 691</b> | <b>2 002</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>958</b>   | <b>1 275</b> | <b>1 496</b> | <b>1 749</b> | <b>2 085</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                       |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 44           | 54           | 188          | 287          | 303          |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 2 684        | 3 275        | 3 063        | 2 557        | 2 803        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 727          | 1 053        | 1 129        | 1 379        | 1 479        |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>3 411</b> | <b>4 328</b> | <b>4 192</b> | <b>3 936</b> | <b>4 282</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>3 455</b> | <b>4 382</b> | <b>4 380</b> | <b>4 223</b> | <b>4 585</b> |
| All children                             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 47           | 61           | 225          | 345          | 386          |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 3 271        | 4 085        | 4 001        | 3 543        | 4 038        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 1 095        | 1 511        | 1 650        | 2 084        | 2 246        |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>4 366</b> | <b>5 596</b> | <b>5 651</b> | <b>5 627</b> | <b>6 284</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>                | <b>4 413</b> | <b>5 657</b> | <b>5 876</b> | <b>5 972</b> | <b>6 670</b> |

(a) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.75.

Table 15A.46

Table 15A.46 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Queensland (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 892          | 1 149        | 1 414        | 1 545        | 1 847        |
| Another type of order                | 2            | 2            | –            | –            | –            |
| Not on an order                      | 64           | 124          | 82           | 204          | 238          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>958</b>   | <b>1 275</b> | <b>1 496</b> | <b>1 749</b> | <b>2 085</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 3 032        | 3 869        | 3 909        | 3 651        | 3 970        |
| Another type of order                | 5            | –            | 2            | –            | –            |
| Not on an order                      | 418          | 513          | 469          | 572          | 615          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>3 455</b> | <b>4 382</b> | <b>4 380</b> | <b>4 223</b> | <b>4 585</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 3 924        | 5 018        | 5 323        | 5 196        | 5 817        |
| Another type of order                | 7            | 2            | 2            | –            | –            |
| Not on an order                      | 482          | 637          | 551          | 776          | 853          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>4 413</b> | <b>5 657</b> | <b>5 876</b> | <b>5 972</b> | <b>6 670</b> |

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders and those on interim orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.76.

Table 15A.47

**Table 15A.47 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Queensland (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 124          | 269          | 325          | na           | 61           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 229          | 297          | 317          | na           | 279          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 154          | 171          | 213          | na           | 267          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 155          | 197          | 252          | na           | 324          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 179          | 216          | 257          | na           | 700          |
| 5 years or more                      | 117          | 125          | 132          | na           | 454          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | na           | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 958          | 1 275        | 1 496        | na           | 2 085        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | na           | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>958</b>   | <b>1 275</b> | <b>1 496</b> | <b>1 749</b> | <b>2 085</b> |
| Non-Indigenous                       |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 404          | 929          | 847          | na           | 176          |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 797          | 889          | 874          | na           | 576          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 519          | 616          | 548          | na           | 513          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 618          | 695          | 773          | na           | 787          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 678          | 791          | 853          | na           | 1 315        |
| 5 years or more                      | 439          | 462          | 485          | na           | 1 218        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | na           | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 3 455        | 4 382        | 4 380        | na           | 4 585        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | na           | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>3 455</b> | <b>4 382</b> | <b>4 380</b> | <b>4 223</b> | <b>4 585</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 528          | 1 198        | 1 172        | na           | 237          |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 1 026        | 1 186        | 1 191        | na           | 855          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 673          | 787          | 761          | na           | 780          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 773          | 892          | 1 025        | na           | 1 111        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 857          | 1 007        | 1 110        | na           | 2 015        |
| 5 years or more                      | 556          | 587          | 617          | na           | 1 672        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | na           | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 4 413        | 5 657        | 5 876        | na           | 6 670        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | na           | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>4 413</b> | <b>5 657</b> | <b>5 876</b> | <b>5 972</b> | <b>6 670</b> |

**Table 15A.47 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Queensland (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|--|------|------|------|------|------|

(a) Prior to 2008, QLD was not able to report on the length of time in continuous out-of-home care placement, instead reporting on the length of time in the current out-of-home care placement. From 2008 data refer to the length of time in continuous out-of-home care and is therefore not comparable with previous years.

(b) Data for 2006-07 have not been provided due to the transition to a new information management system.

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.77.



Table 15A.48

**Table 15A.48 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Queensland (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2003-04    | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Indigenous</b>                    |            |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 56         | 100          | 126          | 180          | 176          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 23         | 29           | 45           | 59           | 52           |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 27         | 31           | 84           | 77           | 61           |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 40         | 44           | 53           | 92           | 99           |
| 5 years or more                      | 21         | 30           | 49           | 46           | 46           |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>167</b> | <b>234</b>   | <b>357</b>   | <b>454</b>   | <b>434</b>   |
| <b>Non-Indigenous (b)</b>            |            |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 365        | 399          | 361          | 449          | 440          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 109        | 168          | 178          | 149          | 173          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 108        | 174          | 228          | 170          | 189          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 92         | 135          | 210          | 203          | 167          |
| 5 years or more                      | 84         | 98           | 112          | 106          | 141          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>758</b> | <b>974</b>   | <b>1 089</b> | <b>1 077</b> | <b>1 110</b> |
| <b>All children</b>                  |            |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 421        | 499          | 487          | 629          | 616          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 132        | 197          | 223          | 208          | 225          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 135        | 205          | 312          | 247          | 250          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 132        | 179          | 263          | 295          | 266          |
| 5 years or more                      | 105        | 128          | 161          | 152          | 187          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>925</b> | <b>1 208</b> | <b>1 446</b> | <b>1 531</b> | <b>1 544</b> |

(a) This indicates the length of time a child had been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.78.

**Table 15A.49 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i>  | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008 (c)</i> |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |                 |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 368          | 458          | 521          | 705          | 767             |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 727          | 1 053        | 1 129        | 1 379        | 1 479           |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 095</b> | <b>1 511</b> | <b>1 650</b> | <b>2 084</b> | <b>2 246</b>    |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |              |              |              |              |                 |
| Indigenous  | %           | 38.4         | 35.9         | 34.8         | 40.3         | 36.8            |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 21.0         | 24.0         | 25.8         | 32.7         | 32.3            |
| All children  | %           | 24.8         | 26.7         | 28.1         | 34.9         | 33.7            |

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.79.

Table 15A.50

Table 15A.50 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Queensland (a), (b)**

|  | Unit       | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         |
|--|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.        | 326          | 343          | 379          | 401          | 399          |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.        | 42           | 115          | 142          | 167          | 164          |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>368</b>   | <b>458</b>   | <b>521</b>   | <b>568</b>   | <b>563</b>   |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.        | 236          | 366          | 400          | 449          | 610          |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.        | 3            | 2            | 9            | 6            | 9            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b> | <b>239</b>   | <b>368</b>   | <b>409</b>   | <b>455</b>   | <b>619</b>   |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>607</b>   | <b>826</b>   | <b>930</b>   | <b>1 023</b> | <b>1 182</b> |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | no.        | 351          | 444          | 538          | 674          | 829          |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.        | –            | 5            | 28           | 52           | 74           |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>351</b>   | <b>449</b>   | <b>566</b>   | <b>726</b>   | <b>903</b>   |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.        | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b> | <b>958</b>   | <b>1 275</b> | <b>1 496</b> | <b>1 749</b> | <b>2 085</b> |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %          | 34.0         | 26.9         | 25.3         | 22.9         | 19.1         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %          | 4.4          | 9.0          | 9.5          | 9.5          | 7.9          |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>   | <b>38.4</b>  | <b>35.9</b>  | <b>34.8</b>  | <b>32.5</b>  | <b>27.0</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %          | 24.6         | 28.7         | 26.7         | 25.7         | 29.3         |
| Indigenous residential care  | %          | 0.3          | 0.2          | 0.6          | 0.3          | 0.4          |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>   | <b>24.9</b>  | <b>28.9</b>  | <b>27.3</b>  | <b>26.0</b>  | <b>29.7</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>   | <b>63.4</b>  | <b>64.8</b>  | <b>62.2</b>  | <b>58.5</b>  | <b>56.7</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %          | 36.6         | 34.8         | 36.0         | 38.5         | 39.8         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %          | –            | 0.4          | 1.9          | 3.0          | 3.5          |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>   | <b>36.6</b>  | <b>35.2</b>  | <b>37.8</b>  | <b>41.5</b>  | <b>43.3</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) There may be some children in the category residential care/independent living who had Indigenous caregivers in facility-based care.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.80.

**Table 15A.51 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i>  | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of children   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 685          | 923          | 1 105        | 1 326        | 1 568        |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 2 426        | 3 072        | 2 979        | 2 768        | 3 030        |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>3 111</b> | <b>3 995</b> | <b>4 084</b> | <b>4 094</b> | <b>4 598</b> |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | %           | 99.9         | 99.9         | 99.5         | 99.2         | 98.7         |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 99.6         | 99.6         | 98.6         | 97.5         | 98.4         |
| All children   | %           | 99.6         | 99.7         | 98.9         | 98.0         | 98.5         |

(a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based care was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home care, by Indigenous status, at 30 June.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.81.

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Table 15A.52

Table 15A.52 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Indigenous children  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 351            | 385            | 332            | 479            | 546            |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 267            | 365            | 396            | 447            | 604            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>618</b>     | <b>750</b>     | <b>728</b>     | <b>926</b>     | <b>1 150</b>   |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | no.         | 118            | 316            | 353            | 379            | 293            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 48             | 52             |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>736</b>     | <b>1 066</b>   | <b>1 081</b>   | <b>1 353</b>   | <b>1 495</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 1 246          | 1 591          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | —              | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | no.         | 29             | 21             | 41             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>765</b>     | <b>1 087</b>   | <b>1 122</b>   | <b>2 599</b>   | <b>3 086</b>   |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 45.9           | 35.4           | 29.6           | 18.4           | 17.7           |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 34.9           | 33.6           | 35.3           | 17.2           | 19.6           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>80.8</b>    | <b>69.0</b>    | <b>64.9</b>    | <b>35.6</b>    | <b>37.3</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | %           | 15.4           | 29.1           | 31.5           | 14.6           | 9.5            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 1.8            | 1.7            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>96.2</b>    | <b>98.1</b>    | <b>96.3</b>    | <b>52.1</b>    | <b>48.4</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 47.9           | 51.6           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %           | —              | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | %           | 3.8            | 1.9            | 3.7            | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous children (h)                                    |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 617            | 719            | 628            | 754            | 918            |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 789            | 922            | 994            | 1 252          | 1 424          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 406</b>   | <b>1 641</b>   | <b>1 622</b>   | <b>2 006</b>   | <b>2 342</b>   |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | no.         | 176            | 455            | 487            | 441            | 415            |

Table 15A.52

Table 15A.52 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 102            | 131            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 582</b>   | <b>2 096</b>   | <b>2 109</b>   | <b>2 549</b>   | <b>2 888</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                  |             | ..             | ..             | ..             | 2 552          | 3 003          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | —              | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                            | no.         | 70             | 23             | 84             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 652</b>   | <b>2 119</b>   | <b>2 193</b>   | <b>5 101</b>   | <b>5 891</b>   |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 37.3           | 33.9           | 28.6           | 14.8           | 15.6           |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 47.8           | 43.5           | 45.3           | 24.5           | 24.2           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>85.1</b>    | <b>77.4</b>    | <b>74.0</b>    | <b>39.3</b>    | <b>39.8</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | %           | 10.7           | 21.5           | 22.2           | 8.6            | 7.0            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 2.0            | 2.2            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>95.8</b>    | <b>98.9</b>    | <b>96.2</b>    | <b>50.0</b>    | <b>49.0</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 50.0           | 51.0           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %           | —              | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                            | %           | 4.2            | 1.1            | 3.8            | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 968            | 1 104          | 960            | 1 233          | 1 464          |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | —              |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 1 056          | 1 287          | 1 390          | 1 699          | 2 028          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 024</b>   | <b>2 391</b>   | <b>2 350</b>   | <b>2 932</b>   | <b>3 492</b>   |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | no.         | 294            | 771            | 840            | 820            | 708            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 150            | 183            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 318</b>   | <b>3 162</b>   | <b>3 190</b>   | <b>3 902</b>   | <b>4 383</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 3 798          | 4 594          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | —              | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | no.         | 99             | 44             | 125            | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 417</b>   | <b>3 206</b>   | <b>3 315</b>   | <b>7 700</b>   | <b>8 977</b>   |

Table 15A.52

Table 15A.52 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | Unit     | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Substantiated  | %        | 40.0         | 34.4         | 29.0         | 16.0         | 16.3         |
| Carer/family issues  | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | –            |
| Not substantiated  | %        | 43.7         | 40.1         | 41.9         | 22.1         | 22.6         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b> | <b>83.7</b>  | <b>74.6</b>  | <b>70.9</b>  | <b>38.1</b>  | <b>38.9</b>  |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | %        | 12.2         | 24.0         | 25.3         | 10.6         | 7.9          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | 1.9          | 2.0          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b> | <b>95.9</b>  | <b>98.6</b>  | <b>96.2</b>  | <b>50.7</b>  | <b>48.8</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                  | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | 49.3         | 51.2         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %        | –            | –            | –            | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | %        | 4.1          | 1.4          | 3.8          | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable. For WA however, investigations may include some situations where the child was not sighted.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised.
- (c) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (d) The number of notifications increased between 2005-06 and 2006-07 as all Concern for Child Wellbeing reports are now classified as a notification. Previously, only those that were followed by an investigation were counted as a notification.
- (e) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (f) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (g) 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'. In 2006-07, these figures included 20 cases where an investigation was conducted and no suitable caregiver was found.
- (h) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.84.



Table 15A.53

Table 15A.53 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Western Australia (number) (a)**

|                                 | 2003-04    | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                      |            |            |            |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 167        | 188        | 281        | 502          | 498          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 3          | 4          | 45         | 80           | 126          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>170</b> | <b>192</b> | <b>326</b> | <b>582</b>   | <b>624</b>   |
| Children discharged from orders | 63         | 63         | 63         | 157          | 170          |
| Non-Indigenous (b)              |            |            |            |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 262        | 299        | 363        | 661          | 744          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 9          | 22         | 64         | 119          | 200          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>271</b> | <b>321</b> | <b>427</b> | <b>780</b>   | <b>944</b>   |
| Children discharged from orders | 156        | 192        | 180        | 265          | 272          |
| All children                    |            |            |            |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 429        | 487        | 644        | 1 163        | 1 242        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 12         | 26         | 109        | 199          | 326          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>441</b> | <b>513</b> | <b>753</b> | <b>1 362</b> | <b>1 568</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 221        | 255        | 243        | 422          | 442          |

(a) Includes children admitted to and discharged from care applications.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.85.

Table 15A.54

Table 15A.54 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Western Australia (number) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2006         | 2008         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 513          | 556          | 659          | 818          | 1 012        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (e)  | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 24           |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | ..           | ..           | 1            | 23           | 39           |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 70           | 104          | 138          | 250          | 204          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (e)       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | –            | ..           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                | <b>583</b>   | <b>660</b>   | <b>798</b>   | <b>1 091</b> | <b>1 279</b> |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (f) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 922          | 961          | 1 032        | 1 206        | 1 367        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (e)  | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 38           |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | ..           | ..           | 2            | 42           | 81           |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 134          | 162          | 214          | 290          | 329          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (e)       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | –            | ..           |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>            | <b>1 056</b> | <b>1 123</b> | <b>1 248</b> | <b>1 538</b> | <b>1 815</b> |
| Number of all children on orders                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 1 435        | 1 517        | 1 691        | 2 024        | 2 379        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (e)  | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 62           |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | ..           | ..           | 3            | 65           | 120          |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 204          | 266          | 352          | 540          | 533          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (e)       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | –            | ..           |
| <b>Total all children</b>                       | <b>1 639</b> | <b>1 783</b> | <b>2 046</b> | <b>2 629</b> | <b>3 094</b> |

(a) Children on care applications are included in the category 'interim and temporary orders'.

(b) Data include for the first time children in care applications adjourned at 30 June where no subsequent court appearance had occurred by the end of August. Data from 2001-02 and 2002-03 do not include these children.

(c) Implementation of the *Children and Community Services Act 2004* in March 2006 required the legal status of children in care to be reviewed and Protection Orders were sought for a number of children already in care but not under care and protection orders, for 2006 onwards.

(d) In 2006-07, the number of children on orders included 24 children who were placed on Enduring Parental Responsibility orders.

(e) This category is included for the first time in this Report.

(f) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated  
.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.86.

Table 15A.55

**Table 15A.55 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

|  | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications (d)              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 688          | 968          | 1 017        | 2 262        | 2 657        |
| Non-Indigenous   | 1 550        | 1 960        | 2 032        | 4 654        | 5 222        |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>2 238</b> | <b>2 928</b> | <b>3 049</b> | <b>6 916</b> | <b>7 879</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 23.9         | 33.5         | 35.0         | 77.3         | 90.3         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3.6          | 4.6          | 4.7          | 10.5         | 11.6         |
| All children   | 4.9          | 6.4          | 6.6          | 14.6         | 16.4         |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations       |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 571          | 677          | 760          | 922          | 1 145        |
| Non-Indigenous   | 1 335        | 1 537        | 1 653        | 1 995        | 2 328        |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>1 906</b> | <b>2 214</b> | <b>2 413</b> | <b>2 917</b> | <b>3 473</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 19.9         | 23.4         | 26.1         | 31.5         | 38.9         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3.1          | 3.6          | 3.8          | 4.5          | 5.2          |
| All children   | 4.2          | 4.8          | 5.3          | 6.2          | 7.2          |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 322          | 353          | 316          | 438          | 520          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 599          | 682          | 603          | 716          | 863          |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>921</b>   | <b>1 035</b> | <b>919</b>   | <b>1 154</b> | <b>1 383</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 11.2         | 12.2         | 10.9         | 15.0         | 17.7         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 1.4          | 1.6          | 1.4          | 1.6          | 1.9          |
| All children   | 2.0          | 2.3          | 2.0          | 2.4          | 2.9          |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders (e) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 583          | 660          | 798          | 1 091        | 1 279        |
| Non-Indigenous   | 1 056        | 1 123        | 1 248        | 1 538        | 1 815        |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>1 639</b> | <b>1 783</b> | <b>2 046</b> | <b>2 629</b> | <b>3 094</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 19.2         | 21.6         | 25.8         | 35.2         | 41.0         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 2.3          | 2.5          | 2.7          | 3.2          | 3.8          |
| All children   | 3.4          | 3.7          | 4.2          | 5.2          | 6.0          |

**Table 15A.55 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

|     | 2003-04   | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|-----|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (a) | Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year. |         |         |         |         |
| (b) | Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.   |         |         |         |         |
| (c) | Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.   |         |         |         |         |
| (d) | The number of notifications increased between 2005-06 and 2006-07 as all Concern for Child Wellbeing reports are now classified as a notification. Previously, only those that were followed by an investigation were counted as a notification.  |         |         |         |         |
| (e) | Implementation of the <i>Children and Community Services Act 2004</i> in March 2006 required the legal status of children in care to be reviewed and Protection Orders were sought for a number of children already in care but not under care and protection orders.   |         |         |         |         |

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.87.

Table 15A.56

**Table 15A.56 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

|   | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008 (f)     |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 587          | 692          | 766          | 978          | 1 078        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 1 094        | 1 137        | 1 202        | 1 393        | 1 468        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>1 681</b> | <b>1 829</b> | <b>1 968</b> | <b>2 371</b> | <b>2 546</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 19.3         | 22.6         | 24.8         | 31.6         | 34.6         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 2.4          | 2.5          | 2.6          | 2.9          | 3.0          |
| All children  | 3.5          | 3.8          | 4.0          | 4.7          | 5.0          |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 836          | 925          | 988          | 1 226        | 1 347        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 1 477        | 1 564        | 1 556        | 1 765        | 1 915        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>2 313</b> | <b>2 489</b> | <b>2 544</b> | <b>2 991</b> | <b>3 262</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 27.6         | 30.3         | 32.2         | 39.7         | 43.3         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 3.3          | 3.4          | 3.4          | 3.7          | 4.0          |
| All children  | 4.8          | 5.1          | 5.2          | 6.0          | 6.4          |

- (a) Data may include a small number of children placed with relatives who were not reimbursed.
- (b) A child is only counted once, regardless of the number of placements during the year.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (e) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.
- (f) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.91.

Table 15A.57

Table 15A.57 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008 (c)     |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                               |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 57           | 39           | 38           | 50           | 41           |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | 24           | 25           | 33           | 44           |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 204          | 217          | 238          | 304          | 334          |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 319          | 400          | 452          | 573          | 651          |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | ..           |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>523</b>   | <b>617</b>   | <b>690</b>   | <b>877</b>   | <b>985</b>   |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 4            | 5            | 4            | 5            | 7            |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 3            | 7            | 9            | 13           | 1            |
| <b>Total indigenous children</b>         | <b>587</b>   | <b>692</b>   | <b>766</b>   | <b>978</b>   | <b>1 078</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (d)                       |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 104          | 85           | 74           | 89           | 104          |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | 19           | 17           | 14           | 7            |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 652          | 665          | 728          | 822          | 847          |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 304          | 337          | 356          | 444          | 485          |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | ..           |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>956</b>   | <b>1 002</b> | <b>1 084</b> | <b>1 266</b> | <b>1 332</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 28           | 21           | 17           | 12           | 16           |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 6            | 10           | 10           | 12           | 9            |
| <b>Total non-indigenous children</b>     | <b>1 094</b> | <b>1 137</b> | <b>1 202</b> | <b>1 393</b> | <b>1 468</b> |
| All children                             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 161          | 124          | 112          | 139          | 145          |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | 43           | 42           | 47           | 51           |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 856          | 882          | 966          | 1 126        | 1 181        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 623          | 737          | 808          | 1 017        | 1 136        |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | ..           |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>1 479</b> | <b>1 619</b> | <b>1 774</b> | <b>2 143</b> | <b>2 317</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 32           | 26           | 21           | 17           | 23           |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 9            | 17           | 19           | 25           | 10           |
| <b>Total children</b>                    | <b>1 681</b> | <b>1 829</b> | <b>1 968</b> | <b>2 371</b> | <b>2 546</b> |

- (a) Western Australia reported children in Family group homes separately to residential care for the first time in 2005.
- (b) A small number of children are placed with externally managed foster carers who are also their relative and have been recorded in the foster care category in 2007.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

**Table 15A.57 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 (c) |
|--|------|------|------|------|----------|
|--|------|------|------|------|----------|

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.92.

Table 15A.58

**Table 15A.58 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Western Australia (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 518          | 601          | 713          | 935          | 1 049        |
| Another type of order                | –            | –            | –            | –            | ..           |
| Not on an order                      | 69           | 91           | 53           | 43           | 29           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>587</b>   | <b>692</b>   | <b>766</b>   | <b>978</b>   | <b>1 078</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 917          | 975          | 1 105        | 1 327        | 1 421        |
| Another type of order                | –            | –            | –            | –            | ..           |
| Not on an order                      | 177          | 162          | 97           | 66           | 47           |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>1 094</b> | <b>1 137</b> | <b>1 202</b> | <b>1 393</b> | <b>1 468</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 1 435        | 1 576        | 1 818        | 2 262        | 2 470        |
| Another type of order                | –            | –            | –            | –            | ..           |
| Not on an order                      | 246          | 253          | 150          | 109          | 76           |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>1 681</b> | <b>1 829</b> | <b>1 968</b> | <b>2 371</b> | <b>2 546</b> |

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders that are not care and protection orders.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.93.



Table 15A.59

**Table 15A.59 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | na           | na           | na           | na           | –            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 21           | 16           | 9            | 23           | 14           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 44           | 82           | 108          | 136          | 81           |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 43           | 77           | 65           | 125          | 146          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 89           | 90           | 124          | 154          | 249          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 197          | 203          | 220          | 256          | 306          |
| 5 years or more                      | 193          | 224          | 240          | 284          | 282          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 587          | 692          | 766          | 978          | 1 078        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>587</b>   | <b>692</b>   | <b>766</b>   | <b>978</b>   | <b>1 078</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | na           | na           | na           | na           | –            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 29           | 24           | 37           | 33           | 20           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 71           | 93           | 100          | 174          | 151          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 106          | 134          | 112          | 146          | 176          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 176          | 142          | 166          | 197          | 243          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 328          | 332          | 344          | 374          | 392          |
| 5 years or more                      | 384          | 412          | 437          | 469          | 486          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | 6            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 1 094        | 1 137        | 1 202        | 1 393        | 1 468        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>1 094</b> | <b>1 137</b> | <b>1 202</b> | <b>1 393</b> | <b>1 468</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | na           | na           | na           | na           | –            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 50           | 40           | 46           | 56           | 34           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 115          | 175          | 208          | 310          | 232          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 149          | 211          | 177          | 271          | 322          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 265          | 232          | 291          | 351          | 492          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 525          | 535          | 572          | 630          | 698          |
| 5 years or more                      | 577          | 636          | 674          | 753          | 768          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 1 681        | 1 829        | 1 968        | 2 371        | 2 546        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>1 681</b> | <b>1 829</b> | <b>1 968</b> | <b>2 371</b> | <b>2 546</b> |

(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

**Table 15A.59 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)**

|   | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| (b) WA is unable to reliably distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result, both types of placement were included if they satisfy the definition of out-of-home care. |      |      |      |      |      |
| (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.   |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>na</b> Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.  |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Source:</i> AIHW (unpublished), derived from <i>Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia</i> data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.94.  |      |      |      |      |      |

Table 15A.60

Table 15A.60 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2003-04    | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 38         | 27         | 32         | 20         | 27         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 9          | 16         | 12         | 23         | 16         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 11         | 5          | 17         | 9          | 11         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 23         | 29         | 20         | 20         | 45         |
| 5 years or more                      | 20         | 32         | 24         | 35         | 47         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>101</b> | <b>109</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>107</b> | <b>146</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 67         | 70         | 52         | 39         | 47         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 32         | 27         | 40         | 31         | 36         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 26         | 40         | 37         | 23         | 17         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 46         | 71         | 50         | 50         | 61         |
| 5 years or more                      | 47         | 61         | 67         | 68         | 83         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>218</b> | <b>269</b> | <b>246</b> | <b>211</b> | <b>244</b> |
| All children                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 105        | 97         | 84         | 59         | 74         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 41         | 43         | 52         | 54         | 52         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 37         | 45         | 54         | 32         | 28         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 69         | 100        | 70         | 70         | 106        |
| 5 years or more                      | 67         | 93         | 91         | 103        | 130        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>319</b> | <b>378</b> | <b>351</b> | <b>318</b> | <b>390</b> |

(a) This indicates the length of time a child had been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) A placement at home for more than 2 months is not considered a break in the length of time spent in care.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.95.

Table 15A.61

Table 15A.61 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008 (d)</i> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |             |             |             |              |                 |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 319         | 400         | 452         | 573          | 651             |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 304         | 337         | 356         | 444          | 485             |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>623</b>  | <b>737</b>  | <b>808</b>  | <b>1 017</b> | <b>1 136</b>    |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |             |             |             |              |                 |
| Indigenous  | %           | 54.3        | 57.8        | 59.0        | 58.6         | 60.4            |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 27.8        | 29.6        | 29.6        | 31.9         | 33.0            |
| All children  | %           | 37.1        | 40.3        | 41.1        | 42.9         | 44.6            |

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) A small number of children are placed with externally managed foster carers who are also their relative and have been recorded in the foster care category in 2007.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.96.

Table 15A.62

Table 15A.62 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Western Australia (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i>  | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 282          | 345          | 394          | 512          | 566          |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 33           | 55           | 64           | 82           | 94           |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>315</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>458</b>   | <b>594</b>   | <b>660</b>   |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.         | 127          | 143          | 143          | 156          | 155          |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.         | 28           | 25           | 18           | 21           | 25           |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>155</b>   | <b>168</b>   | <b>161</b>   | <b>177</b>   | <b>180</b>   |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>470</b>   | <b>568</b>   | <b>619</b>   | <b>771</b>   | <b>840</b>   |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | no.         | 81           | 77           | 92           | 133          | 170          |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.         | 29           | 38           | 45           | 62           | 60           |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>110</b>   | <b>115</b>   | <b>137</b>   | <b>195</b>   | <b>230</b>   |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.         | 7            | 9            | 10           | 12           | 8            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>587</b>   | <b>692</b>   | <b>766</b>   | <b>978</b>   | <b>1 078</b> |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 48.6         | 50.5         | 52.1         | 53.0         | 52.9         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 5.7          | 8.1          | 8.5          | 8.5          | 8.8          |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>54.3</b>  | <b>58.6</b>  | <b>60.6</b>  | <b>61.5</b>  | <b>61.7</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %           | 21.9         | 20.9         | 18.9         | 16.1         | 14.5         |
| Indigenous residential care  | %           | 4.8          | 3.7          | 2.4          | 2.2          | 2.3          |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>    | <b>26.7</b>  | <b>24.6</b>  | <b>21.3</b>  | <b>18.3</b>  | <b>16.8</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>81.0</b>  | <b>83.2</b>  | <b>81.9</b>  | <b>79.8</b>  | <b>78.5</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %           | 14.0         | 11.3         | 12.2         | 13.8         | 15.9         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %           | 5.0          | 5.6          | 6.0          | 6.4          | 5.6          |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>19.0</b>  | <b>16.8</b>  | <b>18.1</b>  | <b>20.2</b>  | <b>21.5</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) Children in residential care with Indigenous caregivers were included in the category 'other Indigenous carer'.

(b) A small number of children are placed with externally managed foster carers who are also their relative and have been recorded in the foster care category.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.97.

Table 15A.63

**Table 15A.63 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i>  | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of children   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 403          | 480          | 541          | 709          | 805          |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 655          | 700          | 773          | 900          | 973          |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 058</b> | <b>1 180</b> | <b>1 314</b> | <b>1 609</b> | <b>1 778</b> |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | %           | 89.8         | 91.8         | 92.8         | 92.4         | 92.5         |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 92.4         | 93.0         | 94.8         | 94.9         | 94.9         |
| All children   | %           | 91.4         | 92.5         | 94.0         | 93.8         | 93.8         |

(a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.98.

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Table 15A.64

Table 15A.64 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Indigenous children</b>                                     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 633            | 736            | 464            | 625            | 737            |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 707            | 977            | 675            | 965            | 807            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 340</b>   | <b>1 713</b>   | <b>1 139</b>   | <b>1 590</b>   | <b>1 544</b>   |
| Investigations in process (d)                                  | no.         | 10             | 3              | 19             | 13             | 2              |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 350</b>   | <b>1 716</b>   | <b>1 158</b>   | <b>1 603</b>   | <b>1 546</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 2 457          | 2 631          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | 1 375          | 1 864          | 1 838          | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | no.         | –              | –              | –              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 725</b>   | <b>3 580</b>   | <b>2 996</b>   | <b>4 060</b>   | <b>4 177</b>   |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 23.2           | 20.6           | 15.5           | 15.4           | 17.6           |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 25.9           | 27.3           | 22.5           | 23.8           | 19.3           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>49.2</b>    | <b>47.8</b>    | <b>38.0</b>    | <b>39.2</b>    | <b>37.0</b>    |
| Investigations in process (d)                                  | %           | 0.4            | 0.1            | 0.6            | 0.3            | –              |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)                 | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>49.5</b>    | <b>47.9</b>    | <b>38.7</b>    | <b>39.5</b>    | <b>37.0</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 60.5           | 63.0           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %           | 50.5           | 52.1           | 61.3           | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | %           | –              | –              | –              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| <b>Non-Indigenous children (g)</b>                             |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 1 857          | 1 648          | 1 391          | 1 617          | 1 594          |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 3 186          | 2 889          | 2 249          | 2 524          | 2 299          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 043</b>   | <b>4 537</b>   | <b>3 640</b>   | <b>4 141</b>   | <b>3 893</b>   |
| Investigations in process (d)                                  | no.         | 52             | 26             | 44             | 62             | 14             |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |



Table 15A.64

Table 15A.64 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 095</b>   | <b>4 563</b>   | <b>3 684</b>   | <b>4 203</b>   | <b>3 907</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                  |             | ..             | ..             | ..             | 10 171         | 12 763         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | 7 097          | 9 330          | 8 389          | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                            | no.         | –              | –              | –              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>12 192</b>  | <b>13 893</b>  | <b>12 073</b>  | <b>14 374</b>  | <b>16 670</b>  |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 15.2           | 11.9           | 11.5           | 11.2           | 9.6            |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 26.1           | 20.8           | 18.6           | 17.6           | 13.8           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>41.4</b>    | <b>32.7</b>    | <b>30.1</b>    | <b>28.8</b>    | <b>23.4</b>    |
| Investigations in process (d)                                  | %           | 0.4            | 0.2            | 0.4            | 0.4            | 0.1            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)                 | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>41.8</b>    | <b>32.8</b>    | <b>30.5</b>    | <b>29.2</b>    | <b>23.4</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 70.8           | 76.6           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %           | 58.2           | 67.2           | 69.5           | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                            | %           | –              | –              | –              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 2 490          | 2 384          | 1 855          | 2 242          | 2 331          |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | –              |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 3 893          | 3 866          | 2 924          | 3 489          | 3 106          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>6 383</b>   | <b>6 250</b>   | <b>4 779</b>   | <b>5 731</b>   | <b>5 437</b>   |
| Investigations in process (d)                                  | no.         | 62             | 29             | 63             | 75             | 16             |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>6 445</b>   | <b>6 279</b>   | <b>4 842</b>   | <b>5 806</b>   | <b>5 453</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 12 628         | 15 394         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | 8 472          | 11 194         | 10 227         | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | no.         | –              | –              | –              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>14 917</b>  | <b>17 473</b>  | <b>15 069</b>  | <b>18 434</b>  | <b>20 847</b>  |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 16.7           | 13.6           | 12.3           | 12.2           | 11.2           |

Table 15A.64

Table 15A.64 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

|  | Unit     | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Carer/family issues                            | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | –            |
| Not substantiated                              | %        | 26.1         | 22.1         | 19.4         | 18.9         | 14.9         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>                         | <b>%</b> | <b>42.8</b>  | <b>35.8</b>  | <b>31.7</b>  | <b>31.1</b>  | <b>26.1</b>  |
| Investigations in process (d)                  | %        | 0.4          | 0.2          | 0.4          | 0.4          | 0.1          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e) | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                    | <b>%</b> | <b>43.2</b>  | <b>35.9</b>  | <b>32.1</b>  | <b>31.5</b>  | <b>26.2</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                  | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | 68.5         | 73.8         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means        | %        | 56.8         | 64.1         | 67.9         | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action          | %        | –            | –            | –            | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                     | <b>%</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted.
- (b) 'Notifier concern reports' are excluded from the count of total notifications because concern reports are not reported.
- (c) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (d) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (e) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (f) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (g) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.101.

Table 15A.65

Table 15A.65 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, South Australia (number)**

|                                 | 2003-04    | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08      |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                      |            |            |            |            |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |            |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 78         | 87         | 88         | 125        | 164          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 55         | 77         | 111        | 100        | 151          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>133</b> | <b>164</b> | <b>199</b> | <b>225</b> | <b>315</b>   |
| Children discharged from orders | 141        | 186        | 58         | 72         | 93           |
| Non-Indigenous (a)              |            |            |            |            |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |            |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 374        | 292        | 244        | 307        | 475          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 157        | 290        | 347        | 356        | 372          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>531</b> | <b>582</b> | <b>591</b> | <b>663</b> | <b>847</b>   |
| Children discharged from orders | 610        | 698        | 251        | 214        | 401          |
| All children                    |            |            |            |            |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |            |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 452        | 379        | 332        | 432        | 639          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 212        | 367        | 458        | 456        | 523          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>664</b> | <b>746</b> | <b>790</b> | <b>888</b> | <b>1 162</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 751        | 884        | 309        | 286        | 494          |

(a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.102.

Table 15A.66

Table 15A.66 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, South Australia (number) (a)**

|   | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 256          | 296          | 354          | 416          | 475          |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (b)  | na           | na           | na           | na           | 9            |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | –            |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 19           | 26           | 24           | 24           | 26           |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)       | na           | na           | na           | na           | 30           |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | –            | ..           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                | <b>275</b>   | <b>322</b>   | <b>378</b>   | <b>440</b>   | <b>540</b>   |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (c) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 1 109        | 1 150        | 1 202        | 1 379        | 1 472        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (b)  | na           | na           | na           | na           | 30           |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 4            |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 71           | 81           | 91           | 62           | 98           |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)       | na           | na           | na           | na           | 53           |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | –            | ..           |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>            | <b>1 180</b> | <b>1 231</b> | <b>1 293</b> | <b>1 441</b> | <b>1 657</b> |
| Number of all children on orders                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 1 365        | 1 446        | 1 556        | 1 795        | 1 947        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (b)  | na           | na           | na           | na           | 39           |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | 4            |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 90           | 107          | 115          | 86           | 124          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)       | na           | na           | na           | na           | 83           |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | –            | ..           |
| <b>Total all children</b>                       | <b>1 455</b> | <b>1 553</b> | <b>1 671</b> | <b>1 881</b> | <b>2 197</b> |

(a) Third party parental responsibility orders and administrative/voluntary arrangements used to be reported under guardianship or custody orders.

(b) This category included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.103.

Table 15A.67

**Table 15A.67 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|  | 2003-04      | 2004-05       | 2005-06       | 2006-07       | 2007-08       |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications              |              |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |              |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 1 634        | 1 904         | 1 814         | 2 222         | 2 397         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 8 160        | 9 151         | 8 337         | 9 773         | 11 200        |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>9 794</b> | <b>11 055</b> | <b>10 151</b> | <b>11 995</b> | <b>13 597</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 147.7        | 170.9         | 162.6         | 197.6         | 212.3         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 25.8         | 29.1          | 26.7          | 30.7          | 35.1          |
| All children   | 29.9         | 34.0          | 31.3          | 36.4          | 41.2          |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations   |              |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |              |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 887          | 980           | 793           | 1 036         | 1 024         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3 774        | 3 300         | 2 752         | 3 201         | 2 938         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>4 661</b> | <b>4 280</b>  | <b>3 545</b>  | <b>4 237</b>  | <b>3 962</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 80.2         | 87.9          | 71.1          | 92.1          | 90.7          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 11.9         | 10.5          | 8.8           | 10.1          | 9.2           |
| All children   | 14.2         | 13.2          | 10.9          | 12.9          | 12.0          |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations            |              |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |              |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 441          | 481           | 360           | 439           | 547           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 1 499        | 1 317         | 1 101         | 1 314         | 1 272         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>1 940</b> | <b>1 798</b>  | <b>1 461</b>  | <b>1 753</b>  | <b>1 819</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 39.9         | 43.2          | 32.3          | 39.0          | 48.4          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 4.7          | 4.2           | 3.5           | 4.1           | 4.0           |
| All children   | 5.9          | 5.5           | 4.5           | 5.3           | 5.5           |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders |              |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |              |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 275          | 322           | 378           | 440           | 540           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 1 180        | 1 231         | 1 293         | 1 441         | 1 657         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>1 455</b> | <b>1 553</b>  | <b>1 671</b>  | <b>1 881</b>  | <b>2 197</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                 |              |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 23.5         | 27.3          | 31.8          | 36.9          | 45.2          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3.5          | 3.7           | 3.9           | 4.3           | 4.9           |
| All children   | 4.2          | 4.5           | 4.8           | 5.4           | 6.2           |

**Table 15A.67 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year. |         |         |         |         |         |
| (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.   |         |         |         |         |         |
| (c) SA includes in 'notifications' only those reports which have met the criteria for a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect.   |         |         |         |         |         |
| (d) 2006-07 figures for all children subject to substantiations only relates to children who were the subject of a substantiation for notifications made during 2006-07.  |         |         |         |         |         |
| (e) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.   |         |         |         |         |         |

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.104.

Table 15A.68

Table 15A.68 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, South Australia (a)**

|   | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008 (b)     |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 236          | 286          | 359          | 405          | 467          |
| Non-Indigenous  | 968          | 1 043        | 1 138        | 1 273        | 1 374        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>1 204</b> | <b>1 329</b> | <b>1 497</b> | <b>1 678</b> | <b>1 841</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 20.2         | 24.3         | 30.2         | 34.0         | 39.1         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 2.9          | 3.1          | 3.4          | 3.8          | 4.0          |
| All children  | 3.5          | 3.9          | 4.3          | 4.8          | 5.2          |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 433          | 457          | 497          | 600          | 603          |
| Non-Indigenous  | 1 572        | 1 486        | 1 517        | 1 669        | 1 776        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>2 005</b> | <b>1 943</b> | <b>2 014</b> | <b>2 269</b> | <b>2 379</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 37.2         | 38.9         | 42.2         | 50.5         | 50.3         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 4.7          | 4.5          | 4.6          | 4.9          | 5.2          |
| All children  | 5.8          | 5.6          | 5.8          | 6.5          | 6.7          |

- (a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (b) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (c) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (d) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.108.

Table 15A.69

**Table 15A.69 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, South Australia (number)**

|  | 2004         | 2005         | 2006 (a)     | 2007         | 2008 (b)     |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                               |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 2            | 4            | 4            | 18           | 25           |
| Family group homes                       | –            | 9            | 18           | –            | –            |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 182          | 191          | 200          | 199          | 201          |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 52           | 82           | 137          | 180          | 229          |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>234</b>   | <b>273</b>   | <b>337</b>   | <b>379</b>   | <b>430</b>   |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –            | –            | –            | 4            | 5            |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | –            | 4            | 7            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>236</b>   | <b>286</b>   | <b>359</b>   | <b>405</b>   | <b>467</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                       |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 44           | 36           | 46           | 123          | 141          |
| Family group homes                       | 13           | 45           | 57           | –            | –            |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 763          | 776          | 810          | 711          | 710          |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 142          | 182          | 222          | 373          | 434          |
| Other home based care                    | 6            | 4            | 3            | 3            | 4            |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>911</b>   | <b>962</b>   | <b>1 035</b> | <b>1 087</b> | <b>1 148</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –            | –            | –            | 5            | 20           |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | –            | 58           | 65           |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>968</b>   | <b>1 043</b> | <b>1 138</b> | <b>1 273</b> | <b>1 374</b> |
| All children                             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 46           | 40           | 50           | 141          | 166          |
| Family group homes                       | 13           | 54           | 75           | –            | –            |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 945          | 967          | 1 010        | 910          | 911          |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 194          | 264          | 359          | 553          | 663          |
| Other home based care                    | 6            | 4            | 3            | 3            | 4            |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>1 145</b> | <b>1 235</b> | <b>1 372</b> | <b>1 466</b> | <b>1 578</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –            | –            | –            | 9            | 25           |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | –            | 62           | 72           |
| <b>Total all children</b>                | <b>1 204</b> | <b>1 329</b> | <b>1 497</b> | <b>1 678</b> | <b>1 841</b> |

(a) In 2005-06 children who in fact were in residential care had been incorrectly categorised as being in Family Group Homes.

(b) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero



**Table 15A.69 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, South Australia (number)**

|         | 2004   | 2005 | 2006 (a) | 2007 | 2008 (b) |
|---------|--|------|----------|------|----------|
| Source: | AIHW (unpublished), derived from <i>Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia</i> data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.109. |      |          |      |          |

Table 15A.70

Table 15A.70 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, South Australia (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 195          | 230          | 292          | 354          | 416          |
| Another type of order                | 41           | 14           | 14           | 15           | 17           |
| Not on an order                      | –            | 42           | 53           | 36           | 34           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>236</b>   | <b>286</b>   | <b>359</b>   | <b>405</b>   | <b>467</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 833          | 941          | 994          | 1 109        | 1 341        |
| Another type of order                | 135          | 46           | 66           | 83           | 17           |
| Not on an order                      | –            | 56           | 78           | 81           | 16           |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>968</b>   | <b>1 043</b> | <b>1 138</b> | <b>1 273</b> | <b>1 374</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 1 028        | 1 171        | 1 286        | 1 463        | 1 757        |
| Another type of order                | 176          | 60           | 80           | 98           | 34           |
| Not on an order                      | –            | 98           | 131          | 117          | 50           |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>1 204</b> | <b>1 329</b> | <b>1 497</b> | <b>1 678</b> | <b>1 841</b> |

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders that are not care and protection orders.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.110.

Table 15A.71

**Table 15A.71 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, South Australia (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | 1            | –            | 3            | 1            | –            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 11           | 10           | 13           | 24           | –            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 25           | 60           | 72           | 63           | 24           |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 31           | 33           | 40           | 60           | 33           |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 41           | 45           | 68           | 71           | 67           |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 65           | 70           | 86           | 103          | 50           |
| 5 years or more                      | 62           | 68           | 77           | 83           | 293          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 235          | 286          | 356          | 404          | 467          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>236</b>   | <b>286</b>   | <b>359</b>   | <b>405</b>   | <b>467</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | 3            | 1            | 4            | 7            | –            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 52           | 44           | 62           | 73           | 1            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 185          | 160          | 208          | 224          | 95           |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 120          | 160          | 147          | 192          | 68           |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 169          | 201          | 208          | 214          | 188          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 208          | 248          | 283          | 313          | 144          |
| 5 years or more                      | 231          | 229          | 226          | 250          | 878          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 965          | 1 042        | 1 134        | 1 266        | 1 374        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>968</b>   | <b>1 043</b> | <b>1 138</b> | <b>1 273</b> | <b>1 374</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | 4            | 1            | 7            | 8            | –            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 63           | 54           | 75           | 97           | 1            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 210          | 220          | 280          | 287          | 119          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 151          | 193          | 187          | 252          | 101          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 210          | 246          | 276          | 285          | 255          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 273          | 318          | 369          | 416          | 194          |
| 5 years or more                      | 293          | 297          | 303          | 333          | 1 171        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 1 200        | 1 328        | 1 490        | 1 670        | 1 841        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>1 204</b> | <b>1 329</b> | <b>1 497</b> | <b>1 678</b> | <b>1 841</b> |

**Table 15A.71 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, South Australia (number) (a)**

|  | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|--|------|------|------|------|------|

(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.111.

Table 15A.72

**Table 15A.72 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, South Australia (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2003-04    | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Indigenous</b>                    |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 35         | 35         | 23         | 56         | 24         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 8          | 8          | 5          | 21         | 13         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 12         | 11         | 7          | 10         | 12         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 7          | 5          | 8          | 16         | 11         |
| 5 years or more                      | 9          | 9          | 9          | 12         | 15         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>71</b>  | <b>68</b>  | <b>52</b>  | <b>115</b> | <b>75</b>  |
| <b>Non-Indigenous (b)</b>            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 109        | 56         | 54         | 101        | 80         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 33         | 29         | 28         | 39         | 50         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 44         | 38         | 49         | 36         | 42         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 36         | 35         | 41         | 37         | 29         |
| 5 years or more                      | 53         | 35         | 47         | 37         | 43         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>275</b> | <b>193</b> | <b>219</b> | <b>250</b> | <b>244</b> |
| <b>All children</b>                  |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 144        | 91         | 77         | 157        | 104        |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 41         | 37         | 33         | 60         | 63         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 56         | 49         | 56         | 46         | 54         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 43         | 40         | 49         | 53         | 40         |
| 5 years or more                      | 62         | 44         | 56         | 49         | 58         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>346</b> | <b>261</b> | <b>271</b> | <b>365</b> | <b>319</b> |

(a) This indicates the length of time a child had been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.112.

Table 15A.73

Table 15A.73 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 52          | 82          | 137         | 180         | 229         |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 142         | 182         | 222         | 373         | 434         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>194</b>  | <b>264</b>  | <b>359</b>  | <b>553</b>  | <b>663</b>  |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous  | %           | 22.0        | 28.7        | 38.2        | 44.4        | 49.0        |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 14.7        | 17.4        | 19.5        | 29.3        | 31.6        |
| All children  | %           | 16.1        | 19.9        | 24.0        | 33.0        | 36.0        |

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.113.

Table 15A.74

Table 15A.74 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, South Australia**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 37           | 70           | 109          | 140          | 182          |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 15           | 12           | 28           | 40           | 47           |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>52</b>    | <b>82</b>    | <b>137</b>   | <b>180</b>   | <b>229</b>   |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.         | 131          | 136          | 138          | 136          | 124          |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.         | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>131</b>   | <b>136</b>   | <b>138</b>   | <b>136</b>   | <b>124</b>   |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>183</b>   | <b>218</b>   | <b>275</b>   | <b>316</b>   | <b>353</b>   |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | no.         | 51           | 64           | 62           | 63           | 77           |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.         | 2            | 4            | 22           | 18           | 25           |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>53</b>    | <b>68</b>    | <b>84</b>    | <b>81</b>    | <b>102</b>   |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.         | –            | –            | –            | 8            | 12           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>236</b>   | <b>286</b>   | <b>359</b>   | <b>405</b>   | <b>467</b>   |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 15.7         | 24.5         | 30.4         | 35.3         | 40.0         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 6.4          | 4.2          | 7.8          | 10.1         | 10.3         |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>22.0</b>  | <b>28.7</b>  | <b>38.2</b>  | <b>45.3</b>  | <b>50.3</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %           | 55.5         | 47.6         | 38.4         | 34.3         | 27.3         |
| Indigenous residential care  | %           | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>    | <b>55.5</b>  | <b>47.6</b>  | <b>38.4</b>  | <b>34.3</b>  | <b>27.3</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>77.5</b>  | <b>76.2</b>  | <b>76.6</b>  | <b>79.6</b>  | <b>77.6</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %           | 21.6         | 22.4         | 17.3         | 15.9         | 16.9         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %           | 0.8          | 1.4          | 6.1          | 4.5          | 5.5          |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>22.5</b>  | <b>23.8</b>  | <b>23.4</b>  | <b>20.4</b>  | <b>22.4</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.114.

Table 15A.75

Table 15A.75 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of children   |             |             |             |             |              |              |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 156         | 189         | 242         | 271          | 320          |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 590         | 629         | 708         | 749          | 818          |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>746</b>  | <b>818</b>  | <b>950</b>  | <b>1 020</b> | <b>1 138</b> |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |             |             |             |              |              |
| Indigenous   | %           | 99.4        | 98.4        | 96.8        | 96.4         | 94.7         |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 99.0        | 97.8        | 96.2        | 89.8         | 91.7         |
| All children   | %           | 99.1        | 98.0        | 96.3        | 91.5         | 92.5         |

(a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.115.



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Table 15A.76

Table 15A.76 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Indigenous children  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 13             | 43             | 45             | 47             | 47             |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 5              | 19             | 35             | 19             | 19             |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>18</b>      | <b>62</b>      | <b>80</b>      | <b>66</b>      | <b>66</b>      |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | no.         | 6              | 12             | 46             | 61             | 28             |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 26             | 30             |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>24</b>      | <b>74</b>      | <b>126</b>     | <b>153</b>     | <b>124</b>     |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 292            | 251            |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | 1              | 131            | 271            | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | no.         | –              | 25             | 7              | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications (h)</b>                                 | <b>no.</b>  | <b>25</b>      | <b>230</b>     | <b>404</b>     | <b>445</b>     | <b>375</b>     |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 52.0           | 18.7           | 11.1           | 10.6           | 12.5           |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 20.0           | 8.3            | 8.7            | 4.3            | 5.1            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>72.0</b>    | <b>27.0</b>    | <b>19.8</b>    | <b>14.8</b>    | <b>17.6</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | %           | 24.0           | 5.2            | 11.4           | 13.7           | 7.5            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 5.8            | 8.0            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>96.0</b>    | <b>32.2</b>    | <b>31.2</b>    | <b>34.4</b>    | <b>33.1</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 65.6           | 66.9           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %           | 4.0            | 57.0           | 67.1           | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | %           | –              | 10.9           | 1.7            | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications (h)</b>                                 | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous children (i)                                    |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 414            | 739            | 748            | 1 205          | 1 167          |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 503            | 532            | 590            | 566            | 853            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>917</b>     | <b>1 271</b>   | <b>1 338</b>   | <b>1 771</b>   | <b>2 020</b>   |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | no.         | 353            | 488            | 2 360          | 1 742          | 210            |

Table 15A.76

Table 15A.76 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 911            | 903            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 270</b>   | <b>1 759</b>   | <b>3 698</b>   | <b>4 424</b>   | <b>3 133</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                  |             | ..             | ..             | ..             | 9 629          | 9 355          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | 3 410          | 6 661          | 7 863          | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                            | no.         | 2 543          | 2 138          | 1 064          | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications (h)</b>                                 | <b>no.</b>  | <b>7 223</b>   | <b>10 558</b>  | <b>12 625</b>  | <b>14 053</b>  | <b>12 488</b>  |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 5.7            | 7.0            | 5.9            | 8.6            | 9.3            |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 7.0            | 5.0            | 4.7            | 4.0            | 6.8            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>12.7</b>    | <b>12.0</b>    | <b>10.6</b>    | <b>12.6</b>    | <b>16.2</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | %           | 4.9            | 4.6            | 18.7           | 12.4           | 1.7            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 6.5            | 7.2            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>17.6</b>    | <b>16.7</b>    | <b>29.3</b>    | <b>31.5</b>    | <b>25.1</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 68.5           | 74.9           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %           | 47.2           | 63.1           | 62.3           | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                            | %           | 35.2           | 20.3           | 8.4            | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications (h)</b>                                 | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 427            | 782            | 793            | 1 252          | 1 214          |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | -              |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 508            | 551            | 625            | 585            | 872            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>935</b>     | <b>1 333</b>   | <b>1 418</b>   | <b>1 837</b>   | <b>2 086</b>   |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | no.         | 359            | 500            | 2 406          | 1 803          | 238            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 937            | 933            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 294</b>   | <b>1 833</b>   | <b>3 824</b>   | <b>4 577</b>   | <b>3 257</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 9 921          | 9 606          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | 3 411          | 6 792          | 8 134          | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | no.         | 2 543          | 2 163          | 1 071          | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>7 248</b>   | <b>10 788</b>  | <b>13 029</b>  | <b>14 498</b>  | <b>12 863</b>  |

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Table 15A.76 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | Unit     | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Substantiated  | %        | 5.9          | 7.2          | 6.1          | 8.6          | 9.4          |
| Carer/family issues  | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | –            |
| Not substantiated  | %        | 7.0          | 5.1          | 4.8          | 4.0          | 6.8          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b> | <b>12.9</b>  | <b>12.4</b>  | <b>10.9</b>  | <b>12.7</b>  | <b>16.2</b>  |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | %        | 5.0          | 4.6          | 18.5         | 12.4         | 1.9          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | 6.5          | 7.3          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b> | <b>17.9</b>  | <b>17.0</b>  | <b>29.3</b>  | <b>31.6</b>  | <b>25.3</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                  | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | 68.4         | 74.7         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %        | 47.1         | 63.0         | 62.4         | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | %        | 35.1         | 20.1         | 8.2          | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were counted.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (c) Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (d) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (e) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (f) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (g) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (h) Due to the high number of children with unknown Indigenous status at notification, and the inclusion of these in the non-Indigenous category, these data are likely to be considerably under-reported for 2005-06 and 2006-07.
- (i) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.118.

Table 15A.77

Table 15A.77 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Tasmania (number)**

|                                 | 2003-04    | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                      |            |            |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 28         | 5          | 48         | 33         | 29         |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 27         | 27         | 46         | 75         | 71         |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>55</b>  | <b>32</b>  | <b>94</b>  | <b>108</b> | <b>100</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 23         | 19         | 27         | 28         | 57         |
| Non-Indigenous (a)              |            |            |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 178        | 214        | 295        | 266        | 231        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 297        | 115        | 184        | 208        | 242        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>475</b> | <b>329</b> | <b>479</b> | <b>474</b> | <b>473</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 247        | 137        | 206        | 268        | 224        |
| All children                    |            |            |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 206        | 219        | 343        | 299        | 260        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 324        | 142        | 230        | 283        | 313        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>530</b> | <b>361</b> | <b>573</b> | <b>582</b> | <b>573</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 270        | 156        | 233        | 296        | 281        |

(a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.119.

Table 15A.78

Table 15A.78 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Tasmania (number)**

|   | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                      | 74         | 82         | 107        | 134        | 122        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a), (b) | na         | na         | na         | na         | na         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders              | 6          | –          | 6          | 6          | 5          |
| Interim and temporary orders                        | 3          | 12         | 12         | 24         | 12         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)           | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | –          |
| Other/not stated                                    | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                    | <b>83</b>  | <b>94</b>  | <b>125</b> | <b>164</b> | <b>139</b> |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (c)     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                      | 472        | 509        | 586        | 620        | 657        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a), (b) | na         | na         | na         | na         | na         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders              | 20         | 30         | 26         | 26         | 19         |
| Interim and temporary orders                        | 59         | 83         | 96         | 87         | 84         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)           | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | 15         |
| Other/not stated                                    | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>                | <b>551</b> | <b>622</b> | <b>708</b> | <b>733</b> | <b>775</b> |
| Number of all children on orders                    |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                      | 546        | 591        | 693        | 754        | 779        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a), (b) | na         | na         | na         | na         | na         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders              | 26         | 30         | 32         | 32         | 24         |
| Interim and temporary orders                        | 62         | 95         | 108        | 111        | 96         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)           | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | 15         |
| Other/not stated                                    | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| <b>Total all children</b>                           | <b>634</b> | <b>716</b> | <b>833</b> | <b>897</b> | <b>914</b> |

(a) Data included for the first time in the 2009 Report. Tasmania is not able to identify children under 'Third party parental responsibility' arrangements. These children are included under the 'Guardianship or custody orders' category.

(b) This category is included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.120.

Table 15A.79

**Table 15A.79 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 15           | 87           | 119          | 146          | 196          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 5 200        | 5 678        | 6 466        | 7 180        | 7 314        |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>5 215</b> | <b>5 765</b> | <b>6 585</b> | <b>7 326</b> | <b>7 510</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 1.9          | 11.3         | 15.4         | 18.8         | 25.2         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 50.3         | 55.3         | 63.1         | 70.0         | 71.2         |
| All children   | 47.0         | 52.2         | 59.7         | 66.4         | 67.9         |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 15           | 50           | 52           | 42           | 55           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 668          | 1 004        | 1 086        | 1 123        | 1 517        |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>683</b>   | <b>1 054</b> | <b>1 138</b> | <b>1 165</b> | <b>1 572</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 1.9          | 6.5          | 6.7          | 5.4          | 7.1          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 6.5          | 9.8          | 10.6         | 11.0         | 14.8         |
| All children   | 6.2          | 9.5          | 10.3         | 10.6         | 14.2         |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 12           | 37           | 34           | 31           | 39           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 317          | 599          | 616          | 768          | 881          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>329</b>   | <b>636</b>   | <b>650</b>   | <b>799</b>   | <b>920</b>   |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 1.6          | 4.8          | 4.4          | 4.0          | 5.0          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3.1          | 5.8          | 6.0          | 7.5          | 8.6          |
| All children   | 3.0          | 5.8          | 5.9          | 7.2          | 8.3          |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 83           | 94           | 125          | 164          | 139          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 551          | 622          | 708          | 733          | 775          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>634</b>   | <b>716</b>   | <b>833</b>   | <b>897</b>   | <b>914</b>   |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 10.2         | 11.5         | 15.2         | 19.9         | 16.9         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 5.0          | 5.7          | 6.5          | 6.7          | 7.1          |
| All children   | 5.4          | 6.1          | 7.1          | 7.6          | 7.8          |

**Table 15A.79 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year. |         |         |         |         |         |
| (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.   |         |         |         |         |         |
| (c) Care should be taken in interpreting the rates for Indigenous children due to the relatively small size of the Indigenous population.   |         |         |         |         |         |
| (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.   |         |         |         |         |         |

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.121.



Table 15A.80

**Table 15A.80 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Number of children in care  |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 55         | 78         | 98         | 113        | 102        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 432        | 498        | 585        | 554        | 562        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>487</b> | <b>576</b> | <b>683</b> | <b>667</b> | <b>664</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)                            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 6.7        | 9.5        | 11.9       | 13.7       | 12.4       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 3.9        | 4.6        | 5.4        | 5.1        | 5.1        |
| All children  | 4.1        | 4.9        | 5.8        | 5.7        | 5.6        |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |            |            |            |            |            |
| Number of children in care  |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 78         | 74         | 134        | 158        | 150        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 591        | 587        | 846        | 806        | 818        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>669</b> | <b>661</b> | <b>980</b> | <b>964</b> | <b>968</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (f)                            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 9.6        | 9.1        | 16.3       | 19.2       | 18.2       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 5.4        | 5.4        | 7.8        | 7.4        | 7.5        |
| All children  | 5.7        | 5.6        | 8.4        | 8.2        | 8.2        |

- (a) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOHHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (e) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (f) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.125.

Table 15A.81

Table 15A.81 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Tasmania (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008 (c)   |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                               |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | –          | –          | 7          | 10         | 4          |
| Family group homes                       | 13         | 10         | 11         | 4          | 6          |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 10         | 29         | 54         | 69         | 55         |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 16         | 19         | 20         | 27         | 30         |
| Other home based care                    | 9          | 14         | 1          | 2          | 7          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>35</b>  | <b>62</b>  | <b>75</b>  | <b>98</b>  | <b>92</b>  |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 3          | 4          | 3          | –          | –          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 4          | 2          | 2          | 1          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>55</b>  | <b>78</b>  | <b>98</b>  | <b>113</b> | <b>102</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (d)                       |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | –          | –          | 23         | 25         | 16         |
| Family group homes                       | 41         | 48         | 30         | 26         | 30         |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 207        | 249        | 305        | 328        | 322        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 97         | 107        | 128        | 128        | 150        |
| Other home based care                    | 40         | 56         | 48         | 43         | 34         |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>344</b> | <b>412</b> | <b>481</b> | <b>499</b> | <b>506</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 27         | 21         | 35         | –          | 2          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 20         | 17         | 16         | 4          | 8          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>432</b> | <b>498</b> | <b>585</b> | <b>554</b> | <b>562</b> |
| All children                             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | –          | –          | 30         | 35         | 20         |
| Family group homes                       | 54         | 58         | 41         | 30         | 36         |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 217        | 278        | 359        | 397        | 377        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 113        | 126        | 148        | 155        | 180        |
| Other home based care                    | 49         | 70         | 49         | 45         | 41         |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>379</b> | <b>474</b> | <b>556</b> | <b>597</b> | <b>598</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 30         | 25         | 38         | –          | 2          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 24         | 19         | 18         | 5          | 8          |
| <b>Total all children</b>                | <b>487</b> | <b>576</b> | <b>683</b> | <b>667</b> | <b>664</b> |

- (a) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.
- (b) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

**Table 15A.81 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Tasmania (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 (c) |
|--|------|------|------|------|----------|
|--|------|------|------|------|----------|

(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.126.

Table 15A.82

**Table 15A.82 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Tasmania (number) (a), (b), (c)**

|                                      | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 54         | 76         | 97         | 111        | 102        |
| Another type of order                | –          | 1          | –          | –          | –          |
| Not on an order                      | 1          | 1          | 1          | 2          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>55</b>  | <b>78</b>  | <b>98</b>  | <b>113</b> | <b>102</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (d)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 432        | 490        | 549        | 547        | 562        |
| Another type of order                | –          | –          | 1          | 2          | –          |
| Not on an order                      | –          | 8          | 35         | 5          | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>432</b> | <b>498</b> | <b>585</b> | <b>554</b> | <b>562</b> |
| All children                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 486        | 566        | 646        | 658        | 664        |
| Another type of order                | –          | 1          | 1          | 2          | –          |
| Not on an order                      | 1          | 9          | 36         | 7          | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>487</b> | <b>576</b> | <b>683</b> | <b>667</b> | <b>664</b> |

- (a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders that are not care and protection orders.
- (b) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.
- (c) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.127.

Table 15A.83

**Table 15A.83 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania (number) (a), (b), (c)**

|                                      | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | na         | na         | na         | na         | –          |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 4          | 13         | –          | 6          | 1          |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 26         | 29         | 22         | 13         | 11         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 11         | 11         | 18         | 14         | 10         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 8          | 16         | 16         | 32         | 17         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 6          | 6          | 29         | 30         | 43         |
| 5 years or more                      | –          | 3          | 13         | 18         | 20         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 55         | 78         | 98         | 113        | 102        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>55</b>  | <b>78</b>  | <b>98</b>  | <b>113</b> | <b>102</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (d)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | na         | na         | na         | na         | –          |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 62         | 54         | 30         | 21         | 13         |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 145        | 183        | 84         | 50         | 46         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 94         | 101        | 88         | 83         | 77         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 53         | 78         | 101        | 104        | 101        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 50         | 43         | 158        | 183        | 175        |
| 5 years or more                      | 26         | 36         | 124        | 113        | 150        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 1          | 3          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 431        | 498        | 585        | 554        | 562        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 1          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>432</b> | <b>498</b> | <b>585</b> | <b>554</b> | <b>562</b> |
| All children                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | na         | na         | na         | na         | –          |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 66         | 67         | 30         | 27         | 14         |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 171        | 212        | 106        | 63         | 57         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 105        | 112        | 106        | 97         | 87         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 61         | 94         | 117        | 136        | 118        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 56         | 49         | 187        | 213        | 218        |
| 5 years or more                      | 26         | 39         | 137        | 131        | 170        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 1          | 3          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 486        | 576        | 683        | 667        | 664        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 1          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>487</b> | <b>576</b> | <b>683</b> | <b>667</b> | <b>664</b> |

**Table 15A.83 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania (number)**  
**(a), (b), (c)**

|  | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|--|------|------|------|------|------|

(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out of home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) Tasmania was unable to distinguish between respite and non-respite care. Both types of placement are included if they satisfy the general definition of out of home care.

(c) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.128.

Table 15A.84

**Table 15A.84 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Tasmania (number) (a)**

|                              | 2003-04   | 2004-05   | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Indigenous</b>            |           |           |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months      | na        | na        | 15         | 12         | 20         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | na        | na        | 6          | 10         | 1          |
| 1 to less than 2 years       | na        | na        | 1          | 5          | 7          |
| 2 to less than 5 years       | na        | na        | 4          | 4          | 5          |
| 5 years or more              | na        | na        | 2          | 1          | 6          |
| Not stated/unknown           | na        | na        | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total children</b>        | <b>na</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>28</b>  | <b>32</b>  | <b>39</b>  |
| <b>Non-Indigenous (b)</b>    |           |           |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months      | na        | na        | 88         | 79         | 55         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | na        | na        | 15         | 25         | 39         |
| 1 to less than 2 years       | na        | na        | 34         | 24         | 33         |
| 2 to less than 5 years       | na        | na        | 19         | 17         | 42         |
| 5 years or more              | na        | na        | 14         | 12         | 16         |
| Not stated/unknown           | na        | na        | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total children</b>        | <b>na</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>170</b> | <b>157</b> | <b>185</b> |
| <b>All children</b>          |           |           |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months      | na        | na        | 103        | 91         | 75         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | na        | na        | 21         | 35         | 40         |
| 1 to less than 2 years       | na        | na        | 35         | 29         | 40         |
| 2 to less than 5 years       | na        | na        | 23         | 21         | 47         |
| 5 years or more              | na        | na        | 16         | 13         | 22         |
| Not stated/unknown           | na        | na        | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total children</b>        | <b>na</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>198</b> | <b>189</b> | <b>224</b> |

(a) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.129.

Table 15A.85

Table 15A.85 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 16          | 19          | 20          | 27          | 30          |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 97          | 107         | 128         | 128         | 150         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>113</b>  | <b>126</b>  | <b>148</b>  | <b>155</b>  | <b>180</b>  |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous  | %           | 29.1        | 24.4        | 20.4        | 23.9        | 29.4        |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 22.5        | 21.5        | 21.9        | 23.1        | 26.7        |
| All children  | %           | 23.2        | 21.9        | 21.7        | 23.2        | 27.1        |

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely.
- (e) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.130.



Table 15A.86

Table 15A.86 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Tasmania (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i>  | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 3            | 8            | 10           | 9            | 14           |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 13           | 11           | 8            | 15           | 16           |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>16</b>    | <b>19</b>    | <b>18</b>    | <b>24</b>    | <b>30</b>    |
| Other Indigenous caregiver   | no.         | 3            | 1            | 13           | 16           | 6            |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.         | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>3</b>     | <b>1</b>     | <b>13</b>    | <b>16</b>    | <b>6</b>     |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>19</b>    | <b>20</b>    | <b>31</b>    | <b>40</b>    | <b>36</b>    |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | no.         | 28           | 54           | 55           | 58           | 62           |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.         | –            | –            | 7            | 10           | 4            |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>28</b>    | <b>54</b>    | <b>62</b>    | <b>68</b>    | <b>66</b>    |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.         | 8            | 4            | 5            | 5            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>55</b>    | <b>78</b>    | <b>98</b>    | <b>113</b>   | <b>102</b>   |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 6.4          | 10.8         | 10.8         | 8.3          | 13.7         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 27.7         | 14.9         | 8.6          | 13.9         | 15.7         |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>34.0</b>  | <b>25.7</b>  | <b>19.4</b>  | <b>22.2</b>  | <b>29.4</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %           | 6.4          | 1.4          | 14.0         | 14.8         | 5.9          |
| Indigenous residential care  | %           | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>    | <b>6.4</b>   | <b>1.4</b>   | <b>14.0</b>  | <b>14.8</b>  | <b>5.9</b>   |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>40.4</b>  | <b>27.0</b>  | <b>33.3</b>  | <b>37.0</b>  | <b>35.3</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %           | 59.6         | 73.0         | 59.1         | 53.7         | 60.8         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %           | –            | –            | 7.5          | 9.3          | 3.9          |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>59.6</b>  | <b>73.0</b>  | <b>66.7</b>  | <b>63.0</b>  | <b>64.7</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care was calculated excluding Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown from the denominator.

(b) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.131.

Table 15A.87

Table 15A.87 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of children   |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 21          | 43          | 59          | 79          | 73          |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 248         | 296         | 370         | 376         | 384         |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>269</b>  | <b>339</b>  | <b>429</b>  | <b>455</b>  | <b>457</b>  |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous   | %           | 65.6        | 87.8        | 85.5        | 97.5        | 96.1        |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 90.5        | 90.8        | 94.1        | 94.7        | 96.7        |
| All children   | %           | 87.9        | 90.4        | 92.9        | 95.2        | 96.6        |

- (a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.132.

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Table 15A.88

Table 15A.88 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Indigenous children</b>                                     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated (d)  | no.         | 61             | 136            | 163            | 151            | 136            |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 80             | 152            | 136            | 164            | 79             |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>141</b>     | <b>288</b>     | <b>299</b>     | <b>315</b>     | <b>215</b>     |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | no.         | 95             | 49             | 103            | 28             | –              |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 26             | 18             |
| <b>Total investigations (g)</b>                                | <b>no.</b>  | <b>236</b>     | <b>337</b>     | <b>402</b>     | <b>369</b>     | <b>233</b>     |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 566            | 771            |
| Notifications dealt with by other means (i)                    | no.         | 7              | 33             | 304            | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action (i)                      | no.         | 200            | 428            | 129            | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>443</b>     | <b>798</b>     | <b>835</b>     | <b>935</b>     | <b>1 004</b>   |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 13.8           | 17.0           | 19.5           | 16.1           | 13.5           |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 18.1           | 19.0           | 16.3           | 17.5           | 7.9            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>31.8</b>    | <b>36.1</b>    | <b>35.8</b>    | <b>33.7</b>    | <b>21.4</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | %           | 21.4           | 6.1            | 12.3           | 3.0            | –              |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 2.8            | 1.8            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>53.3</b>    | <b>42.2</b>    | <b>48.1</b>    | <b>39.5</b>    | <b>23.2</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 60.5           | 76.8           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means (i)                    | %           | 1.6            | 4.1            | 36.4           | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action (i)                      | %           | 45.1           | 53.6           | 15.4           | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| <b>Non-Indigenous children (j)</b>                             |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated (d)  | no.         | 569            | 1 077          | 1 114          | 701            | 691            |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 690            | 1 164          | 1 084          | 1 400          | 556            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 259</b>   | <b>2 241</b>   | <b>2 198</b>   | <b>2 101</b>   | <b>1 247</b>   |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | no.         | 883            | 439            | 692            | 240            | –              |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 50             | 86             |

Table 15A.88

Table 15A.88 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Total investigations (g)</b>                                | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 142</b>   | <b>2 680</b>   | <b>2 890</b>   | <b>2 391</b>   | <b>1 333</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  |             | ..             | ..             | ..             | 5 384          | 6 633          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means (i)                    | no.         | 68             | 170            | 2 681          | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action (i)                      | no.         | 2 672          | 3 627          | 1 658          | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>4 882</b>   | <b>6 477</b>   | <b>7 229</b>   | <b>7 775</b>   | <b>7 966</b>   |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 11.7           | 16.6           | 15.4           | 9.0            | 8.7            |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 14.1           | 18.0           | 15.0           | 18.0           | 7.0            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>25.8</b>    | <b>34.6</b>    | <b>30.4</b>    | <b>27.0</b>    | <b>15.7</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | %           | 18.1           | 6.8            | 9.6            | 3.1            | –              |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 0.6            | 1.1            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>43.9</b>    | <b>41.4</b>    | <b>40.0</b>    | <b>30.8</b>    | <b>16.7</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 69.2           | 83.3           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means (i)                    | %           | 1.4            | 2.6            | 37.1           | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action (i)                      | %           | 54.7           | 56.0           | 22.9           | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated (d)  | no.         | 630            | 1 213          | 1 277          | 852            | 827            |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | –              |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 770            | 1 316          | 1 220          | 1 564          | 635            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 400</b>   | <b>2 529</b>   | <b>2 497</b>   | <b>2 416</b>   | <b>1 462</b>   |
| Investigations in process (e)                                  | no.         | 978            | 488            | 795            | 268            | –              |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 76             | 104            |
| <b>Total investigations (g)</b>                                | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 378</b>   | <b>3 017</b>   | <b>3 292</b>   | <b>2 760</b>   | <b>1 566</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 5 950          | 7 404          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means (i)                    | no.         | 75             | 203            | 2 985          | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action (i)                      | no.         | 2 872          | 4 055          | 1 787          | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 325</b>   | <b>7 275</b>   | <b>8 064</b>   | <b>8 710</b>   | <b>8 970</b>   |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 11.8           | 16.7           | 15.8           | 9.8            | 9.2            |

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Table 15A.88 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

|  | Unit     | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Carer/family issues                            | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | –            |
| Not substantiated                              | %        | 14.5         | 18.1         | 15.1         | 18.0         | 7.1          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>                         | <b>%</b> | <b>26.3</b>  | <b>34.8</b>  | <b>31.0</b>  | <b>27.7</b>  | <b>16.3</b>  |
| Investigations in process (e)                  | %        | 18.4         | 6.7          | 9.9          | 3.1          | –            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f) | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | 0.9          | 1.2          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                    | <b>%</b> | <b>44.7</b>  | <b>41.5</b>  | <b>40.8</b>  | <b>31.7</b>  | <b>17.5</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                  | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | 68.3         | 82.5         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means (i)    | %        | 1.4          | 2.8          | 37.0         | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action (i)      | %        | 53.9         | 55.7         | 22.2         | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                     | <b>%</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.

(b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes 'non-abuse' notifications relating to serious incompatibility or self damaging behaviour where advice and/or referrals were followed up.

'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that

(c) could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.

(d) The decrease in the number of substantiated investigations reflects a requirement of staff to substantiate emotional abuse or neglect only if there was, or is likely to be, significant harm and there was no-one with parental responsibility willing and able to protect the child/young person.

(e) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.

(f) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons. Previously these cases were recorded in 'Investigations not finalised'.

(g) The decrease in investigations reflects the introduction of an assessment phase between the receipt of the notification and the decision to investigate where families may be assisted without investigation.

(h) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'. In 2006-07, this figure reflects the inclusion of an assessment phase.

(i) Fluctuations in numbers and proportions from 2004-05 to 2005-06 are due to changes in coding to distinguish between notifications not investigated and notifications dealt with by other means.

(j) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.135.

Table 15A.89

**Table 15A.89 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a), (b)**

|                                 | 2003-04    | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                      |            |            |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 16         | 15         | 20         | 23         | 24         |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 3          | 12         | 17         | 30         | 18         |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>19</b>  | <b>27</b>  | <b>37</b>  | <b>53</b>  | <b>42</b>  |
| Children discharged from orders | 12         | 17         | 15         | 24         | 16         |
| Non-Indigenous (c)              |            |            |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 107        | 122        | 146        | 98         | 103        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 55         | 45         | 73         | 110        | 96         |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>162</b> | <b>167</b> | <b>219</b> | <b>208</b> | <b>199</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 113        | 105        | 139        | 129        | 144        |
| All children                    |            |            |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 123        | 137        | 166        | 121        | 127        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 58         | 57         | 90         | 140        | 114        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>181</b> | <b>194</b> | <b>256</b> | <b>261</b> | <b>241</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 125        | 122        | 154        | 153        | 160        |

(a) The introduction of the new *Children and Young People Act 1999* provided for short term orders which has impacted on the number of children admitted to orders.

(b) Children who had previously been on orders interstate, but not continuously, may be counted from 2005-06 as children on orders for the first time.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.136.

Table 15A.90

Table 15A.90 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (number)**

|   | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 47         | 49         | 79         | 98         | 90         |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a)  | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | –          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | –          | 2          | 7          | 6          | 7          |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 6          | 19         | 14         | 9          | 13         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (a)       | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | 7          |
| Other/not stated                                | –          | –          | –          | –          | ..         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                | <b>53</b>  | <b>70</b>  | <b>100</b> | <b>113</b> | <b>117</b> |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (b) |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 233        | 284        | 330        | 337        | 334        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a)  | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | 9          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 37         | 49         | 60         | 53         | 26         |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 30         | 61         | 68         | 71         | 52         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (a)       | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | 14         |
| Other/not stated                                | –          | –          | –          | –          | ..         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>            | <b>300</b> | <b>394</b> | <b>458</b> | <b>461</b> | <b>435</b> |
| Number of all children on orders                |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 280        | 333        | 409        | 435        | 424        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a)  | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | 9          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 37         | 51         | 67         | 59         | 33         |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 36         | 80         | 82         | 80         | 65         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (a)       | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | 21         |
| Other/not stated                                | –          | –          | –          | –          | ..         |
| <b>Total all children</b>                       | <b>353</b> | <b>464</b> | <b>558</b> | <b>574</b> | <b>552</b> |

(a) This category is included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.137.



Table 15A.91

**Table 15A.91 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

|  | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 175          | 273          | 319          | 382          | 394          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 2 541        | 3 157        | 3 780        | 4 185        | 4 135        |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>2 716</b> | <b>3 430</b> | <b>4 099</b> | <b>4 567</b> | <b>4 529</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 100.8        | 154.6        | 183.0        | 210.4        | 214.4        |
| Non-Indigenous   | 35.9         | 45.2         | 54.4         | 59.9         | 58.7         |
| All children   | 37.5         | 47.9         | 57.6         | 63.7         | 62.6         |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 70           | 166          | 171          | 159          | 137          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 773          | 1 486        | 1 407        | 1 296        | 769          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>843</b>   | <b>1 652</b> | <b>1 578</b> | <b>1 455</b> | <b>906</b>   |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 40.3         | 94.0         | 98.1         | 87.6         | 74.5         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 10.9         | 21.3         | 20.3         | 18.5         | 10.9         |
| All children   | 11.6         | 23.1         | 22.2         | 20.3         | 12.5         |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 44           | 99           | 99           | 75           | 88           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 441          | 758          | 754          | 483          | 447          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>485</b>   | <b>857</b>   | <b>853</b>   | <b>558</b>   | <b>535</b>   |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 25.3         | 56.1         | 56.8         | 41.3         | 47.9         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 6.2          | 10.9         | 10.9         | 6.9          | 6.3          |
| All children   | 6.7          | 12.0         | 12.0         | 7.8          | 7.4          |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 53           | 70           | 100          | 113          | 117          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 300          | 394          | 458          | 461          | 435          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>353</b>   | <b>464</b>   | <b>558</b>   | <b>574</b>   | <b>552</b>   |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 28.7         | 37.4         | 53.3         | 58.9         | 60.2         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 4.0          | 5.3          | 6.2          | 6.2          | 5.8          |
| All children   | 4.6          | 6.1          | 7.4          | 7.5          | 7.1          |

**Table 15A.91 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

|  | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|

- (a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.
- (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.138.

**Table 15A.92 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008 (g)   |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Number of children in care  |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 58         | 60         | 82         | 89         | 81         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 240        | 282        | 306        | 310        | 344        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>298</b> | <b>342</b> | <b>388</b> | <b>399</b> | <b>425</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)                            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 31.4       | 32.0       | 43.7       | 46.4       | 41.6       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 3.2        | 3.8        | 4.1        | 4.1        | 4.6        |
| All children  | 3.9        | 4.5        | 5.1        | 5.2        | 5.5        |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |            |            |            |            |            |
| Number of children in care  |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 81         | 101        | 115        | 121        | 126        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 520        | 534        | 528        | 551        | 550        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>601</b> | <b>635</b> | <b>643</b> | <b>672</b> | <b>676</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (f)                            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 44.3       | 54.3       | 62.6       | 63.4       | 65.2       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 6.9        | 7.2        | 7.1        | 7.4        | 7.3        |
| All children  | 7.8        | 8.3        | 8.5        | 8.8        | 8.8        |

- (a) A child is only counted once, regardless of the number of placements during the year.
- (b) SAAP placements were counted as out-of-home care placements where Family Services made a financial payment.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (e) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (f) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.
- (g) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.142.

Table 15A.93

Table 15A.93 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a)**

|  | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008 (c)   |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                               |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 6          | 10         | 7          | 10         | 14         |
| Family group homes                       | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 23         | 29         | 35         | 36         | 31         |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 29         | 21         | 39         | 43         | 35         |
| Other home based care                    | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>52</b>  | <b>50</b>  | <b>74</b>  | <b>79</b>  | <b>66</b>  |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –          | –          | 1          | –          | 1          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>58</b>  | <b>60</b>  | <b>82</b>  | <b>89</b>  | <b>81</b>  |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                       |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 20         | 46         | 36         | 34         | 33         |
| Family group homes                       | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 128        | 141        | 162        | 164        | 173        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 82         | 92         | 103        | 107        | 133        |
| Other home based care                    | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>210</b> | <b>233</b> | <b>265</b> | <b>271</b> | <b>306</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 1          | 1          | –          | 4          | 4          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 9          | 2          | 5          | 1          | 1          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>240</b> | <b>282</b> | <b>306</b> | <b>310</b> | <b>344</b> |
| All children                             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 26         | 56         | 43         | 44         | 47         |
| Family group homes                       | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 151        | 170        | 197        | 200        | 204        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 111        | 113        | 142        | 150        | 168        |
| Other home based care                    | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>262</b> | <b>283</b> | <b>339</b> | <b>350</b> | <b>372</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 1          | 1          | 1          | 4          | 5          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 9          | 2          | 5          | 1          | 1          |
| <b>Total all children</b>                | <b>298</b> | <b>342</b> | <b>388</b> | <b>399</b> | <b>425</b> |

(a) The number of children in relative/kinship care may be understated as the relationship to a child of foster carers from non-government organisations is unknown.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

(c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

**Table 15A.93 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a)**

|  | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 (c) |
|--|------|------|------|------|----------|
|--|------|------|------|------|----------|

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.143.

Table 15A.94

Table 15A.94 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 52         | 60         | 81         | 86         | 81         |
| Another type of order                | 1          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Not on an order                      | 5          | –          | 1          | 3          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>58</b>  | <b>60</b>  | <b>82</b>  | <b>89</b>  | <b>81</b>  |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 225        | 279        | 285        | 292        | 338        |
| Another type of order                | 6          | 1          | –          | 4          | 1          |
| Not on an order                      | 9          | 2          | 21         | 14         | 5          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>240</b> | <b>282</b> | <b>306</b> | <b>310</b> | <b>344</b> |
| All children                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 277        | 339        | 366        | 378        | 419        |
| Another type of order                | 7          | 1          | –          | 4          | 1          |
| Not on an order                      | 14         | 2          | 22         | 17         | 5          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>298</b> | <b>342</b> | <b>388</b> | <b>399</b> | <b>425</b> |

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders that are not care and protection orders.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.144.

Table 15A.95

**Table 15A.95 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | –          | –          | 3          | 3          | –          |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | –          | –          | –          | 2          | –          |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 6          | 3          | 8          | 6          | 10         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 7          | 9          | 15         | 12         | 7          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 20         | 14         | 14         | 18         | 11         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 13         | 21         | 25         | 27         | 24         |
| 5 years or more                      | 12         | 13         | 17         | 21         | 29         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 58         | 60         | 79         | 86         | 81         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>58</b>  | <b>60</b>  | <b>82</b>  | <b>89</b>  | <b>81</b>  |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | 4          | –          | 14         | 6          | 2          |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 6          | 8          | 3          | 4          | 14         |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 31         | 35         | 41         | 45         | 28         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 30         | 32         | 34         | 32         | 41         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 43         | 50         | 58         | 45         | 59         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 64         | 85         | 86         | 94         | 103        |
| 5 years or more                      | 62         | 72         | 70         | 84         | 97         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 236        | 282        | 292        | 304        | 342        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>240</b> | <b>282</b> | <b>306</b> | <b>310</b> | <b>344</b> |
| All children                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | 4          | –          | 17         | 9          | 2          |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 6          | 8          | 3          | 6          | 14         |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 37         | 38         | 49         | 51         | 38         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 37         | 41         | 49         | 44         | 48         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 63         | 64         | 72         | 63         | 70         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 77         | 106        | 111        | 121        | 127        |
| 5 years or more                      | 74         | 85         | 87         | 105        | 126        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 294        | 342        | 371        | 390        | 423        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>298</b> | <b>342</b> | <b>388</b> | <b>399</b> | <b>425</b> |

**Table 15A.95 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|--|------|------|------|------|------|

(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) Respite care includes children who were in emergency or planned respite from the home for non-child protection reasons, such as where the parents were ill or unable to care for the child. Non-respite includes children in care for child protection reasons.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.145.



Table 15A.96

**Table 15A.96 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2003-04    | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 3          | 9          | 5          | 2          | 6          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 4          | –          | 2          | 1          | 1          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 2          | 2          | 4          | 3          | 7          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | –          | –          | –          | 4          | 8          |
| 5 years or more                      | 2          | 2          | –          | 1          | 2          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>11</b>  | <b>13</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>24</b>  |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 70         | 74         | 53         | 35         | 27         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 22         | 8          | 18         | 6          | 14         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 4          | 15         | 25         | 24         | 14         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 7          | 19         | 18         | 18         | 21         |
| 5 years or more                      | 14         | 5          | 8          | 14         | 12         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>117</b> | <b>121</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>97</b>  | <b>88</b>  |
| All children                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 73         | 83         | 58         | 37         | 33         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 26         | 8          | 20         | 7          | 15         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 6          | 17         | 29         | 27         | 21         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 7          | 19         | 18         | 22         | 29         |
| 5 years or more                      | 16         | 7          | 8          | 15         | 14         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>128</b> | <b>134</b> | <b>133</b> | <b>108</b> | <b>112</b> |

(a) This indicates the length of time a child had been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) Children in respite care or temporary placements were not included.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.146.

Table 15A.97

Table 15A.97 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 29          | 21          | 39          | 43          | 35          |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 82          | 92          | 103         | 107         | 133         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>111</b>  | <b>113</b>  | <b>142</b>  | <b>150</b>  | <b>168</b>  |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous  | %           | 50.0        | 35.0        | 47.6        | 48.3        | 43.2        |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 34.2        | 32.6        | 33.7        | 34.5        | 38.7        |
| All children  | %           | 37.2        | 33.0        | 36.6        | 37.6        | 39.5        |

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) The number children in relative/kinship care may be understated as the relationship to a child of foster carers from non-government organisations is unknown.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.147.

Table 15A.98

Table 15A.98 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i>  | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 26           | 19           | 28           | 29           | 21           |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 3            | 3            | 11           | 14           | 14           |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>29</b>    | <b>22</b>    | <b>39</b>    | <b>43</b>    | <b>35</b>    |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.         | 5            | 14           | 17           | 16           | 14           |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.         | 1            | 2            | 1            | 2            | 4            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>6</b>     | <b>16</b>    | <b>18</b>    | <b>18</b>    | <b>18</b>    |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>35</b>    | <b>38</b>    | <b>57</b>    | <b>61</b>    | <b>53</b>    |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | no.         | 18           | 14           | 18           | 20           | 17           |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.         | 5            | 6            | 6            | 8            | 10           |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>23</b>    | <b>20</b>    | <b>24</b>    | <b>28</b>    | <b>27</b>    |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.         | –            | 2            | 1            | –            | 1            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>58</b>    | <b>60</b>    | <b>82</b>    | <b>89</b>    | <b>81</b>    |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 44.8         | 32.8         | 34.6         | 32.6         | 26.3         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 5.2          | 5.2          | 13.6         | 15.7         | 17.5         |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>50.0</b>  | <b>37.9</b>  | <b>48.1</b>  | <b>48.3</b>  | <b>43.8</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %           | 8.6          | 24.1         | 21.0         | 18.0         | 17.5         |
| Indigenous residential care  | %           | 1.7          | 3.4          | 1.2          | 2.2          | 5.0          |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>    | <b>10.3</b>  | <b>27.6</b>  | <b>22.2</b>  | <b>20.2</b>  | <b>22.5</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>60.3</b>  | <b>65.5</b>  | <b>70.4</b>  | <b>68.5</b>  | <b>66.3</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %           | 31.0         | 24.1         | 22.2         | 22.5         | 21.3         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %           | 8.6          | 10.3         | 7.4          | 9.0          | 12.5         |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>39.7</b>  | <b>34.5</b>  | <b>29.6</b>  | <b>31.5</b>  | <b>33.8</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care was calculated excluding Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown from the denominator.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.148.

Table 15A.99

**Table 15A.99 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of children   |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 35          | 36          | 49          | 57          | 46          |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 154         | 161         | 171         | 186         | 215         |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>189</b>  | <b>197</b>  | <b>220</b>  | <b>243</b>  | <b>261</b>  |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous   | %           | 100.0       | 100.0       | 100.0       | 100.0       | 97.9        |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 98.7        | 98.2        | 96.6        | 97.4        | 100.0       |
| All children   | %           | 99.0        | 98.5        | 97.3        | 98.0        | 99.6        |

(a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.149.

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Table 15A.100

Table 15A.100 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Indigenous children</b>                                     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 405            | 337            | 363            | 454            | 600            |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 317            | 308            | 330            | 287            | 341            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>722</b>     | <b>645</b>     | <b>693</b>     | <b>741</b>     | <b>941</b>     |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | no.         | 38             | 108            | 132            | 181            | 231            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 95             | 272            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>760</b>     | <b>753</b>     | <b>825</b>     | <b>1 017</b>   | <b>1 444</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 851            | 967            |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | —              | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | no.         | 473            | 466            | 929            | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 233</b>   | <b>1 219</b>   | <b>1 754</b>   | <b>1 868</b>   | <b>2 411</b>   |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 32.8           | 27.6           | 20.7           | 24.3           | 24.9           |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 25.7           | 25.3           | 18.8           | 15.4           | 14.1           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>58.6</b>    | <b>52.9</b>    | <b>39.5</b>    | <b>39.7</b>    | <b>39.0</b>    |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | %           | 3.1            | 8.9            | 7.5            | 9.7            | 9.6            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 5.1            | 11.3           |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>61.6</b>    | <b>61.8</b>    | <b>47.0</b>    | <b>54.4</b>    | <b>59.9</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 45.6           | 40.1           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %           | —              | —              | —              | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | %           | 38.4           | 38.2           | 53.0           | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| <b>Non-Indigenous children (i)</b>                             |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 122            | 136            | 117            | 167            | 156            |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 167            | 222            | 201            | 197            | 178            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>289</b>     | <b>358</b>     | <b>318</b>     | <b>364</b>     | <b>334</b>     |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | no.         | 23             | 69             | 52             | 69             | 121            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 58             | 117            |

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Table 15A.100 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2003-04</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>312</b>     | <b>427</b>     | <b>370</b>     | <b>491</b>     | <b>572</b>     |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  |             | ..             | ..             | ..             | 633            | 677            |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | –              | –              | –              | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                            | no.         | 412            | 455            | 739            | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>724</b>     | <b>882</b>     | <b>1 109</b>   | <b>1 124</b>   | <b>1 249</b>   |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 16.9           | 15.4           | 10.6           | 14.9           | 12.5           |
| Carer/family issues  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 23.1           | 25.2           | 18.1           | 17.5           | 14.3           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>39.9</b>    | <b>40.6</b>    | <b>28.7</b>    | <b>32.4</b>    | <b>26.7</b>    |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | %           | 3.2            | 7.8            | 4.7            | 6.1            | 9.7            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 5.2            | 9.4            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>43.1</b>    | <b>48.4</b>    | <b>33.4</b>    | <b>43.7</b>    | <b>45.8</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | 56.3           | 54.2           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | %           | –              | –              | –              | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                            | %           | 56.9           | 51.6           | 66.6           | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 527            | 473            | 480            | 621            | 756            |
| Carer/family issues  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | –              |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 484            | 530            | 531            | 484            | 519            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 011</b>   | <b>1 003</b>   | <b>1 011</b>   | <b>1 105</b>   | <b>1 275</b>   |
| Investigations in process (f)                                  | no.         | 61             | 177            | 184            | 250            | 352            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                 | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 153            | 389            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 072</b>   | <b>1 180</b>   | <b>1 195</b>   | <b>1 508</b>   | <b>2 016</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | 1 484          | 1 644          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                        | no.         | –              | –              | –              | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                          | no.         | 885            | 921            | 1 668          | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 957</b>   | <b>2 101</b>   | <b>2 863</b>   | <b>2 992</b>   | <b>3 660</b>   |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated  | %           | 26.9           | 22.5           | 16.8           | 20.8           | 20.7           |

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Table 15A.100 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|  | Unit     | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Carer/family issues                            | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | –            |
| Not substantiated                              | %        | 24.7         | 25.2         | 18.5         | 16.2         | 14.2         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>                         | <b>%</b> | <b>51.7</b>  | <b>47.7</b>  | <b>35.3</b>  | <b>36.9</b>  | <b>34.8</b>  |
| Investigations in process (f)                  | %        | 3.1          | 8.4          | 6.4          | 8.4          | 9.6          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g) | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | 5.1          | 10.6         |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                    | <b>%</b> | <b>54.8</b>  | <b>56.2</b>  | <b>41.7</b>  | <b>50.4</b>  | <b>55.1</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                  | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | 49.6         | 44.9         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means        | %        | –            | –            | –            | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action          | %        | 45.2         | 43.8         | 58.3         | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                     | <b>%</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

- (a) The NT includes child concern reports in child protection notifications.
- (b) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (c) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (d) The NT cannot reliably count notifications dealt with by other means and such matters are included under 'notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means'.
- (e) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (h) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (i) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.152.



Table 15A.101

Table 15A.101 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (number) (a)**

|                                 | 2003-04    | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07 (b) | 2007-08    |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Indigenous                      |            |            |            |             |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |             |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | na         | 171        | 125        | 147         | 195        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | na         | 70         | 103        | 44          | 40         |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>250</b> | <b>241</b> | <b>228</b> | <b>191</b>  | <b>235</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 169        | 196        | 145        | 172         | 181        |
| Non-Indigenous (c)              |            |            |            |             |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |             |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | na         | 63         | 60         | 76          | 83         |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | na         | 52         | 43         | 37          | 3          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>107</b> | <b>115</b> | <b>103</b> | <b>113</b>  | <b>86</b>  |
| Children discharged from orders | 104        | 105        | 66         | 88          | 98         |
| All children                    |            |            |            |             |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |             |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | na         | 234        | 185        | 223         | 278        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | na         | 122        | 146        | 81          | 43         |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>357</b> | <b>356</b> | <b>331</b> | <b>304</b>  | <b>321</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 234        | 301        | 211        | 260         | 279        |

(a) Includes all children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time since October 1998 (when client information system was commissioned) and excludes those children with a current care and protection order at that time.

(b) Due to a misinterpretation at the NT electronic case management system interface, the figure provided is likely to be an underestimation of the true number of clients admitted to orders in 2006-07, and should be treated with caution.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.153.

Table 15A.102 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Northern Territory (number) (a)**

|   | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                      | 206        | 187        | 276        | 274        | 322        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (b), (c) | na         | na         | na         | na         | na         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders              | –          | 2          | 1          | –          | –          |
| Interim and temporary orders                        | 24         | 92         | 26         | 26         | 17         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)           | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | 24         |
| Other/not stated                                    | –          | –          | –          | –          | ..         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                    | <b>230</b> | <b>281</b> | <b>303</b> | <b>300</b> | <b>363</b> |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (d)     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                      | 110        | 86         | 122        | 134        | 143        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (b), (c) | na         | na         | na         | na         | na         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders              | –          | 3          | –          | –          | 2          |
| Interim and temporary orders                        | 5          | 44         | 12         | 17         | 8          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)           | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | 4          |
| Other/not stated                                    | –          | –          | –          | –          | ..         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>                | <b>115</b> | <b>133</b> | <b>134</b> | <b>151</b> | <b>157</b> |
| Number of all children on orders                    |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                      | 316        | 273        | 398        | 408        | 465        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (b), (c) | na         | na         | na         | na         | na         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders              | –          | 5          | 1          | –          | 2          |
| Interim and temporary orders                        | 29         | 136        | 38         | 43         | 25         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)           | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | 28         |
| Other/not stated                                    | –          | –          | –          | –          | ..         |
| <b>Total all children</b>                           | <b>345</b> | <b>414</b> | <b>437</b> | <b>451</b> | <b>520</b> |

(a) From 2005, Temporary Custody Agreements and Holding Orders are included in the 'Interim and Temporary' category due to the Interim and Temporary nature of the order/agreement. 'Finalised Guardianship or Finalised Custody' orders include finalised arrangements of a more permanent nature.

(b) Third party parental responsibility data is not captured for NT.

(c) This category is included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.154.

Table 15A.103

**Table 15A.103 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c)**

|  | 2003-04      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 1 052        | 1 032        | 1 396        | 1 632        | 1 978        |
| Non-Indigenous   | 618          | 745          | 916          | 948          | 983          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>1 670</b> | <b>1 777</b> | <b>2 312</b> | <b>2 580</b> | <b>2 961</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 45.5         | 44.4         | 59.9         | 69.6         | 84.1         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 18.6         | 22.5         | 27.4         | 27.3         | 28.0         |
| All children   | 29.6         | 31.5         | 40.7         | 44.3         | 50.5         |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 656          | 611          | 653          | 782          | 1 089        |
| Non-Indigenous   | 274          | 341          | 305          | 391          | 404          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>930</b>   | <b>952</b>   | <b>958</b>   | <b>1 173</b> | <b>1 493</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 28.4         | 26.3         | 28.0         | 33.4         | 46.3         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 8.2          | 10.3         | 9.1          | 11.3         | 11.5         |
| All children   | 16.5         | 16.9         | 16.9         | 20.2         | 25.5         |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 375          | 319          | 354          | 395          | 558          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 116          | 128          | 108          | 145          | 142          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>491</b>   | <b>447</b>   | <b>462</b>   | <b>540</b>   | <b>700</b>   |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 16.2         | 13.7         | 15.2         | 16.8         | 23.7         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3.5          | 3.9          | 3.2          | 4.2          | 4.0          |
| All children   | 8.7          | 7.9          | 8.1          | 9.3          | 11.9         |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 230          | 281          | 303          | 300          | 363          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 115          | 133          | 134          | 151          | 157          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>345</b>   | <b>414</b>   | <b>437</b>   | <b>451</b>   | <b>520</b>   |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 9.4          | 11.4         | 12.2         | 12.1         | 14.6         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3.3          | 3.8          | 3.8          | 4.1          | 4.2          |
| All children   | 5.8          | 7.0          | 7.3          | 7.3          | 8.4          |

**Table 15A.103 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c)**

|   | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year. |         |         |         |         |         |
| (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.   |         |         |         |         |         |
| (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.   |         |         |         |         |         |

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.155.

Table 15A.104

**Table 15A.104 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c)**

|   | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Number of children in care  |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 175        | 218        | 247        | 268        | 281        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 83         | 106        | 105        | 129        | 117        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>258</b> | <b>324</b> | <b>352</b> | <b>397</b> | <b>398</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)                            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 7.2        | 8.9        | 10.0       | 10.8       | 11.3       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 2.4        | 3.1        | 3.0        | 3.5        | 3.1        |
| All children  | 4.3        | 5.5        | 5.9        | 6.4        | 6.4        |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |            |            |            |            |            |
| Number of children in care  |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 338        | 346        | 371        | 452        | 464        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 150        | 175        | 170        | 228        | 190        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>488</b> | <b>521</b> | <b>541</b> | <b>680</b> | <b>654</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)                            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 13.9       | 14.1       | 15.1       | 18.2       | 18.7       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 4.3        | 5.0        | 4.8        | 6.2        | 5.1        |
| All children  | 8.2        | 8.8        | 9.1        | 11.1       | 10.6       |

- (a) The data does not include children placed with parents or relatives who were not reimbursed.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (d) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (e) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.159.

Table 15A.105 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                               |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 9          | 17         | 23         | 9          | 4          |
| Family group homes                       | ..         | ..         | ..         | 17         | 14         |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 118        | 152        | 176        | 169        | 180        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 44         | 45         | 44         | 45         | 52         |
| Other home based care                    | –          | –          | 1          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>162</b> | <b>197</b> | <b>221</b> | <b>214</b> | <b>232</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –          | –          | 1          | 1          | 2          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 4          | 4          | 2          | 27         | 29         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>175</b> | <b>218</b> | <b>247</b> | <b>268</b> | <b>281</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                       |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 5          | 8          | 9          | –          | –          |
| Family group homes                       | ..         | ..         | ..         | 4          | –          |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 55         | 78         | 79         | 87         | 67         |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 16         | 12         | 13         | 13         | 20         |
| Other home based care                    | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>71</b>  | <b>90</b>  | <b>92</b>  | <b>100</b> | <b>87</b>  |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –          | 1          | 4          | 3          | 1          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 7          | 7          | –          | 22         | 29         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>83</b>  | <b>106</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>129</b> | <b>117</b> |
| All children                             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 14         | 25         | 32         | 9          | 4          |
| Family group homes                       | ..         | ..         | ..         | 21         | 14         |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 173        | 230        | 255        | 256        | 247        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 60         | 57         | 57         | 58         | 72         |
| Other home based care                    | –          | –          | 1          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>233</b> | <b>287</b> | <b>313</b> | <b>314</b> | <b>319</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –          | 1          | 5          | 4          | 3          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 11         | 11         | 2          | 49         | 58         |
| <b>Total all children</b>                | <b>258</b> | <b>324</b> | <b>352</b> | <b>397</b> | <b>398</b> |

(a) Numbers for 'residential care' and 'family group homes' have been revised for 2003-2004.

(b) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.160.

**Table 15A.106 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Northern Territory (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 175        | 218        | 247        | 268        | 281        |
| Another type of order                | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Not on an order                      | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>175</b> | <b>218</b> | <b>247</b> | <b>268</b> | <b>281</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 83         | 106        | 105        | 129        | 117        |
| Another type of order                | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Not on an order                      | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>83</b>  | <b>106</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>129</b> | <b>117</b> |
| All children                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 258        | 324        | 352        | 397        | 398        |
| Another type of order                | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Not on an order                      | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>258</b> | <b>324</b> | <b>352</b> | <b>397</b> | <b>398</b> |

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.161.

Table 15A.107

Table 15A.107 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | na         | na         | na         | na         | na         |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 6          | 20         | 22         | 89         | 179        |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 28         | 47         | 46         | 30         | 12         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 22         | 45         | 46         | 34         | 12         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 32         | 38         | 53         | 35         | 26         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 55         | 57         | 59         | 55         | 35         |
| 5 years or more                      | 28         | 11         | 21         | 25         | 17         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 4          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 175        | 218        | 247        | 268        | 281        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>175</b> | <b>218</b> | <b>247</b> | <b>268</b> | <b>281</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | na         | na         | na         | na         | na         |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | –          | 16         | 8          | 59         | 83         |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 11         | 38         | 42         | 18         | 4          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 14         | 18         | 16         | 29         | 14         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 18         | 14         | 17         | 10         | 6          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 22         | 14         | 15         | 7          | 4          |
| 5 years or more                      | 16         | 6          | 7          | 6          | 6          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 2          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 83         | 106        | 105        | 129        | 117        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>83</b>  | <b>106</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>129</b> | <b>117</b> |
| All children                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | na         | na         | na         | na         | na         |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 6          | 36         | 30         | 148        | 262        |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 39         | 85         | 88         | 48         | 16         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 36         | 63         | 62         | 63         | 26         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 50         | 52         | 70         | 45         | 32         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 77         | 71         | 74         | 62         | 39         |
| 5 years or more                      | 44         | 17         | 28         | 31         | 23         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 6          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 258        | 324        | 352        | 397        | 398        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>258</b> | <b>324</b> | <b>352</b> | <b>397</b> | <b>398</b> |

(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.



**Table 15A.107 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|--|------|------|------|------|------|

(b) The NT is unable to reliably distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result both types of placement were included if they satisfy the definition of out-of-home care.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.162.

**Table 15A.108 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Northern Territory (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2003-04   | 2004-05   | 2005-06   | 2006-07   | 2007-08   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Indigenous</b>                    |           |           |           |           |           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 36        | 14        | 20        | na        | na        |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 2         | 5         | 12        | na        | na        |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 4         | 9         | 7         | na        | na        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | –         | 4         | 2         | na        | na        |
| 5 years or more                      | 2         | 2         | –         | na        | na        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –         | –         | –         | na        | na        |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>44</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>na</b> |
| <b>Non-Indigenous (b)</b>            |           |           |           |           |           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 8         | 7         | 6         | na        | na        |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 2         | 2         | 8         | na        | na        |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 1         | 6         | 4         | na        | na        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | –         | 5         | 1         | na        | na        |
| 5 years or more                      | 1         | 3         | –         | na        | na        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –         | –         | –         | na        | na        |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>na</b> |
| <b>All children</b>                  |           |           |           |           |           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 44        | 21        | 26        | na        | na        |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 4         | 7         | 20        | na        | na        |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 5         | 15        | 11        | na        | na        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | –         | 9         | 3         | na        | na        |
| 5 years or more                      | 3         | 5         | –         | na        | na        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –         | –         | –         | na        | na        |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>56</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>na</b> |

(a) This indicates the length of time a child had been in out of home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.163.

**Table 15A.109 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 44          | 45          | 44          | 45          | 52          |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 16          | 12          | 13          | 13          | 20          |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>60</b>   | <b>57</b>   | <b>57</b>   | <b>58</b>   | <b>72</b>   |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous  | %           | 25.1        | 20.6        | 17.8        | 16.8        | 18.5        |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 19.3        | 11.3        | 12.4        | 10.1        | 17.1        |
| All children  | %           | 23.3        | 17.6        | 16.2        | 14.6        | 18.1        |

(a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

(c) The scope for out-of-home care has been expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.164.

Table 15A.110

Table 15A.110 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i>  | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 67           | 79           | 90           | 89           | 87           |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>67</b>    | <b>79</b>    | <b>90</b>    | <b>89</b>    | <b>87</b>    |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.         | 53           | 71           | 67           | 61           | 48           |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.         | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>53</b>    | <b>71</b>    | <b>67</b>    | <b>61</b>    | <b>48</b>    |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>120</b>   | <b>150</b>   | <b>157</b>   | <b>150</b>   | <b>135</b>   |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | no.         | 55           | 68           | 87           | 118          | 146          |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.         | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>55</b>    | <b>68</b>    | <b>87</b>    | <b>118</b>   | <b>146</b>   |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.         | –            | –            | 3            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>175</b>   | <b>218</b>   | <b>247</b>   | <b>268</b>   | <b>281</b>   |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 38.3         | 36.2         | 36.9         | 33.2         | 31.0         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>38.3</b>  | <b>36.2</b>  | <b>36.9</b>  | <b>33.2</b>  | <b>31.0</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %           | 30.3         | 32.6         | 27.5         | 22.8         | 17.1         |
| Indigenous residential care  | %           | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>    | <b>30.3</b>  | <b>32.6</b>  | <b>27.5</b>  | <b>22.8</b>  | <b>17.1</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>68.6</b>  | <b>68.8</b>  | <b>64.3</b>  | <b>56.0</b>  | <b>48.0</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %           | 31.4         | 31.2         | 35.7         | 44.0         | 52.0         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %           | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>31.4</b>  | <b>31.2</b>  | <b>35.7</b>  | <b>44.0</b>  | <b>52.0</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

- (a) The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care was calculated excluding Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown from the denominator.
- (b) The definition of 'relative/kin' used in this table is broader than the definition used in other tables because it includes kin relationships based on customary law.
- (c) Data on the relationship of the caregiver to children placed with non-Indigenous carers could not be provided and these children were included in the category 'other non-Indigenous carer'.
- (d) In the NT, children placed with family members have been included in the 'Indigenous relative/kin' category.
- (e) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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**Table 15A.110 Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.165.

Table 15A.111 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of children   |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 131         | 160         | 183         | 178         | 195         |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 44          | 69          | 67          | 79          | 63          |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>175</b>  | <b>229</b>  | <b>250</b>  | <b>257</b>  | <b>258</b>  |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous   | %           | 92.9        | 95.2        | 94.8        | 89.4        | 90.7        |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 89.8        | 93.2        | 97.1        | 84.0        | 80.8        |
| All children   | %           | 92.1        | 94.6        | 95.4        | 87.7        | 88.1        |

(a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2009 Report, table 15A.166.

# Juvenile Justice data

**Table 15A.112 Average rate of detention of people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention, per 100 000 people aged 10–17 years (a), (b), (c)**

|         | <i>NSW (d)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---------|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2002-03 | 30.3           | 12.1       | 22.3       | 47.0      | 40.2      | 45.1       | 45.9       | 94.0      | 28.1        |
| 2003-04 | 28.7           | 11.6       | 20.7       | 53.5      | 30.5      | 47.8       | 49.8       | 53.0      | 26.8        |
| 2004-05 | 29.9           | 9.9        | 19.9       | 48.3      | 35.7      | 59.0       | 41.1       | 85.2      | 26.9        |
| 2005-06 | 33.3           | 9.8        | 27.8       | 50.3      | 24.0      | 48.2       | 36.4       | 67.5      | 28.4        |
| 2006-07 | 37.7           | 8.8        | 29.3       | 56.2      | 25.4      | 35.0       | 40.6       | 98.8      | 30.8        |

- (a) Detention rates are based on average population of juvenile detention centres on the last day of each quarter of the financial year (30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June).
- (b) Indigenous rates were calculated using high series population data provided by the ABS. Any variation in derived rates may be due to the assumptions and limitations of the base population data.
- (c) Jurisdictional comparisons need to be treated with caution, especially for states and territories with low Indigenous populations, where small number effects can introduce statistical variations that do not accurately represent trends over time or consistent differences from other jurisdictions.
- (d) NSW data from 31 March 2005 include Kariong Juvenile Correction Centre detainees, sourced from the NSW Department of Corrective Services. Numbers for NSW in the quarters commencing from 31 March 2005 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services.

*Source:* AIC (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.171.



**Table 15A.113 Daily average population of Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention (number) (a)**

|         | <i>NSW (b)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---------|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2002-03 | 98             | 10         | 54         | 80        | 28        | na         | 4          | 19        | 295         |
| 2003-04 | 98             | 14         | 54         | 92        | 18        | 6          | 4          | 12        | 298         |
| 2004-05 | 111            | 12         | 53         | 87        | 28        | 7          | 6          | 19        | 322         |
| 2005-06 | 127            | 11         | 73         | 82        | 14        | 6          | 5          | 16        | 334         |
| 2006-07 | 147            | 10         | 93         | 97        | 19        | 6          | 5          | 24        | 400         |

(a) Average based on population of juvenile detention centres on the last day of each quarter of the financial year (30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June).

(b) NSW data from 31 March 2005 include Kariiong Juvenile Correction Centre detainees, sourced from the NSW Department of Corrective Services. Numbers for NSW in the quarters commencing from 31 March 2005 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services.

Source: AIC (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.173.

Table 15A.114

**Table 15A.114 Average rates of detention and Indigenous rate ratio, young people aged 10-17 years in juvenile detention, per 100 000 people (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>NSW (d)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (e)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Indigenous                               |                |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2002-03                                  | 353.8          | 173.6      | 212.0      | 604.7     | 538.1     | na         | 458.6          | 182.6     | 326.6       |
| 2003-04                                  | 339.3          | 231.0      | 202.6      | 671.8     | 333.2     | 158.7      | 503.2          | 108.6     | 310.1       |
| 2004-05                                  | 368.5          | 179.4      | 189.0      | 616.3     | 508.3     | 181.9      | 696.8          | 174.9     | 322.8       |
| 2005-06                                  | 405.9          | 168.0      | 246.5      | 570.9     | 256.1     | 148.3      | 594.8          | 146.3     | 324.1       |
| 2006-07                                  | 455.0          | 138.5      | 298.9      | 661.8     | 338.7     | 161.1      | 494.8          | 207.6     | 376.9       |
| Non-Indigenous                           |                |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2002-03                                  | 17.5           | 10.3       | 10.3       | 12.2      | 23.8      | na         | 36.9           | 30.9      | 14.9        |
| 2003-04                                  | 15.9           | 9.1        | 8.9        | 13.8      | 20.3      | 39.6       | 39.4           | 12.2      | 13.9        |
| 2004-05                                  | 15.4           | 7.8        | 8.6        | 10.8      | 19.2      | 49.8       | 25.4           | 17.4      | 13.0        |
| 2005-06                                  | 16.7           | 7.8        | 12.7       | 15.4      | 15.8      | 40.6       | 22.0           | 6.9       | 14.1        |
| 2006-07                                  | 18.5           | 7.1        | 10.3       | 15.7      | 14.1      | 25.4       | 27.8           | 18.1      | 13.7        |
| Indigenous/non-Indigenous rate ratio (f) |                |            |            |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| 2002-03                                  | 20.2           | 16.8       | 20.5       | 49.5      | 22.6      | na         | 12.4           | 5.9       | 22.0        |
| 2003-04                                  | 21.4           | 25.4       | 22.9       | 48.6      | 16.5      | 4.0        | 12.8           | 8.9       | 22.4        |
| 2004-05                                  | 24.0           | 23.0       | 22.0       | 57.2      | 26.5      | 3.7        | 27.4           | 10.1      | 24.9        |
| 2005-06                                  | 24.3           | 21.5       | 19.4       | 37.1      | 16.2      | 3.7        | 27.1           | 21.2      | 23.0        |
| 2006-07                                  | 24.6           | 19.5       | 29.0       | 42.1      | 24.0      | 6.3        | 17.8           | 11.5      | 27.5        |

(a) Detention rates are based on average population of juvenile detention centres on the last day of each quarter of the financial year (30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June).

(b) Indigenous rates were calculated using high series population data provided by the ABS. Any variation in derived rates may be due to the assumptions and limitations of the base population data.

(c) Jurisdictional comparisons need to be treated with caution, especially for those states and territories with low Indigenous populations, where small number effects can introduce statistical variations that do not accurately represent trends over time or consistent differences from other jurisdictions.

(d) NSW data from 31 March 2005 include Kariiong Juvenile Correction Centre detainees, sourced from the NSW Department of Corrective Services. Numbers for NSW in the quarters commencing from 31 March 2005 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services

(e) The rate for Indigenous young people should be treated with caution due to the small Indigenous population in the ACT. The rate ratio should also be taken into account.

(f) The Indigenous rate ratio has been derived by the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision and is calculated by dividing the average Indigenous rate of detention with the average non-Indigenous rate of detention.

na Not available.

Source: AIC (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.174.

# SAAP data

Table 15A.115

Table 15A.115 **Nominal recurrent SAAP program funding by Australian Government, and State and Territory governments (a), (b)**

|                             | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    | <i>Aust</i>  |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2003-04                     |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Funding allocation          |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Australian govt             | \$m         | 55.2         | 36.7         | 28.4         | 16.9         | 16.2         | 7.3          | 5.8          | 4.8          | 171.3        |
| State/Territory govts       | \$m         | 55.7         | 24.1         | 18.7         | 11.5         | 9.9          | 4.9          | 4.7          | 3.1          | 132.6        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>110.9</b> | <b>60.8</b>  | <b>47.1</b>  | <b>28.4</b>  | <b>26.1</b>  | <b>12.2</b>  | <b>10.5</b>  | <b>7.9</b>   | <b>303.8</b> |
| Proportion of total funding |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Australian govt             | %           | 49.8         | 60.3         | 60.3         | 59.5         | 62.2         | 59.6         | 55.3         | 60.9         | 56.4         |
| State/Territory govts       | %           | 50.2         | 39.7         | 39.7         | 40.5         | 37.8         | 40.4         | 44.7         | 39.1         | 43.6         |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| 2004-05                     |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Funding allocation          |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Australian govt             | \$m         | 56.3         | 37.4         | 29.0         | 17.2         | 16.6         | 7.4          | 5.9          | 4.9          | 174.7        |
| State/Territory govts       | \$m         | 56.8         | 24.6         | 19.1         | 11.7         | 10.1         | 5.0          | 4.8          | 3.2          | 135.2        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>113.1</b> | <b>62.0</b>  | <b>48.0</b>  | <b>29.0</b>  | <b>26.6</b>  | <b>12.4</b>  | <b>10.7</b>  | <b>8.1</b>   | <b>309.9</b> |
| Proportion of total funding |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Australian govt             | %           | 49.8         | 60.3         | 60.3         | 59.5         | 62.2         | 59.6         | 55.3         | 60.9         | 56.4         |
| State/Territory govts       | %           | 50.2         | 39.7         | 39.7         | 40.5         | 37.8         | 40.4         | 44.7         | 39.1         | 43.6         |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| 2005-06                     |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Funding allocation          |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Australian govt             | \$m         | 57.5         | 38.2         | 29.6         | 17.6         | 16.9         | 7.6          | 6.0          | 5.0          | 178.5        |
| State/Territory govts       | \$m         | 58.1         | 25.1         | 25.3         | 12.0         | 10.3         | 6.2          | 4.9          | 3.5          | 145.4        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>115.6</b> | <b>63.4</b>  | <b>54.9</b>  | <b>29.6</b>  | <b>27.2</b>  | <b>13.8</b>  | <b>10.9</b>  | <b>8.6</b>   | <b>323.9</b> |
| Proportion of total funding |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Australian govt             | %           | 49.8         | 60.3         | 53.9         | 59.5         | 62.2         | 54.9         | 55.3         | 58.8         | 55.1         |
| State/Territory govts       | %           | 50.2         | 39.7         | 46.1         | 40.5         | 37.8         | 45.1         | 44.7         | 41.2         | 44.9         |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| 2006-07 (c)                 |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Funding allocation          |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Australian govt             | \$m         | 59.4         | 37.7         | 30.4         | 18.2         | 17.3         | 7.8          | 6.0          | 5.2          | 182.0        |
| State/Territory govts       | \$m         | 59.3         | 36.3         | 33.2         | 15.8         | 14.4         | 6.8          | 6.0          | 3.7          | 175.5        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>118.7</b> | <b>74.0</b>  | <b>63.6</b>  | <b>34.0</b>  | <b>31.7</b>  | <b>14.6</b>  | <b>12.0</b>  | <b>8.9</b>   | <b>358.0</b> |
| Proportion of total funding |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Australian govt             | %           | 50.0         | 50.9         | 47.8         | 53.5         | 54.5         | 53.3         | 50.3         | 58.2         | 50.8         |
| State/Territory govts       | %           | 50.0         | 49.1         | 52.2         | 46.5         | 45.5         | 46.7         | 49.7         | 41.8         | 49.0         |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**Table 15A.115 Nominal recurrent SAAP program funding by Australian Government, and State and Territory governments (a), (b)**

|                             | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    | <i>Aust</i>  |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2007-08 (c)                 |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Funding allocation          |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Australian govt (d)         | \$m         | 60.9         | .0           | 30.5         | 18.2         | 17.4         | 7.8          | 6.3          | 5.2          | 185.8        |
| State/Territory govts       | \$m         | 60.6         | 37.1         | 35.1         | 18.6         | 17.1         | 7.3          | 6.2          | 4.8          | 186.7        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$m</b>  | <b>121.5</b> | <b>76.5</b>  | <b>65.6</b>  | <b>36.7</b>  | <b>34.5</b>  | <b>15.1</b>  | <b>12.4</b>  | <b>10.0</b>  | <b>372.9</b> |
| Proportion of total funding |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Australian govt             | %           | 50.1         | 0.1          | 46.5         | 49.5         | 50.5         | 51.6         | 50.4         | 52.0         | 49.8         |
| State/Territory govts       | %           | 49.9         | 48.5         | 53.5         | 50.5         | 49.5         | 48.4         | 49.6         | 48.0         | 50.1         |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) Includes State and Territory allocations for program administration.

(b) Does not include State and Territory only funding to SAAP services to assist with service viability and/or to SAAP like activities over and above the funding provided by the SAAP V agreement.

(c) Includes Innovation and Investment funding under SAAP V agreement.

(d) Australian total includes \$500 000 national priorities funding.

*Source:* Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.178.

**Table 15A.116 Proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Representation among all SAAP clients                                     |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2002-03   | %           | 17.2       | 5.8        | 24.9       | 36.5      | 15.3      | 8.8        | 11.4       | 55.7      | 17.7        |
| 2003-04   | %           | 17.4       | 4.5        | 22.7       | 38.7      | 16.4      | 9.4        | 12.9       | 57.3      | 16.5        |
| 2004-05   | %           | 16.2       | 6.0        | 23.2       | 39.9      | 16.6      | 11.7       | 12.1       | 61.3      | 20.4        |
| Representation among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service     |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2002-03   | %           | 19.5       | 5.7        | 18.0       | 47.7      | 24.8      | 2.5        | 20.2       | 55.9      | 17.7        |
| 2003-04   | %           | 20.8       | 7.0        | 19.2       | 47.6      | 21.9      | 7.4        | 10.5       | 57.1      | 18.7        |
| 2004-05   | %           | 20.2       | 6.8        | 24.7       | 44.0      | 17.5      | 7.7        | 4.8        | 59.1      | 20.1        |
| Representation among accommodated SAAP clients                            |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2005-06   | %           | 17.1       | 7.0        | 23.5       | 42.7      | 18.0      | 10.9       | 9.5        | 64.6      | 21.4        |
| 2006-07 (f)   | %           | 18.5       | 6.8        | 22.3       | 40.9      | 23.3      | 12.2       | 13.8       | 66.4      | 22.1        |
| Representation among people unable to be provided with SAAP accommodation |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2005-06   | %           | 22.1       | 7.9        | 26.8       | 57.7      | 26.8      | 8.0        | 18.8       | 65.2      | 25.6        |
| 2006-07   | %           | 32.2       | 7.6        | 30.2       | 63.9      | 25.9      | 12.5       | 7.7        | 71.4      | 29.7        |

- (a) Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent; figures on number of valid unmet requests have been rounded by 10 and based on valid unmet requests only.
- (b) Unmet requests exclude requests where the person or group refused an offer of accommodation; where the person or group was inappropriate for the agency; and where the request was not met because there was no fee-free accommodation available. People may make more than one request for accommodation in a day. Data are based on the first valid unmet request for accommodation made.
- (c) Caution should be applied when interpreting numbers of people with valid unmet requests, for several reasons. Firstly, person(s) can make requests on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited by estimating the first valid unmet request, this information may not have been available to record. Secondly, a number of people may receive the ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. Thirdly, a number of people have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. Finally, there are also shortfalls in pro-rating from a two-week collection period to the full year. Many factors influence the capacity of individual SAAP agencies to meet day-to-day demand for their services and it is not possible to identify a two-week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.
- (d) Figures for SAAP clients exclude accompanying children, while figures for people with unmet requests include accompanying children. The client collection data is not comparable with the unmet demand data.
- (e) Until 2004-05, this measure compared the proportion of people from these two groups who could not be accommodated with their representation among all SAAP clients (including accommodated and not accommodated). Data from 2005-06 onwards provide a direct comparison focusing on accommodation, and therefore are not comparable with earlier data.

**Table 15A.116 Proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|     | <i>Unit</i>  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (f) | Number of records excluded due to errors and omissions: 2184 from the Client collection, 159.2 (daily average) from the Demand for Accommodation collection. |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |

*Source:* SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished) and *Demand for SAAP accommodation by homeless people 2005-06: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection*. SAAP NDCA report Series 11. Cat. no. HOU 169. Canberra: AIHW. AIHW (2008) *Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2006-07: A report from the SAAP national data collection*. SAAP NDCA report series 12. Cat. No. HOU 186, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 15A.183.

Table 15A.117

Table 15A.117 **Closed support periods, by the existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|                                      | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    | <i>Aust</i>   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2002-03                              |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Support plan                         | %           | 54.7         | 60.9         | 68.8         | 46.8         | 69.2         | 68.4         | 83.1         | 62.9         | 59.3          |
| No support plan                      | %           | 17.2         | 14.4         | 13.1         | 22.5         | 11.8         | 14.8         | 2.3          | 21.1         | 17.0          |
| Support plan not appropriate         | %           | 28.1         | 24.7         | 18.1         | 30.7         | 19.1         | 16.8         | 14.6         | 16.0         | 23.7          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 100</b> | <b>2 100</b> | <b>5 200</b> | <b>5 100</b> | <b>1 500</b> | <b>500</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>2 300</b> | <b>22 000</b> |
| 2003-04 (e)                          |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Support plan                         | %           | 59.4         | 55.4         | 60.9         | 42.4         | 70.3         | 71.5         | 82.4         | 67.7         | 57.7          |
| No support plan                      | %           | 17.4         | 23.6         | 20.8         | 36.1         | 12.8         | 11.8         | 5.3          | 15.0         | 22.2          |
| Support plan not appropriate         | %           | 23.2         | 21.0         | 18.2         | 21.5         | 16.9         | 16.7         | 12.3         | 17.3         | 20.1          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 300</b> | <b>2 200</b> | <b>5 200</b> | <b>5 300</b> | <b>1 500</b> | <b>600</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>2 400</b> | <b>23 000</b> |
| 2004-05 (f)                          |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Support plan                         | %           | 62.7         | 57.0         | 59.5         | 39.5         | 65.7         | 74.7         | 76.2         | 76.8         | 58.6          |
| No support plan                      | %           | 16.3         | 21.5         | 22.6         | 38.4         | 12.2         | 12.0         | 5.1          | 11.7         | 21.8          |
| Support plan not appropriate         | %           | 21.0         | 21.4         | 18.0         | 22.1         | 22.1         | 13.3         | 18.7         | 11.5         | 19.5          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 800</b> | <b>2 500</b> | <b>5 000</b> | <b>5 400</b> | <b>2 400</b> | <b>500</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>2 700</b> | <b>24 500</b> |
| 2005-06 (g)                          |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Support plan                         | %           | 60.7         | 63.2         | 53.5         | 36.6         | 76.1         | 65.3         | 64.2         | 69.1         | 57.2          |
| No support plan                      |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Client did not agree to support plan | %           | 10.3         | 10.3         | 11.2         | 16.1         | 5.1          | 7.9          | 6.3          | 5.0          | 10.5          |
| Support period too short             | %           | 26.9         | 24.6         | 33.7         | 47.1         | 18.2         | 26.0         | 28.1         | 26.0         | 31.2          |
| Other                                | %           | 2.1          | 1.8          | 1.7          | 0.3          | 0.5          | 0.8          | 1.4          | –            | 1.2           |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 200</b> | <b>2 500</b> | <b>4 100</b> | <b>4 700</b> | <b>2 400</b> | <b>500</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>2 400</b> | <b>22 100</b> |
| 2006-07 (h)                          |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Support plan                         | %           | 60.5         | 58.8         | 53.7         | 40.1         | 72.0         | 63.2         | 66.3         | 64.4         | 57.0          |
| No support plan                      |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Client did not agree to support plan | %           | 8.3          | 6.5          | 16.6         | 19.6         | 6.8          | 5.7          | 9.3          | 7.2          | 11.4          |
| Support period too short             | %           | 30.4         | 32.9         | 29.3         | 39.2         | 20.8         | 28.6         | 23.5         | 28.4         | 30.8          |
| Other                                | %           | 0.8          | 1.8          | 0.4          | 1.0          | 0.4          | 2.4          | 1.0          | 0.1          | 0.8           |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>7 300</b> | <b>3 000</b> | <b>4 900</b> | <b>5 000</b> | <b>2 900</b> | <b>600</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>2 700</b> | <b>26 600</b> |



**Table 15A.117 Closed support periods, by the existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients (a), (b), (c), (d)**

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- (a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.
- (b) Data prior to 2004-05 exclude high volume agencies (those accommodating 50 or more clients per night, telephone referral agencies, day centres, and information and referral centres) because these data items were often not collected by these agencies.
- (c) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- (d) Data for 2005-06 and 2006-07 include analysis of closed support periods only. Data for years prior to 2005-06 included all support periods. Therefore data for 2005-06 and 2006-07 are therefore not comparable with earlier data. Some categories have also changed for 2005-06 and subsequent data.
- (e) Data exclude 3 499 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (f) Data exclude 3 129 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (g) Data exclude 2 523 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (h) Data exclude 3 387 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (2008) *Homeless People in SAAP: SAAP National Data Collection annual report 2006-07, Australia*. SAAP NDCA Report series 12; 2009 Report, table 15A.186.

Table 15A.118

Table 15A.118 Support needs of Indigenous clients, met and unmet (a), (b), (c)

|                     | Unit        | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas          | ACT          | NT           | Aust         |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2002-03             |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Provided only       | %           | 83.9         | 73.4         | 82.0         | 91.3         | 82.2         | 87.6         | 78.6         | 88.5         | 83.4         |
| Referred only       | %           | 4.2          | 10.6         | 0.8          | 2.3          | 5.5          | 4.5          | 3.9          | 3.1          | 2.4          |
| Provided & referred | %           | 7.3          | 9.2          | 1.2          | 3.6          | 6.6          | 3.6          | 12.1         | 5.5          | 3.5          |
| Unmet               | %           | 4.7          | 6.8          | 16.0         | 2.8          | 5.6          | 4.3          | 5.5          | 2.9          | 10.7         |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>'000</b> | <b>39.1</b>  | <b>12.5</b>  | <b>138.0</b> | <b>28.8</b>  | <b>11.4</b>  | <b>2.9</b>   | <b>2.8</b>   | <b>17.8</b>  | <b>253.3</b> |
| 2003-04             |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Provided only       | %           | 84.3         | 72.3         | 84.7         | 91.7         | 81.4         | 84.9         | 73.6         | 86.9         | 84.7         |
| Referred only       | %           | 4.9          | 10.2         | 4.4          | 2.1          | 6.0          | 6.2          | 5.4          | 3.2          | 4.6          |
| Provided & referred | %           | 7.9          | 12.6         | 4.8          | 3.4          | 7.3          | 4.2          | 11.5         | 8.1          | 6.8          |
| Unmet               | %           | 2.9          | 4.9          | 6.1          | 2.7          | 5.3          | 4.7          | 9.5          | 1.8          | 4.0          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>'000</b> | <b>45.8</b>  | <b>12.7</b>  | <b>38.4</b>  | <b>28.9</b>  | <b>12.5</b>  | <b>2.8</b>   | <b>3.5</b>   | <b>23.9</b>  | <b>168.5</b> |
| 2004-05             |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Provided only       | %           | 82.2         | 73.4         | 86.6         | 88.5         | 82.4         | 85.1         | 70.4         | 81.1         | 83.3         |
| Referred only       | %           | 5.5          | 8.1          | 3.8          | 2.3          | 7.2          | 5.3          | 6.1          | 6.9          | 5.1          |
| Provided & referred | %           | 9.0          | 13.6         | 5.3          | 5.3          | 7.6          | 7.6          | 19.0         | 11.3         | 8.3          |
| Unmet               | %           | 3.3          | 4.9          | 4.3          | 3.9          | 2.9          | 1.9          | 4.4          | 0.8          | 3.3          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>'000</b> | <b>40.1</b>  | <b>13.3</b>  | <b>31.4</b>  | <b>30.9</b>  | <b>14.1</b>  | <b>2.8</b>   | <b>2.3</b>   | <b>24.1</b>  | <b>158.9</b> |
| 2005-06             |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Provided only       | %           | 81.8         | 72.0         | 86.5         | 90.2         | 75.6         | 82.8         | 72.8         | 77.8         | 82.1         |
| Referred only       | %           | 6.5          | 9.5          | 3.8          | 3.1          | 8.5          | 6.2          | 10.3         | 8.6          | 6.2          |
| Provided & referred | %           | 7.2          | 11.3         | 5.9          | 2.9          | 9.6          | 7.5          | 12.5         | 11.8         | 7.5          |
| Unmet               | %           | 4.4          | 7.2          | 3.8          | 3.7          | 6.3          | 3.5          | 4.3          | 1.8          | 4.3          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>'000</b> | <b>39.4</b>  | <b>16.7</b>  | <b>28.4</b>  | <b>29.4</b>  | <b>14.0</b>  | <b>2.8</b>   | <b>1.8</b>   | <b>19.9</b>  | <b>152.6</b> |
| 2006-07             |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Provided only       | %           | 77.6         | 75.0         | 85.3         | 91.1         | 82.6         | 82.0         | 76.0         | 79.1         | 81.8         |
| Referred only       | %           | 6.7          | 9.9          | 4.4          | 2.4          | 5.1          | 4.8          | 5.4          | 3.2          | 5.2          |
| Provided & referred | %           | 10.6         | 8.2          | 6.4          | 4.4          | 8.8          | 8.1          | 13.9         | 16.2         | 9.0          |
| Unmet               | %           | 5.1          | 7.0          | 3.9          | 2.0          | 3.5          | 5.1          | 4.7          | 1.4          | 3.9          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>'000</b> | <b>50.6</b>  | <b>18.6</b>  | <b>30.6</b>  | <b>31.3</b>  | <b>17.1</b>  | <b>3.4</b>   | <b>2.1</b>   | <b>22.1</b>  | <b>175.9</b> |

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.

(b) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

(c) Proportions are of distinct services needed.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client collection (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.188.

Table 15A.119

**Table 15A.119 Closed support periods in which Indigenous clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    | <i>Aust</i>  |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2005-06   |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Type of tenure immediately before support period (d), (e) |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Independent housing                                       |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Purchasing/purchased own home                             | %           | 0.4          | 1.2          | 0.3          | 1.5          | 1.1          | 0.7          | –            | 1.0          | 0.8          |
| Private rental  | %           | 21.0         | 21.2         | 23.2         | 13.9         | 10.3         | 16.9         | 8.5          | 7.0          | 17.3         |
| Public housing rental                                     | %           | 11.1         | 17.9         | 8.3          | 28.3         | 20.1         | 9.1          | 13.2         | 14.0         | 14.9         |
| Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)         | %           | 1.8          | 1.3          | 2.7          | 4.2          | 2.2          | 2.1          | 1.1          | 17.2         | 4.0          |
| Rent free accommodation                                   | %           | 8.5          | 5.9          | 12.8         | 7.3          | 8.4          | 9.2          | 16.0         | 26.4         | 11.0         |
| Boarding  | %           | 30.6         | 21.4         | 24.3         | 32.4         | 27.8         | 24.7         | 13.9         | 13.5         | 25.4         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>73.4</b>  | <b>68.9</b>  | <b>71.6</b>  | <b>87.6</b>  | <b>69.9</b>  | <b>62.7</b>  | <b>52.7</b>  | <b>79.1</b>  | <b>73.4</b>  |
| Non-independent housing                                   |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| SAAP/CAP crisis   | %           | 10.0         | 10.8         | 11.3         | 4.7          | 3.5          | 14.5         | 10.9         | 3.8          | 8.4          |
| SAAP/CAP medium/long term                                 | %           | 1.4          | 4.8          | 2.4          | 1.8          | 2.1          | 2.1          | 7.0          | 1.7          | 2.4          |
| Other SAAP/CAP  | %           | 1.5          | 2.4          | 0.7          | 1.6          | 3.4          | 0.7          | 3.6          | 0.7          | 1.7          |
| Institutional setting                                     | %           | 3.3          | 2.4          | 1.9          | 1.8          | 6.5          | 2.2          | 12.1         | 3.4          | 3.3          |
| Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough                        | %           | 6.5          | 7.8          | 9.5          | 1.8          | 11.5         | 12.4         | 7.2          | 11.2         | 8.0          |
| Other (no tenure)   | %           | 4.0          | 3.0          | 2.6          | 0.7          | 3.0          | 5.4          | 6.5          | –            | 2.8          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>26.7</b>  | <b>31.2</b>  | <b>28.4</b>  | <b>12.4</b>  | <b>30.0</b>  | <b>37.3</b>  | <b>47.3</b>  | <b>20.8</b>  | <b>26.6</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 500</b> | <b>800</b>   | <b>700</b>   | <b>500</b>   | <b>500</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>600</b>   | <b>5 000</b> |
| Type of tenure immediately after support period (f) (g)   |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Independent housing                                       |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Purchasing/purchased own home                             | %           | 0.3          | 1.2          | 0.2          | 0.7          | 0.7          | –            | –            | –            | 0.5          |
| Private rental  | %           | 34.9         | 20.3         | 31.4         | 17.6         | 15.7         | 33.8         | 12.9         | 10.9         | 24.6         |
| Public housing rental                                     | %           | 19.0         | 30.9         | 13.1         | 35.8         | 32.3         | 29.6         | 29.0         | 26.9         | 25.0         |
| Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)         | %           | 6.1          | 3.4          | 10.9         | 3.9          | 3.6          | 1.2          | 1.3          | 11.9         | 6.1          |
| Rent free accommodation                                   | %           | 4.5          | 5.2          | 9.8          | 3.4          | 3.4          | 5.6          | 10.6         | 24.2         | 7.5          |
| Boarding  | %           | 21.0         | 14.8         | 18.6         | 25.7         | 19.0         | 13.5         | 7.5          | 12.0         | 18.3         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>85.8</b>  | <b>75.8</b>  | <b>84.0</b>  | <b>87.1</b>  | <b>74.7</b>  | <b>83.7</b>  | <b>61.3</b>  | <b>85.9</b>  | <b>82.0</b>  |
| Non-Independent housing                                   |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |

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Table 15A.119 **Closed support periods in which Indigenous clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure (a), (b), (c)**

|                                    | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    | <i>Aust</i>  |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| SAAP/CAP crisis                    | %           | 4.4          | 7.9          | 5.8          | 3.8          | 3.9          | 5.7          | 7.5          | 2.5          | 5.1          |
| SAAP/CAP medium/long term          | %           | 2.4          | 8.1          | 4.7          | 5.1          | 13.9         | 5.3          | 21.5         | 1.9          | 5.7          |
| Other SAAP/CAP                     | %           | 1.7          | 4.5          | 1.5          | 2.6          | 1.0          | 2.1          | –            | 1.2          | 2.2          |
| Institutional setting              | %           | 1.5          | 1.3          | 0.2          | 0.9          | 3.2          | 1.0          | 2.7          | 3.4          | 1.6          |
| Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough | %           | 1.7          | 2.3          | 2.1          | –            | 2.4          | 1.1          | 3.5          | 5.2          | 2.2          |
| Other (no tenure)                  | %           | 2.6          | 0.2          | 1.6          | 0.6          | 0.8          | 1.1          | 3.5          | –            | 1.3          |
| <b>Total</b>                       | %           | <b>14.3</b>  | <b>24.3</b>  | <b>15.9</b>  | <b>13.0</b>  | <b>25.2</b>  | <b>16.3</b>  | <b>38.7</b>  | <b>14.2</b>  | <b>18.1</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                       | %           | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 100</b> | <b>700</b>   | <b>500</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>3 700</b> |

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Type of tenure immediately before support period (h), (i)

Independent housing

|   |   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|---|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Purchasing/purchased own home                     | % | 1.0         | 0.3         | 1.1         | 1.5         | 1.0         | 2.2         | –           | 0.3         | 0.9         |
| Private rental                                    | % | 27.5        | 18.6        | 29.6        | 14.6        | 13.5        | 22.4        | 9.4         | 10.2        | 22.2        |
| Public housing rental                             | % | 13.0        | 18.5        | 10.0        | 29.9        | 22.0        | 10.1        | 16.2        | 21.3        | 16.4        |
| Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional) | % | 2.7         | 2.6         | 4.1         | 4.1         | 1.6         | 1.6         | 1.1         | 24.9        | 4.6         |
| Rent free accommodation                           | % | 6.1         | 10.6        | 8.9         | 5.3         | 5.5         | 6.7         | 14.3        | 16.5        | 8.2         |
| Boarding  | % | 25.3        | 22.7        | 17.9        | 28.1        | 25.0        | 16.4        | 10.0        | 14.6        | 22.6        |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | % | <b>75.6</b> | <b>73.3</b> | <b>71.6</b> | <b>83.5</b> | <b>68.6</b> | <b>59.4</b> | <b>51.0</b> | <b>87.8</b> | <b>74.9</b> |

Non-independent housing

|                                    |   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| SAAP/CAP crisis                    | % | 8.3         | 9.9         | 7.9         | 4.6         | 4.8         | 16.2        | 24.7        | 3.2         | 8.1         |
| SAAP/CAP medium/long term          | % | 1.3         | 3.9         | 2.5         | 1.2         | 1.0         | 1.8         | 3.8         | 1.8         | 2.0         |
| Other SAAP/CAP                     | % | 2.0         | 2.6         | 1.3         | 1.4         | 3.0         | 1.9         | 4.5         | 0.9         | 2.0         |
| Institutional setting              | % | 3.4         | 2.9         | 1.4         | 2.9         | 8.1         | 1.2         | 6.3         | 2.0         | 3.1         |
| Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough | % | 6.0         | 5.0         | 12.6        | 5.3         | 11.2        | 14.4        | 8.7         | 4.1         | 7.4         |
| Other (no tenure)                  | % | 3.4         | 2.4         | 2.9         | 1.2         | 3.3         | 5.1         | 1.1         | 0.3         | 2.7         |
| <b>Total</b>                       | % | <b>24.4</b> | <b>26.7</b> | <b>28.6</b> | <b>16.6</b> | <b>31.4</b> | <b>40.6</b> | <b>49.1</b> | <b>12.3</b> | <b>25.3</b> |

**Total** % **100.0** **100.0** **100.0** **100.0** **100.0** **100.0** **100.0** **100.0** **100.0** **100.0****Total** **no.** **2 100** **900** **900** **600** **400** **200** **100** **400** **5 600**

Type of tenure immediately after support period (j), (k)

Independent housing

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**Table 15A.119 Closed support periods in which Indigenous clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    | <i>Aust</i>  |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Purchasing/purchased own home                     | %           | 0.4          | 0.7          | 0.4          | 1.1          | 0.9          | 2.9          | –            | 0.4          | 0.6          |
| Private rental                                    | %           | 39.5         | 20.3         | 40.4         | 14.7         | 15.1         | 32.0         | 9.2          | 11.5         | 29.4         |
| Public housing rental                             | %           | 18.0         | 34.3         | 17.4         | 36.4         | 39.3         | 27.2         | 33.8         | 30.7         | 25.5         |
| Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional) | %           | 5.9          | 3.2          | 10.5         | 4.2          | 5.9          | 0.8          | 4.7          | 24.4         | 7.1          |
| Rent free accommodation                           | %           | 3.6          | 5.3          | 2.6          | 3.2          | 1.8          | 2.7          | 12.9         | 13.2         | 4.4          |
| Boarding  | %           | 17.6         | 17.1         | 13.4         | 29.4         | 13.8         | 13.9         | 6.8          | 10.5         | 16.9         |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>85.0</b>  | <b>80.9</b>  | <b>84.7</b>  | <b>89.0</b>  | <b>76.8</b>  | <b>79.5</b>  | <b>67.4</b>  | <b>90.7</b>  | <b>83.9</b>  |
| Non-Independent housing                           |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| SAAP/CAP crisis                                   | %           | 4.6          | 9.0          | 4.3          | 3.6          | 7.3          | 4.7          | 17.3         | 1.2          | 5.4          |
| SAAP/CAP medium/long term                         | %           | 3.3          | 5.1          | 4.2          | 2.0          | 7.8          | 4.5          | 9.6          | 3.4          | 4.1          |
| Other SAAP/CAP                                    | %           | 1.7          | 1.5          | 1.9          | 1.4          | 0.9          | 0.8          | 1.7          | 1.1          | 1.6          |
| Institutional setting                             | %           | 2.3          | 1.2          | 0.6          | 1.7          | 3.3          | 1.7          | 2.7          | 1.1          | 1.7          |
| Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough                | %           | 1.0          | 1.9          | 2.5          | 1.2          | 1.4          | 5.8          | 1.3          | 2.2          | 1.7          |
| Other (no tenure)                                 | %           | 2.2          | 0.5          | 1.7          | 1.1          | 2.4          | 3.1          | –            | 0.4          | 1.6          |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>15.1</b>  | <b>19.2</b>  | <b>15.2</b>  | <b>11.0</b>  | <b>23.1</b>  | <b>20.6</b>  | <b>32.6</b>  | <b>9.4</b>   | <b>16.1</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 700</b> | <b>800</b>   | <b>700</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>4 400</b> |

- (a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.
- (b) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- (c) From 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.
- (d) Data exclude 82 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (e) Data exclude 309 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.
- (f) Data exclude 142 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (g) Data exclude 1525 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.
- (h) Data exclude 71 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (i) Data exclude 456 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.
- (j) Data exclude 94 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (k) Data exclude 1570 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.196.

**Table 15A.120 Closed support periods: Labour force status of Indigenous clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and after SAAP support (a), (b)**

|                              | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    | <i>Aust</i>  |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2005-06                      |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Before SAAP Support (c), (d) |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Employed full time           | %           | 2.5          | –            | 2.9          | 8.5          | 2.6          | –            | –            | –            | 2.6          |
| Employed part time           | %           | 2.7          | 2.8          | 6.5          | 11.7         | 1.3          | –            | 22.9         | 6.9          | 4.9          |
| Unemployed                   | %           | 41.7         | 31.6         | 42.2         | 27.9         | 45.3         | 31.3         | 38.1         | 42.0         | 38.5         |
| Not in labour force          | %           | 53.2         | 65.6         | 48.4         | 51.9         | 50.9         | 68.7         | 39.1         | 51.2         | 54.0         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>no.</b>  | <b>400</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>–</b>     | <b>–</b>     | <b>100</b>   | <b>1 100</b> |
| After SAAP Support (e), (f)  |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Employed full time           | %           | 5.1          | –            | 5.6          | 13.4         | 1.6          | –            | 11.5         | 6.8          | 5.3          |
| Employed part time           | %           | 11.6         | 9.2          | 8.0          | 17.0         | 7.5          | 6.0          | 14.0         | 11.2         | 10.7         |
| Unemployed                   | %           | 39.2         | 33.0         | 37.0         | 14.2         | 47.3         | 34.4         | 20.2         | 25.2         | 34.3         |
| Not in labour force          | %           | 44.2         | 57.9         | 49.3         | 55.4         | 43.6         | 59.6         | 54.2         | 56.8         | 49.7         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>no.</b>  | <b>400</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>–</b>     | <b>–</b>     | <b>100</b>   | <b>1 000</b> |
| 2006-07                      |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Before SAAP Support (g), (h) |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Employed full time           | %           | 2.3          | 2.0          | 2.1          | 8.0          | 1.4          | –            | 5.9          | –            | 2.7          |
| Employed part time           | %           | 3.4          | 2.1          | 5.2          | 8.8          | 4.8          | –            | 8.2          | 6.5          | 4.3          |
| Unemployed                   | %           | 29.0         | 38.5         | 43.9         | 28.8         | 41.5         | 44.5         | 25.6         | 36.7         | 34.1         |
| Not in labour force          | %           | 65.3         | 57.4         | 48.8         | 54.4         | 52.3         | 55.5         | 60.3         | 56.9         | 59.0         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>no.</b>  | <b>600</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>–</b>     | <b>–</b>     | <b>100</b>   | <b>1 400</b> |
| After SAAP Support (i), (j)  |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Employed full time           | %           | 5.0          | 5.1          | 9.9          | 10.8         | 5.5          | 16.0         | 20.3         | –            | 6.7          |
| Employed part time           | %           | 9.1          | 6.0          | 9.9          | 14.4         | 3.8          | 6.7          | 9.3          | 13.2         | 9.0          |
| Unemployed                   | %           | 28.0         | 37.0         | 38.5         | 25.4         | 35.9         | 30.7         | 18.1         | 30.6         | 31.0         |
| Not in labour force          | %           | 58.0         | 51.9         | 41.6         | 49.4         | 54.7         | 46.6         | 52.3         | 56.2         | 53.3         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>no.</b>  | <b>600</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>–</b>     | <b>–</b>     | <b>–</b>     | <b>1 200</b> |

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.

(b) From 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.

(c) Data exclude 21 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(d) Data exclude 16 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' response.

(e) Data exclude 41 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(f) Data exclude 154 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.

(g) Data exclude 13 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

**Table 15A.120 Closed support periods: Labour force status of Indigenous clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and after SAAP support (a), (b)**

|     | <i>Unit</i>  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (h) | Data exclude 56 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' response.  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (i) | Data exclude 17 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (j) | Data exclude 217 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response. |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
|     | – Nil or rounded to zero.  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.198.

Table 15A.121

Table 15A.121 **Indigenous SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year (a), (b)**

|                                 | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    | <i>Aust</i>   |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2002-03                         |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Total number of support periods |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| 1                               | %           | 77.2         | 79.8         | 73.5         | 68.8         | 72.4         | 71.7         | 80.0         | 73.4         | 71.5          |
| 2                               | %           | 13.2         | 12.7         | 11.9         | 15.9         | 14.1         | 16.7         | 10.6         | 15.6         | 14.3          |
| 3                               | %           | 3.9          | 4.5          | 4.0          | 7.1          | 6.2          | 6.1          | 5.8          | 6.2          | 5.8           |
| 4                               | %           | 2.1          | 1.1          | 2.3          | 3.1          | 3.7          | 1.9          | 1.8          | 2.2          | 2.7           |
| 5                               | %           | 1.0          | 0.7          | 0.9          | 1.9          | 1.6          | 1.3          | na           | 1.1          | 1.4           |
| 6+                              | %           | 2.7          | 1.2          | 7.4          | 3.2          | 2.0          | 2.2          | 1.8          | 1.5          | 4.3           |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>4 200</b> | <b>1 700</b> | <b>4 500</b> | <b>3 300</b> | <b>1 400</b> | <b>400</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>1 700</b> | <b>16 500</b> |
| 2003-04                         |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Total number of support periods |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| 1                               | %           | 76.6         | 74.1         | 76.3         | 68.0         | 68.1         | 73.2         | 72.8         | 74.0         | 71.4          |
| 2                               | %           | 12.8         | 13.8         | 14.0         | 15.5         | 17.7         | 14.3         | 9.3          | 14.5         | 14.7          |
| 3                               | %           | 4.2          | 4.4          | 5.0          | 8.5          | 7.2          | 7.2          | 11.2         | 5.4          | 6.1           |
| 4                               | %           | 2.1          | 2.7          | 1.8          | 3.0          | 3.4          | 3.1          | 5.0          | 3.1          | 2.9           |
| 5                               | %           | 1.2          | 2.0          | 0.9          | 1.7          | 2.2          | 1.1          | 1.1          | 1.3          | 1.6           |
| 6+                              | %           | 3.1          | 3.0          | 2.0          | 3.4          | 1.4          | 1.1          | 0.5          | 1.8          | 3.2           |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>4 200</b> | <b>1 500</b> | <b>3 900</b> | <b>3 200</b> | <b>1 500</b> | <b>400</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>1 800</b> | <b>15 900</b> |
| 2004-05                         |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Total number of support periods |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| 1                               | %           | 74.1         | 75.7         | 78.5         | 67.8         | 67.6         | 73.8         | 81.5         | 73.7         | 70.8          |
| 2                               | %           | 14.4         | 13.9         | 13.3         | 16.5         | 17.9         | 16.9         | 10.2         | 15.7         | 15.6          |
| 3                               | %           | 4.7          | 4.7          | 3.7          | 7.7          | 6.3          | 5.8          | 5.3          | 5.4          | 6.2           |
| 4                               | %           | 2.0          | 2.7          | 1.7          | 3.0          | 3.6          | 1.4          | 1.8          | 2.4          | 2.8           |
| 5                               | %           | 1.7          | 1.1          | 1.0          | 1.9          | 1.9          | 1.1          | 1.2          | 1.1          | 1.7           |
| 6+                              | %           | 3.0          | 2.0          | 1.7          | 3.1          | 2.7          | 1.1          | –            | 1.6          | 2.9           |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>4 000</b> | <b>1 600</b> | <b>3 700</b> | <b>3 300</b> | <b>1 600</b> | <b>400</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>1 800</b> | <b>15 900</b> |
| 2005-06                         |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Total number of support periods |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| 1                               | %           | 79.8         | 75.0         | 80.2         | 70.2         | 70.1         | 70.1         | 82.5         | 77.3         | 75.4          |
| 2                               | %           | 11.5         | 13.3         | 12.0         | 16.2         | 16.4         | 17.2         | 7.1          | 14.9         | 13.7          |
| 3                               | %           | 4.8          | 4.1          | 4.2          | 7.3          | 6.5          | 7.9          | 5.2          | 4.3          | 5.5           |
| 4                               | %           | 1.4          | 2.8          | 1.7          | 2.6          | 3.6          | 2.6          | 2.6          | 2.6          | 2.3           |
| 5                               | %           | 1.0          | 1.2          | 0.8          | 1.5          | 1.6          | 0.6          | 0.6          | 0.6          | 1.2           |
| 6+                              | %           | 1.6          | 3.6          | 1.0          | 2.1          | 1.8          | 1.7          | 1.9          | 0.4          | 2.0           |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>4 300</b> | <b>1 900</b> | <b>3 700</b> | <b>3 200</b> | <b>1 900</b> | <b>400</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>1 900</b> | <b>17 100</b> |



Table 15A.121

**Table 15A.121 Indigenous SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year (a), (b)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    | <i>Aust</i>   |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2006-07   |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Total number of support periods   |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| 1   | %           | 75.6         | 70.8         | 76.4         | 69.8         | 64.8         | 76.0         | 81.9         | 73.2         | 72.1          |
| 2   | %           | 13.7         | 14.5         | 15.4         | 17.0         | 15.7         | 13.5         | 11.7         | 15.1         | 15.1          |
| 3   | %           | 4.9          | 6.3          | 4.3          | 6.4          | 7.0          | 5.2          | 4.3          | 6.4          | 5.9           |
| 4   | %           | 2.2          | 2.5          | 1.6          | 3.3          | 3.8          | 2.6          | 1.0          | 2.2          | 2.5           |
| 5   | %           | 1.1          | 1.6          | 1.1          | 1.3          | 2.9          | 0.8          | 1.0          | 1.6          | 1.5           |
| 6+  | %           | 2.5          | 4.3          | 1.1          | 2.1          | 5.7          | 2.0          | –            | 1.5          | 2.8           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 600</b> | <b>2 100</b> | <b>4 200</b> | <b>3 600</b> | <b>2 300</b> | <b>500</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>2 100</b> | <b>20 100</b> |
| Proportion of SAAP clients who return to SAAP within 12 months that is, clients having two or more support periods in 12 months |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| 2002-03   | %           | 22.9         | 20.2         | 26.5         | 31.2         | 27.6         | 28.2         | 20.0         | 26.6         | 28.5          |
| 2003-04   | %           | 23.4         | 25.9         | 23.7         | 32.1         | 31.9         | 26.8         | 27.1         | 26.1         | 28.5          |
| 2004-05   | %           | 25.8         | 24.4         | 21.4         | 32.2         | 32.4         | 26.3         | 18.5         | 26.2         | 29.2          |
| 2005-06   | %           | 20.3         | 25.0         | 19.7         | 29.7         | 29.9         | 30.0         | 17.4         | 22.8         | 24.7          |
| 2006-07   | %           | 24.4         | 29.2         | 23.5         | 30.1         | 35.1         | 24.1         | 18.0         | 26.8         | 27.8          |

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding. A client may have support periods in more than one state or territory. Therefore state and territory figures may not sum to the national figure.

(b) Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.200.

Table 15A.122

Table 15A.122 **Source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit (a), (b)**

|                                      | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    | <i>Aust</i>  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Source of income before SAAP support |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 2005-06 (c), (d)                     |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| No income                            | %           | 22.9         | 19.8         | 16.2         | 6.9          | 13.6         | 28.4         | 3.6          | 10.4         | 16.3         |
| Awaiting benefit                     | %           | 4.1          | 4.9          | 1.4          | 0.4          | 0.5          | 5.4          | 3.9          | 3.3          | 2.6          |
| Government pension/allowance         | %           | 69.4         | 74.4         | 76.6         | 89.3         | 84.2         | 63.9         | 88.7         | 83.2         | 77.6         |
| Other                                | %           | 3.7          | 0.9          | 5.8          | 3.5          | 1.6          | 2.3          | 3.9          | 3.1          | 3.5          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>600</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>500</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>     | <b>200</b>   | <b>2 300</b> |
| Source of income after SAAP support  |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 2005-06 (e), (f)                     |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| No income                            | %           | 6.4          | 2.1          | 9.0          | 4.5          | 1.2          | 15.2         | 11.8         | 2.3          | 5.4          |
| Awaiting benefit                     | %           | 4.7          | 11.3         | 3.4          | -            | 0.9          | -            | -            | 4.0          | 4.0          |
| Government pension/allowance         | %           | 84.6         | 85.1         | 84.3         | 92.4         | 97.4         | 82.3         | 84.1         | 88.9         | 87.4         |
| Other                                | %           | 4.3          | 1.4          | 3.2          | 3.1          | 0.6          | 2.5          | 4.0          | 4.8          | 3.2          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>600</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>     | <b>200</b>   | <b>2 100</b> |
| Source of income before SAAP support |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 2006-07 (g), (h)                     |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| No income                            | %           | 21.7         | 15.1         | 14.0         | 10.6         | 14.6         | 10.0         | 34.4         | 12.1         | 16.2         |
| No income, awaiting benefit          | %           | 2.5          | 0.9          | 1.6          | 1.6          | 1.2          | 8.3          | 14.3         | 3.6          | 2.3          |
| Government pension/benefit           | %           | 73.0         | 81.5         | 78.3         | 83.2         | 81.2         | 74.6         | 48.5         | 83.0         | 78.0         |
| Other                                | %           | 2.8          | 2.4          | 6.1          | 4.6          | 3.1          | 7.0          | 2.9          | 1.2          | 3.5          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>900</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>     | <b>300</b>   | <b>2 600</b> |
| Source of income after SAAP support  |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 2006-07 (i), (j)                     |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| No income                            | %           | 5.7          | 2.5          | 5.9          | 4.0          | 7.0          | -            | 19.5         | 4.0          | 5.1          |
| No income, awaiting benefit          | %           | 3.9          | 1.4          | 2.6          | 1.6          | 0.7          | 12.6         | 12.5         | 4.0          | 3.0          |
| Government pension/benefit           | %           | 86.7         | 93.6         | 87.7         | 91.8         | 90.9         | 84.1         | 60.5         | 90.6         | 88.8         |
| Other                                | %           | 3.8          | 2.5          | 3.8          | 2.6          | 1.4          | 3.2          | 7.6          | 1.3          | 3.1          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>800</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>     | <b>300</b>   | <b>2 400</b> |

**Table 15A.122 Source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit (a), (b)**

|     | <i>Unit</i>  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (a) | Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (b) | From 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports. |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (c) | 28 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (d) | 21 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (e) | 108 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (f) | 156 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.                     |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (g) | 32 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (h) | 30 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (i) | 51 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (j) | 242 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.                     |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
|     | – Nil or rounded to zero.  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 15A.203.

## 16A Housing — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 16.6 of the chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2009* (2009 Report). Data in this Report are examined by the Housing Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat. Unsourced information was obtained from Australian, State and Territory governments.

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Data reported in the attachment tables are the most accurate available at the time of data collection. Historical data may have been updated since the last report.

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### Community housing

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### Indigenous community housing

**Table 16A.14** Descriptive data - Indigenous community housing

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### Descriptive Information

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# Public housing

Table 16A.1

**Public housing****Table 16A.1 Descriptive data - public housing (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | Unit | NSW (e), (f), (g) | Vic (h), (i), (j) | Q/d (k), (l) | WA (m) | SA (n), (o), (p) | Tas   | ACT (q) | NT    | Aust    |
|--|------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------|------------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| Total households paying less than market rent, at 30 June                                  |      |                   |                   |              |        |                  |       |         |       |         |
| 2004   | no.  | 110 835           | 54 873            | 40 742       | 27 022 | 37 601           | 9 427 | 9 204   | 4 740 | 294 444 |
| 2005   | no.  | 108 341           | 55 325            | 41 159       | 25 906 | 37 894           | 8 916 | 9 154   | 4 595 | 291 290 |
| 2006   | no.  | 109 630           | 54 923            | 43 065       | 25 779 | 37 207           | 9 691 | 9 124   | 4 394 | 293 813 |
| 2007   | no.  | 107 959           | 52 997            | 44 196       | 24 972 | 36 242           | 9 113 | 8 824   | 4 383 | 288 686 |
| 2008   | no.  | 106 732           | 53 029            | 46 281       | 26 513 | 36 026           | 9 148 | 9 157   | 4 251 | 291 137 |
| Total new households assisted, for year ending 30 June                                     |      |                   |                   |              |        |                  |       |         |       |         |
| 2003-04  | no.  | 9 943             | 5 939             | 4 590        | 4 103  | 3 634            | 1 170 | 790     | 793   | 30 962  |
| 2004-05  | no.  | 8 829             | 5 691             | 4 090        | 3 472  | 3 175            | 1 103 | 637     | 779   | 27 776  |
| 2005-06  | no.  | 8 733             | 5 465             | 4 623        | 3 148  | 2 933            | 1 073 | 840     | 729   | 27 544  |
| 2006-07  | no.  | 8 631             | 5 168             | 4 452        | 3 127  | 2 948            | 1 159 | 695     | 644   | 26 824  |
| 2007-08  | no.  | 7 801             | 4 337             | 4 258        | 4 106  | 2 199            | 1 028 | 718     | 519   | 24 966  |
| Total new Indigenous households assisted, for year ending 30 June                          |      |                   |                   |              |        |                  |       |         |       |         |
| 2003-04  | no.  | 877               | 225               | 657          | 1 045  | 306              | 96    | 38      | 397   | 3 641   |
| 2004-05  | no.  | 934               | 263               | 582          | 888    | 295              | 132   | 25      | 381   | 3 500   |
| 2005-06  | no.  | 1 027             | 267               | 713          | 854    | 264              | 136   | 28      | 372   | 3 661   |
| 2006-07  | no.  | 1 091             | 298               | 751          | 716    | 321              | 142   | 24      | 363   | 3 706   |
| 2007-08  | no.  | 1 075             | 219               | 719          | 1 168  | 266              | 137   | 44      | 281   | 3 909   |
| Households relocating from one public housing dwelling to another, for year ending 30 June |      |                   |                   |              |        |                  |       |         |       |         |
| 2003-04  | no.  | 4 085             | 2 344             | 1 222        | 1 632  | 1 555            | 342   | 410     | 299   | 11 889  |
| 2004-05  | no.  | 3 497             | 2 435             | 1 122        | 1 552  | 1 558            | 307   | 301     | 322   | 11 094  |
| 2005-06  | no.  | 3 692             | 2 182             | 1 141        | 1 389  | 1 535            | 354   | 250     | 243   | 10 786  |
| 2006-07  | no.  | 3 642             | 1 918             | 1 156        | 1 240  | 1 441            | 305   | 276     | 179   | 10 157  |
| 2007-08  | no.  | 3 555             | 2 047             | 1 207        | 1 235  | 1 219            | 279   | 240     | 156   | 9 938   |



Table 16A.1

## Public housing

Table 16A.1 Descriptive data - public housing (a), (b), (c), (d)

|  | Unit   | NSW (e), (f), (g) | Vic (h), (i), (j) | Q/d (k), (l) | WA (m)  | SA (n), (o), (p) | Tas    | ACT (q) | NT     | Aust      |
|--|--------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|
| Total rent charged, for year ending 30 June                |        |                   |                   |              |         |                  |        |         |        |           |
| 2003-04  | \$'000 | 523 562           | 267 790           | 194 764      | 116 507 | 189 435          | 40 617 | 56 966  | 24 904 | 1 414 546 |
| 2004-05  | \$'000 | 545 422           | 277 135           | 206 984      | 120 919 | 202 549          | 43 277 | 61 302  | 24 870 | 1 482 458 |
| 2005-06  | \$'000 | 576 267           | 287 659           | 232 590      | 125 012 | 211 880          | 43 382 | 60 229  | 25 525 | 1 562 544 |
| 2006-07  | \$'000 | 616 391           | 303 349           | 249 638      | 131 515 | 205 349          | 47 634 | 63 483  | 42 435 | 1 659 794 |
| 2007-08  | \$'000 | 622 259           | 317 346           | 263 554      | 144 456 | 212 385          | 55 228 | 67 441  | 32 477 | 1 715 146 |
| Total Indigenous households, at 30 June                    |        |                   |                   |              |         |                  |        |         |        |           |
| 2004   | no.    | 8 700             | 1 078             | 2 633        | 4 041   | 1 171            | 494    | 172     | 1 498  | 19 787    |
| 2005   | no.    | 8 700             | 1 163             | 2 736        | 4 383   | 1 172            | 565    | 184     | 1 578  | 20 481    |
| 2006   | no.    | 8 700             | 1 233             | 3 122        | 4 399   | 1 210            | 639    | 191     | 1 647  | 21 141    |
| 2007   | no.    | 9 800             | 1 349             | 3 421        | 4 508   | 1 328            | 711    | 204     | 1 781  | 23 102    |
| 2008   | no.    | 9 800             | 1 379             | 3 742        | 4 751   | 1 421            | 750    | 260     | 1 850  | 23 953    |
| Total greatest need applicants on waiting list, at 30 June |        |                   |                   |              |         |                  |        |         |        |           |
| 2004   | no.    | 1 427             | 4 727             | 281          | 236     | 826              | 1 869  | 1 702   | 59     | 11 127    |
| 2005   | no.    | 1 397             | 4 725             | 309          | 228     | 896              | 2 059  | 1 993   | 101    | 11 708    |
| 2006   | no.    | 1 445             | 4 331             | 449          | 291     | 1 176            | 1 757  | 1 651   | 124    | 11 224    |
| 2007   | no.    | 2 002             | 4 495             | 724          | 476     | 1 261            | 1 693  | 911     | 138    | 11 700    |
| 2008   | no.    | 2 214             | 5 401             | 1 295        | 1 497   | 1 427            | 1 730  | 877     | 197    | 14 638    |
| Total applicants on waiting list, at 30 June               |        |                   |                   |              |         |                  |        |         |        |           |
| 2004   | no.    | 77 984            | 40 701            | 35 430       | 12 732  | 28 565           | 3 229  | 3 730   | 1 876  | 204 247   |
| 2005   | no.    | 73 734            | 41 296            | 38 298       | 12 733  | 28 430           | 3 116  | 4 119   | 2 179  | 203 905   |
| 2006   | no.    | 58 172            | 41 114            | 37 215       | 13 130  | 27 925           | 3 387  | 3 600   | 2 391  | 186 934   |
| 2007   | no.    | 50 316            | 40 911            | 36 815       | 14 571  | 26 201           | 3 055  | 1 870   | 2 582  | 176 321   |
| 2008   | no.    | 49 950            | 43 467            | 34 696       | 16 352  | 24 804           | 3 171  | 1 859   | 3 353  | 177 652   |

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Table 16A.1 Descriptive data - public housing (a), (b), (c), (d)

|  | Unit | NSW (e), (f), (g) | Vic (h), (i), (j) | Q/d (k), (l) | WA (m) | SA (n), (o), (p) | Tas    | ACT (q) | NT    | Aust    |
|--|------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------|------------------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| Total tenable dwellings, at 30 June                                  |      |                   |                   |              |        |                  |        |         |       |         |
| 2004   | no.  | 124 601           | 63 187            | 48 672       | 30 336 | 45 409           | 11 475 | 10 873  | 5 443 | 339 996 |
| 2005   | no.  | 124 081           | 63 392            | 48 643       | 30 391 | 44 750           | 11 506 | 10 731  | 5 340 | 338 834 |
| 2006   | no.  | 123 124           | 63 561            | 49 163       | 30 017 | 43 912           | 11 567 | 10 755  | 5 256 | 337 355 |
| 2007   | no.  | 121 634           | 63 591            | 49 827       | 30 393 | 43 169           | 11 588 | 10 714  | 5 217 | 336 133 |
| 2008   | no.  | 119 876           | 63 274            | 50 389       | 30 505 | 42 151           | 11 526 | 10 722  | 5 146 | 333 589 |
| Total untenable dwellings, at 30 June                                |      |                   |                   |              |        |                  |        |         |       |         |
| 2004   | no.  | 134               | 1 668             | 472          | 1 134  | 1 286            | 204    | 266     | 175   | 5 339   |
| 2005   | no.  | 166               | 1 335             | 494          | 1 119  | 898              | 138    | 115     | 202   | 4 467   |
| 2006   | no.  | 104               | 1 154             | 343          | 413    | 67               | 85     | 97      | 136   | 2 399   |
| 2007   | no.  | 169               | 582               | 274          | 634    | 147              | 81     | —       | 101   | 2 054   |
| 2008   | no.  | 143               | 790               | 287          | 734    | 421              | 89     | 75      | 92    | 2 631   |
| Total number of dwellings undergoing major redevelopment, at 30 June |      |                   |                   |              |        |                  |        |         |       |         |
| 2004   | no.  | na                | na                | na           | na     | na               | na     | na      | na    | na      |
| 2005   | no.  | na                | na                | na           | na     | na               | na     | na      | na    | na      |
| 2006   | no.  | 61                | 61                | 64           | 576    | 838              | 24     | —       | 51    | 1 675   |
| 2007   | no.  | 69                | 676               | 36           | 263    | 502              | 4      | 66      | 34    | 1 718   |
| 2008   | no.  | 27                | 656               | 33           | 275    | 617              | 3      | —       | 35    | 1 646   |
| Total dwellings, at 30 June  |      |                   |                   |              |        |                  |        |         |       |         |
| 2004   | no.  | 124 735           | 64 855            | 49 144       | 31 470 | 46 695           | 11 679 | 11 139  | 5 618 | 345 335 |
| 2005   | no.  | 124 247           | 64 727            | 49 137       | 31 510 | 45 648           | 11 644 | 10 846  | 5 542 | 343 301 |
| 2006   | no.  | 123 289           | 64 776            | 49 570       | 31 006 | 44 817           | 11 676 | 10 852  | 5 392 | 341 378 |
| 2007   | no.  | 121 872           | 64 849            | 50 137       | 31 290 | 43 818           | 11 673 | 10 780  | 5 352 | 339 771 |
| 2008   | no.  | 120 046           | 64 720            | 50 709       | 31 514 | 43 189           | 11 618 | 10 797  | 5 273 | 337 866 |

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Table 16A.1 Descriptive data - public housing (a), (b), (c), (d)

|   | Unit   | NSW (e), (f), (g) | Vic (h), (i), (j) | Q/d (k), (l) | WA (m) | SA (n), (o), (p) | Tas    | ACT (q) | NT    | Aust    |
|---|--------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------|------------------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| Total occupied dwellings, at 30 June  |        |                   |                   |              |        |                  |        |         |       |         |
| 2004  | no.    | 123 106           | 62 646            | 48 490       | 30 000 | 44 529           | 11 375 | 10 823  | 5 269 | 336 238 |
| 2005  | no.    | 122 570           | 62 961            | 48 455       | 30 111 | 43 889           | 11 414 | 10 642  | 5 217 | 335 259 |
| 2006  | no.    | 121 529           | 63 159            | 49 011       | 29 818 | 43 096           | 11 487 | 10 712  | 5 155 | 333 967 |
| 2007  | no.    | 120 187           | 63 278            | 49 677       | 30 197 | 42 527           | 11 526 | 10 626  | 5 121 | 333 139 |
| 2008  | no.    | 118 839           | 62 964            | 50 243       | 30 299 | 41 625           | 11 492 | 10 642  | 5 032 | 331 136 |
| Total rents charged for week of 30 June   |        |                   |                   |              |        |                  |        |         |       |         |
| 2004  | \$'000 | 7 521             | 4 420             | 3 709        | 2 187  | 3 495            | 786    | 693     | 399   | 23 210  |
| 2005  | \$'000 | 7 815             | 4 541             | 3 962        | 2 258  | 3 554            | 785    | 719     | 409   | 24 042  |
| 2006  | \$'000 | 11 123            | 5 656             | 4 659        | 2 426  | 3 736            | 967    | 1 193   | 486   | 30 245  |
| 2007  | \$'000 | 11 577            | 6 021             | 4 849        | 2 607  | 3 860            | 971    | 1 307   | 502   | 31 694  |
| 2008  | \$'000 | 12 004            | 6 181             | 5 283        | 2 855  | 3 974            | 1 034  | 1 365   | 529   | 33 225  |
| Total market rent value of all dwellings for which rent was charged for week of 30 June |        |                   |                   |              |        |                  |        |         |       |         |
| 2004  | \$'000 | 18 041            | 8 607             | 5 897        | 3 800  | 5 903            | 1 175  | 1 831   | 789   | 46 042  |
| 2005  | \$'000 | 17 722            | 8 780             | 7 273        | 3 834  | 6 207            | 1 632  | 1 959   | 810   | 48 217  |
| 2006  | \$'000 | 24 074            | 10 115            | 8 238        | 4 055  | 6 357            | 1 726  | 2 508   | 970   | 58 044  |
| 2007  | \$'000 | 24 616            | 10 322            | 9 622        | 4 104  | 6 580            | 1 501  | 2 700   | 993   | 60 437  |
| 2008  | \$'000 | 25 854            | 10 508            | 10 902       | 4 927  | 6 951            | 1 639  | 3 009   | 1 066 | 64 856  |
| Total dwellings in major cities, at 30 June   |        |                   |                   |              |        |                  |        |         |       |         |
| 2004  | no.    | 100 291           | 46 581            | 30 298       | 22 013 | 35 925           | -      | 11 131  | -     | 246 240 |
| 2005  | no.    | 100 019           | 46 619            | 30 255       | 22 182 | 35 189           | -      | 10 823  | -     | 245 087 |
| 2006  | no.    | 99 587            | 46 689            | 30 509       | 21 850 | 34 711           | -      | 10 844  | -     | 244 191 |
| 2007  | no.    | 98 766            | 46 755            | 30 893       | 22 114 | 33 928           | -      | 10 772  | -     | 243 229 |
| 2008  | no.    | 98 327            | 46 807            | 34 182       | 22 279 | 33 447           | -      | 10 788  | -     | 245 830 |

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Table 16A.1 Descriptive data - public housing (a), (b), (c), (d)

|  | Unit | NSW (e), (f), (g) | Vic (h), (i), (j) | Q/d (k), (l) | WA (m) | SA (n), (o), (p) | Tas   | ACT (q) | NT    | Aust   |
|--|------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------|------------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|
| Total dwellings in inner regional areas, at 30 June    |      |                   |                   |              |        |                  |       |         |       |        |
| 2004   | no.  | 19 159            | 14 671            | 9 505        | 3 033  | 3 170            | 8 518 | 8       | -     | 58 063 |
| 2005   | no.  | 19 040            | 14 526            | 9 569        | 3 034  | 3 103            | 8 466 | 23      | -     | 57 762 |
| 2006   | no.  | 18 695            | 14 528            | 9 691        | 2 983  | 3 071            | 8 501 | 8       | -     | 57 477 |
| 2007   | no.  | 18 265            | 14 566            | 9 789        | 3 022  | 3 046            | 8 517 | 8       | -     | 57 214 |
| 2008   | no.  | 17 416            | 14 499            | 8 247        | 2 971  | 2 883            | 8 517 | 9       | -     | 54 542 |
| Total of dwellings in outer regional areas, at 30 June |      |                   |                   |              |        |                  |       |         |       |        |
| 2004   | no.  | 4 834             | 3 572             | 8 172        | 3 103  | 6 703            | 3 061 | -       | 3 839 | 33 284 |
| 2005   | no.  | 4 748             | 3 554             | 8 145        | 3 020  | 6 479            | 3 078 | -       | 3 807 | 32 831 |
| 2006   | no.  | 4 584             | 3 530             | 8 196        | 2 967  | 6 175            | 3 076 | -       | 3 729 | 32 259 |
| 2007   | no.  | 4 436             | 3 500             | 8 252        | 2 942  | 5 992            | 3 058 | -       | 3 693 | 31 872 |
| 2008   | no.  | 3 931             | 3 396             | 7 158        | 3 039  | 6 020            | 3 004 | -       | 3 710 | 30 257 |
| Total dwellings in remote areas, at 30 June            |      |                   |                   |              |        |                  |       |         |       |        |
| 2004   | no.  | 375               | 27                | 882          | 2 274  | 817              | 69    | -       | 1 537 | 5 982  |
| 2005   | no.  | 364               | 27                | 880          | 2 229  | 809              | 69    | -       | 1 505 | 5 883  |
| 2006   | no.  | 350               | 28                | 880          | 2 182  | 792              | 68    | -       | 1 451 | 5 752  |
| 2007   | no.  | 335               | 27                | 889          | 2 184  | 785              | 67    | -       | 1 454 | 5 740  |
| 2008   | no.  | 334               | 19                | 847          | 2 274  | 764              | 66    | -       | 1 345 | 5 649  |
| Total of dwellings in very remote areas, at 30 June    |      |                   |                   |              |        |                  |       |         |       |        |
| 2004   | no.  | 76                | -                 | 287          | 1 047  | 80               | 31    | -       | 242   | 1 763  |
| 2005   | no.  | 76                | -                 | 289          | 1 045  | 68               | 31    | -       | 230   | 1 738  |
| 2006   | no.  | 73                | -                 | 293          | 1 023  | 68               | 31    | -       | 212   | 1 700  |
| 2007   | no.  | 71                | -                 | 314          | 1 028  | 66               | 31    | -       | 205   | 1 716  |
| 2008   | no.  | 38                | -                 | 275          | 951    | 75               | 31    | -       | 218   | 1 588  |

Table 16A.1

**Public housing****Table 16A.1 Descriptive data - public housing (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | Unit | NSW (e), (f), (g) | Vic (h), (i), (j) | Q/d (k), (l) | WA (m) | SA (n), (o), (p) | Tas    | ACT (q) | NT    | Aust    |
|--|------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------|------------------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| Total number of all households, at 30 June |      |                   |                   |              |        |                  |        |         |       |         |
| 2004                                       | no.  | 123 105           | 62 647            | 48 490       | 30 016 | 44 529           | 11 375 | 10 823  | 5 269 | 336 254 |
| 2005                                       | no.  | 122 570           | 62 961            | 48 455       | 30 123 | 43 882           | 11 414 | 10 642  | 5 217 | 335 264 |
| 2006                                       | no.  | 121 529           | 63 159            | 49 011       | 29 819 | 43 096           | 11 487 | 10 712  | 5 155 | 333 968 |
| 2007                                       | no.  | 120 187           | 63 278            | 49 677       | 30 142 | 42 527           | 11 526 | 10 627  | 5 121 | 333 085 |
| 2008                                       | no.  | 118 839           | 62 964            | 50 243       | 30 299 | 41 625           | 11 492 | 10 642  | 5 032 | 331 136 |

(a) The Public Housing Administrative Data Repository was used to collect all administrative data (excluding financial data (average cost of providing assistance per dwelling and total rent collected as a percentage of total rent charged) and 2007 National Housing Survey of Public Housing Tenants data (amenity, location and customer satisfaction)) for all jurisdictions.

(b) Amounts of up to but excluding 0.5 per cent above the cut-off for a category are included in that category. For example, if rent charged/income x 100 = 20.4, then it is counted in the 'paying 20 per cent or less' category.

(c) Total dwellings in major cities, inner and outer regional, remote and very remote Australia and migratory areas are not comparable to previous years as in 2007-08 dwellings were categorised using the new postal area to ASGC remoteness concordance, based on the 2006 Census.

(d) Due to rounding the national total for total dwellings in major cities, inner and outer regional, remote and very remote Australia and migratory areas and opening and closing rent debtors may not equal the sum of jurisdictions' data items.

(e) Total Indigenous households are not comparable with other jurisdictions' data as they are not calculated via the data repository but are based on the 2006 Census of Population and Housing, adjusted for Census undercounting of public housing households.

(f) 2007-08 new applicants on waiting list who have a 'greatest need' is comparable with 2006-07 but not with earlier years where two "greatest need" categories (refuge and priority tenancy re-instatement) were excluded.

(g) Total applicants on waitlist includes new applicants for housing and tenants (already housed) who requested transfers.

(h) The number of households in public housing decreased in 2007-08, compared to 2006-07, due to upgrade and redevelopment activity and policy decisions to focus social housing growth on the community housing sector.

(i) Decreasing exits from public housing due to limited exit points into private rental have resulted in fewer vacancies in public housing, and lower allocations.

(j) Total applicants on waitlist excludes 1060 applications eligible for both Indigenous and public rental housing as they are counted under the state owned and managed Indigenous housing data collection.

Table 16A.1

**Public housing****Table 16A.1 Descriptive data - public housing (a), (b), (c), (d)**

| <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW (e), (f), (g)</i>   | <i>Vic (h), (i), (j)</i> | <i>Q/d (k), (l)</i> | <i>WA (m)</i> | <i>SA (n), (o), (p)</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (q)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| (k)         | Total new Indigenous households and total Indigenous households should be interpreted with caution as Indigenous status is self-identified.  |                          |                     |               |                         |            |                |           |             |
| (l)         | The total applicants on the waiting list is an overestimate, as Queensland has a single waiting list for public housing and SOMIH. Based on past experience, approximately 30 per cent of Indigenous applicants will be housed in SOMIH. |                          |                     |               |                         |            |                |           |             |
| (m)         | Total tenable dwellings excludes dwellings leased to other organisations. The majority of these are leased to community groups and are reported in the Community Housing 2007-08 numbers.  |                          |                     |               |                         |            |                |           |             |
| (n)         | Total rebated households includes 286 households reported as receiving a rebated rent without recent income details being declared, due to provisions of the Rent Assessments policy.  |                          |                     |               |                         |            |                |           |             |
| (o)         | Total new Indigenous households and total Indigenous households should be interpreted with caution as Indigenous information is self-identified and not mandatory.   |                          |                     |               |                         |            |                |           |             |
| (p)         | New applicants on waiting list who have a 'greatest need' should be interpreted with caution as some priority applicants may bypass the priority process in low wait time areas.   |                          |                     |               |                         |            |                |           |             |
| (q)         | Total new Indigenous households and total Indigenous households should be interpreted with caution as Indigenous information is self-identified and not mandatory.   |                          |                     |               |                         |            |                |           |             |

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) (2004, 2005) *CSHA national data reports: public rental housing*, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) *Public rental housing: CSHA national data report*, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.1.

# State owned and managed Indigenous housing

Table 16A.2

**State owned and managed Indigenous housing****Table 16A.2 Descriptive data - State owned and managed Indigenous housing (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

| <i>Unit</i>  | <i>NSW (g), (h), (i)</i> | <i>Vic (j), (k)</i> | <i>Qld (l)</i> | <i>WA (m)</i> | <i>SA (n), (o), (p)</i> | <i>Tas (q)</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Total households paying less than market rent at 30 June   |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |
| 2003-04  | no. 3 462                | 1 083               | 2 006          | 1 923         | 1 400                   | 283            | 10 157       |
| 2004-05  | no. 3 401                | 1 084               | 1 889          | 1 850         | 1 592                   | 264            | 10 080       |
| 2005-06  | no. 3 359                | 1 093               | 2 382          | 1 801         | 1 530                   | 270            | 10 435       |
| 2006-07  | no. 3 352                | 1 049               | 2 264          | 1 703         | 1 569                   | 266            | 10 203       |
| 2007-08  | no. 3 379                | 816                 | 2 417          | 1 780         | 1 599                   | 270            | 10 261       |
| Total new households assisted, for year ending 30 June   |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |
| 2003-04  | no. 460                  | 160                 | 299            | 409           | 277                     | 62             | 1 667        |
| 2004-05  | no. 390                  | 153                 | 279            | 374           | 247                     | 54             | 1 497        |
| 2005-06  | no. 383                  | 138                 | 269            | 310           | 223                     | 53             | 1 376        |
| 2006-07  | no. 433                  | 140                 | 345            | 323           | 195                     | 32             | 1 468        |
| 2007-08  | no. 400                  | 47                  | 314            | 415           | 189                     | 42             | 1 407        |
| Households relocating from one State owned and managed Indigenous housing dwelling to another, for year ending 30 June |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |
| 2003-04  | no. 138                  | 92                  | 119            | 155           | 90                      | 15             | 609          |
| 2004-05  | no. 125                  | 75                  | 81             | 147           | 102                     | 16             | 546          |
| 2005-06  | no. 184                  | 78                  | 92             | 131           | 121                     | 11             | 617          |
| 2006-07  | no. 153                  | 57                  | 99             | 114           | 87                      | 4              | 514          |
| 2007-08  | no. 133                  | 14                  | 103            | 113           | 66                      | 11             | 440          |
| Total rent charged, for year ending 30 June  |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |
| 2003-04  | \$'000 18 170            | 5 691               | 12 191         | 9 669         | 7 991                   | 1 263          | 54 974       |
| 2004-05  | \$'000 19 187            | 5 945               | 13 364         | 9 879         | 8 415                   | 1 305          | 58 095       |
| 2005-06  | \$'000 22 111            | 6 232               | 14 435         | 10 309        | 9 010                   | 1 308          | 63 406       |
| 2006-07  | \$'000 24 726            | 6 791               | 16 325         | 10 870        | 9 472                   | 1 566          | 69 750       |
| 2007-08  | \$'000 26 423            | 6 794               | 19 312         | 11 860        | 9 938                   | 1 725          | 76 052       |



Table 16A.2

**State owned and managed Indigenous housing****Table 16A.2 Descriptive data - State owned and managed Indigenous housing (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

| <i>Unit</i>  | <i>NSW (g), (h), (i)</i> | <i>Vic (j), (k)</i> | <i>Qld (l)</i> | <i>WA (m)</i> | <i>SA (n), (o), (p)</i> | <i>Tas (q)</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Total greatest need applicants on waiting list, at 30 June |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |
| 2003-04  | no. 58                   | 163                 | 6              | 61            | 191                     | na             | 479          |
| 2004-05  | no. 39                   | 196                 | 12             | 59            | 269                     | -              | 575          |
| 2005-06  | no. 47                   | 170                 | 50             | 91            | 295                     | na             | 653          |
| 2006-07  | no. 72                   | 177                 | 111            | 165           | 192                     | -              | 717          |
| 2007-08  | no. 64                   | 212                 | 212            | 380           | 97                      | na             | 965          |
| Total applicants on waiting list, at 30 June               |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |
| 2003-04  | no. 2 589                | 1 189               | 3 306          | 1 632         | 1 748                   | 196            | 10 660       |
| 2004-05  | no. 2 086                | 1 271               | 3 977          | 1 732         | 1 937                   | 171            | 11 174       |
| 2005-06  | no. 1 737                | 1 178               | 2 710          | 2 007         | 2 001                   | 182            | 9 815        |
| 2006-07  | no. 1 628                | 1 085               | 3 849          | 2 135         | 1 950                   | 188            | 10 835       |
| 2007-08  | no. 1 685                | 1 060               | 3 862          | 2 205         | 1 771                   | 143            | 10 726       |
| Total tenatable dwellings, at 30 June                      |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |
| 2003-04  | no. 4 068                | 1 225               | 2 740          | 2 249         | 1 834                   | 337            | 12 453       |
| 2004-05  | no. 4 111                | 1 240               | 2 771          | 2 223         | 1 861                   | 347            | 12 553       |
| 2005-06  | no. 4 119                | 1 258               | 2 834          | 2 178         | 1 883                   | 349            | 12 621       |
| 2006-07  | no. 4 224                | 1 290               | 2 927          | 2 193         | 1 879                   | 342            | 12 855       |
| 2007-08  | no. 4 163                | 1 007               | 2 994          | 2 209         | 1 858                   | 342            | 12 573       |

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| <i>Unit</i>  | <i>NSW (g), (h), (i)</i> | <i>Vic (j), (k)</i> | <i>Qld (l)</i> | <i>WA (m)</i> | <i>SA (n), (o), (p)</i> | <i>Tas (q)</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Total untenable dwellings, at 30 June                                |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |
| 2003-04  | no.                      | 20                  | 35             | 71            | 76                      | 66             | 272          |
| 2004-05  | no.                      | 37                  | 37             | 95            | 92                      | 42             | 307          |
| 2005-06  | no.                      | 28                  | 31             | 63            | 62                      | -              | 187          |
| 2006-07  | no.                      | 8                   | 29             | 57            | 63                      | -              | 164          |
| 2007-08  | no.                      | 6                   | 11             | 54            | 60                      | -              | 136          |
| Total number of dwellings undergoing major redevelopment, at 30 June |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |
| 2003-04  | no.                      | na                  | na             | na            | na                      | na             | na           |
| 2004-05  | no.                      | na                  | na             | na            | na                      | na             | na           |
| 2005-06  | no.                      | -                   | 2              | 19            | 32                      | -              | 85           |
| 2006-07  | no.                      | 2                   | 9              | 13            | 31                      | -              | 79           |
| 2007-08  | no.                      | -                   | 6              | 3             | 39                      | -              | 69           |
| Total dwellings, at 30 June  |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |
| 2003-04  | no.                      | 4 088               | 1 260          | 2 811         | 2 325                   | 1 900          | 12 725       |
| 2004-05  | no.                      | 4 148               | 1 277          | 2 866         | 2 315                   | 1 903          | 12 860       |
| 2005-06  | no.                      | 4 147               | 1 291          | 2 916         | 2 272                   | 1 915          | 12 893       |
| 2006-07  | no.                      | 4 234               | 1 328          | 2 997         | 2 287                   | 1 903          | 13 098       |
| 2007-08  | no.                      | 4 169               | 1 024          | 3 051         | 2 308                   | 1 879          | 12 778       |
| Total occupied dwellings, at 30 June                                 |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |
| 2003-04  | no.                      | 4 007               | 1 219          | 2 720         | 2 187                   | 1 751          | 12 219       |
| 2004-05  | no.                      | 4 039               | 1 223          | 2 754         | 2 180                   | 1 747          | 12 286       |
| 2005-06  | no.                      | 4 041               | 1 248          | 2 822         | 2 138                   | 1 791          | 12 386       |
| 2006-07  | no.                      | 4 135               | 1 280          | 2 914         | 2 162                   | 1 790          | 12 622       |
| 2007-08  | no.                      | 4 104               | 1 002          | 2 980         | 2 171                   | 1 778          | 12 374       |

Table 16A.2

**State owned and managed Indigenous housing****Table 16A.2 Descriptive data - State owned and managed Indigenous housing (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

| <i>Unit</i>  | <i>NSW (g), (h), (i)</i> | <i>Vic (j), (k)</i> | <i>Qld (l)</i> | <i>WA (m)</i> | <i>SA (n), (o), (p)</i> | <i>Tas (q)</i> | <i>Total</i> |       |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------|
| Total rents charged for week ending 30 June  |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |       |
| 2003-04  | \$'000                   | 230                 | 90             | 232           | 170                     | 138            | 25           | 887   |
| 2004-05  | \$'000                   | 242                 | 90             | 264           | 173                     | 151            | 26           | 946   |
| 2005-06  | \$'000                   | 424                 | 125            | 277           | 201                     | 173            | 33           | 1 233 |
| 2006-07  | \$'000                   | 454                 | 140            | 353           | 218                     | 185            | 31           | 1 381 |
| 2007-08  | \$'000                   | 477                 | 112            | 387           | 234                     | 191            | 35           | 1 437 |
| Total market rent value of all dwellings for which rent was charged in week ending 30 June |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |       |
| 2003-04  | \$'000                   | 484                 | 181            | 353           | 318                     | 237            | 40           | 1 613 |
| 2004-05  | \$'000                   | 488                 | 183            | 418           | 317                     | 274            | 54           | 1 733 |
| 2005-06  | \$'000                   | 787                 | 234            | 515           | 349                     | 303            | 59           | 2 246 |
| 2006-07  | \$'000                   | 808                 | 244            | 611           | 351                     | 324            | 50           | 2 389 |
| 2007-08  | \$'000                   | 879                 | 191            | 705           | 408                     | 346            | 54           | 2 584 |
| Total dwellings in major cities, at 30 June  |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |       |
| 2003-04  | no.                      | 1 668               | 475            | 362           | 676                     | 1 151          | -            | 4 332 |
| 2004-05  | no.                      | 1 683               | 489            | 363           | 667                     | 1 148          | -            | 4 349 |
| 2005-06  | no.                      | 1 700               | 494            | 382           | 649                     | 1 163          | -            | 4 389 |
| 2006-07  | no.                      | 1 714               | 502            | 416           | 649                     | 1 158          | -            | 4 439 |
| 2007-08  | no.                      | 1 711               | 302            | 452           | 644                     | 1 140          | -            | 4 247 |
| Total dwellings in inner regional areas, at 30 June  |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |       |
| 2003-04  | no.                      | 1 307               | 466            | 394           | 181                     | 150            | 282          | 2 780 |
| 2004-05  | no.                      | 1 316               | 472            | 411           | 180                     | 149            | 289          | 2 818 |
| 2005-06  | no.                      | 1 329               | 478            | 434           | 179                     | 148            | 289          | 2 858 |
| 2006-07  | no.                      | 1 361               | 496            | 458           | 181                     | 149            | 287          | 2 931 |
| 2007-08  | no.                      | 1 379               | 421            | 592           | 177                     | 140            | 289          | 2 999 |

Table 16A.2

**State owned and managed Indigenous housing****Table 16A.2 Descriptive data - State owned and managed Indigenous housing (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

| <i>Unit</i>   | <i>NSW (g), (h), (i)</i> | <i>Vic (j), (k)</i> | <i>Qld (l)</i> | <i>WA (m)</i> | <i>SA (n), (o), (p)</i> | <i>Tas (q)</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Total dwellings in outer regional areas, at 30 June |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |
| 2003-04   | no. 811                  | 314                 | 1 281          | 522           | 337                     | 59             | 3 324        |
| 2004-05   | no. 847                  | 311                 | 1 295          | 510           | 343                     | 62             | 3 368        |
| 2005-06   | no. 832                  | 314                 | 1 302          | 499           | 340                     | 63             | 3 350        |
| 2006-07   | no. 873                  | 326                 | 1 327          | 487           | 336                     | 62             | 3 411        |
| 2007-08   | no. 844                  | 296                 | 1 215          | 477           | 337                     | 58             | 3 226        |
| Total dwellings in remote areas, at 30 June         |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |
| 2003-04   | no. 229                  | 5                   | 299            | 475           | 115                     | -              | 1 123        |
| 2004-05   | no. 231                  | 5                   | 300            | 467           | 114                     | -              | 1 117        |
| 2005-06   | no. 215                  | 5                   | 300            | 457           | 114                     | -              | 1 092        |
| 2006-07   | no. 216                  | 5                   | 298            | 466           | 113                     | -              | 1 099        |
| 2007-08   | no. 206                  | 5                   | 302            | 466           | 101                     | -              | 1 080        |
| Total dwellings in very remote areas, at 30 June    |                          |                     |                |               |                         |                |              |
| 2003-04   | no. 66                   | -                   | 476            | 471           | 147                     | -              | 1 160        |
| 2004-05   | no. 66                   | -                   | 497            | 490           | 148                     | -              | 1 202        |
| 2005-06   | no. 64                   | -                   | 498            | 487           | 150                     | -              | 1 198        |
| 2006-07   | no. 64                   | -                   | 498            | 504           | 147                     | -              | 1 212        |
| 2007-08   | no. 31                   | -                   | 490            | 545           | 161                     | -              | 1 227        |

(a) The State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) Administrative Data Repository was used to collect all administrative data (excluding financial data {average cost of providing assistance per dwelling and total rent collected as a percentage of total rent charged}, employment data and 2007 National Housing Survey of SOMIH Tenants data {amenity, location and customer satisfaction}) for all jurisdictions.

(b) The ACT does not have a separately identified or funded Indigenous housing program. People of Indigenous descent are housed as part of the public rental housing program.

(c) Most Indigenous-specific housing programs in NT are currently community managed and administered. NT is moving to a Public Housing management framework across all regions.

## State owned and managed Indigenous housing

Table 16A.2 Descriptive data - State owned and managed Indigenous housing (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

| Unit | NSW (g), (h), (i) | Vic (j), (k) | Qld (l) | WA (m) | SA (n), (o), (p) | Tas (q) | Total |
|------|-------------------|--------------|---------|--------|------------------|---------|-------|
|------|-------------------|--------------|---------|--------|------------------|---------|-------|

(d) Amounts of up to but excluding 0.5 per cent above the cut-off for a category are to be included in that category. For example, if rent charged/income x 100 = 20.4, then it is counted in the 'paying 20 per cent or less' category.

(e) Total dwellings in major cities, inner and outer regional, remote and very remote Australia and migratory areas are not comparable to previous years as dwellings were categorised using the new postal area to ASGC remoteness concordance which was based on the 2006 census.

(f) Due to rounding the national total for total dwellings in major cities, inner and outer regional, remote and very remote Australia and migratory areas and opening and closing rent debtors may not equal the sum of jurisdictions' data items.

(g) 2007-08 new applicants on waiting list who have a 'greatest need' is comparable with 2006-07 but not with earlier years, where two "greatest need" categories (refuge & priority tenancy re-instatement) were excluded.

(h) Total applicants on waitlist includes new applicants for housing and tenants (already housed) who requested transfers.

(i) Total Indigenous employees in State owned and managed Indigenous housing and total employees in State owned and managed Indigenous housing includes 78 Indigenous workers employed under the Aboriginal Housing Office - Aboriginal Employment in Construction Policy (CSHA funded). As the building and construction industry is based on subcontract and project based employment these are all of varying lengths and frequently for short periods of time.

(j) As a part of a transition to independence process to achieve self-determination for Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV), Victoria is in the process of transferring tenancy management functions of Indigenous specific housing stock to AHV. By 30 June 2008, the tenancy management for 348 properties had been transferred. These dwellings are no longer classified as SOMIH but as State owned Indigenous Community Housing, and will be reported separately in the Indigenous Housing Indicators publication. For this reason, data are not comparable with previous years.

(k) Indigenous applicants are eligible to be allocated in both Indigenous housing and mainstream public rental housing.

(l) The total applicants on the waiting list is an overestimate, as Queensland has a single waiting list for public housing and SOMIH. Based on past experience, approximately 70 per cent of these applicants will be housed in public housing.

(m) Total Indigenous employees in State owned and managed Indigenous housing and total employees in State owned and managed Indigenous housing are not comparable with previous year's data or with those of other jurisdictions as they relate to the whole of the Department of Housing and Works. Staffs whose duties include work on SOMIH are not separately identifiable in 2007-08.

(n) Total rebated households includes 47 households reported as receiving a rebated rent without recent income details being declared due to provisions of the Rent Assessments policy.

(o) New applicants on waiting list who have a greatest need should be interpreted with caution as some priority applicants may bypass the priority process in low wait time areas.

**State owned and managed Indigenous housing****Table 16A.2 Descriptive data - State owned and managed Indigenous housing (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

| <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW (g), (h), (i)</i> | <i>Vic (j), (k)</i> | <i>Qld (l)</i> | <i>WA (m)</i> | <i>SA (n), (o), (p)</i> | <i>Tas (q)</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|

(p) For total Indigenous employees in state owned and managed Indigenous housing and total employees in state owned and managed Indigenous housing, SA is no longer able to identify employees specifically involved in the planning, delivery and management of State Owned and Managed Indigenous Housing.

(q) Assessment against greatest need criteria are not currently recorded on the Tasmanian Housing Information System for SOMIH applicants, therefore no data for new applicants on the waiting list who have a 'greatest need' is reported.

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

**Source:** AIHW (2004, 2005) CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.14.

Table 16A.3

**State owned and managed Indigenous housing****Table 16A.3 New low income households as a proportion of all new households (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|   | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic (g)</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA (h)</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|------------|----------------|------------|-----------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| 2003-04   |            |                |            |           |               |            |              |
| New low income A households as a proportion of all new households | 94.4       | 90.5           | 83.3       | 93.5      | 89.2          | 89.5       | 90.6         |
| New low income B households as a proportion of all new households | 5.6        | 9.5            | 14.0       | 6.5       | 8.8           | 10.5       | 8.5          |
| 2004-05   |            |                |            |           |               |            |              |
| New low income A households as a proportion of all new households | 94.2       | 87.7           | 76.1       | 92.9      | 86.0          | 86.0       | 88.0         |
| New low income B households as a proportion of all new households | 5.5        | 12.3           | 19.0       | 6.8       | 10.9          | 8.0        | 10.2         |
| 2005-06   |            |                |            |           |               |            |              |
| New low income A households as a proportion of all new households | 95.9       | 88.2           | 89.2       | 88.6      | 86.5          | 93.3       | 90.4         |
| New low income B households as a proportion of all new households | 4.1        | 11.8           | 10.0       | 10.1      | 12.1          | 6.7        | 8.9          |
| 2006-07   |            |                |            |           |               |            |              |
| New low income A households as a proportion of all new households | 95.5       | 89.9           | 76.5       | 87.9      | 88.7          | 100.0      | 87.7         |
| New low income B households as a proportion of all new households | 3.7        | 10.1           | 22.0       | 11.8      | 10.3          | –          | 11.5         |
| 2007-08   |            |                |            |           |               |            |              |
| New low income A households as a proportion of all new households | 95.0       | 82.4           | 75.4       | 86.4      | 85.5          | 82.4       | 85.7         |
| New low income B households as a proportion of all new households | 5.0        | 17.6           | 24.6       | 13.0      | 12.2          | 17.6       | 13.9         |

(a) The State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) Administrative Data Repository was used to collect all administrative data (excluding financial data {average cost of providing assistance per dwelling and total rent collected as a percentage of total rent charged}, employment data and 2007 National Housing Survey of SOMIH Tenants data {amenity, location and customer satisfaction}) for all jurisdictions.

(b) The ACT does not have a separately identified or funded Indigenous housing program. People of Indigenous descent are housed as part of the public rental housing program.

(c) Most Indigenous-specific housing programs in NT are currently community managed and administered. NT is moving to a Public Housing management framework across all regions.

(d) New households with low income A, new households with low income B, new households where income and tenancy composition details are known and new low income households as a proportion of all new households: Low income A and B are not comparable to previous years as in 2007-08, the scope was changed to include only new households still receiving assistance at 30 June 2008.

**State owned and managed Indigenous housing****Table 16A.3 New low income households as a proportion of all new households (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|   | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic (g)</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA (h)</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|------------|----------------|------------|-----------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| (e) Jurisdictions exclude various types of households in new households with low income A, new households with low income B, new households where income and tenancy composition details are known and new low income households as a proportion of all new households: Low income A and B as shown in the table 16A.88. For this reason, comparisons between jurisdictions' data should be made with caution.  |            |                |            |           |               |            |              |
| (f) New households with low income A, new households where income and tenancy composition details are known and new low income households as a proportion of all new households: Low income include households where assessable income was zero.  |            |                |            |           |               |            |              |
| (g) As a part of a transition to independence process to achieve self-determination for Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV), Victoria is in the process of transferring tenancy management functions of Indigenous specific housing stock to AHV. By 30 June 2008, the tenancy management for 348 properties had been transferred. These dwellings are no longer classified as SOMIH but as State owned Indigenous Community Housing, and will be reported separately in the Indigenous Housing Indicators publication. For this reason, Data are not comparable with previous years. |            |                |            |           |               |            |              |
| (h) Comparisons with other jurisdictions' new households with low income A, new households with low income B, new households where income and tenancy composition details are known and new low income households as a proportion of all new households: Low income A and B data should be made with caution as South Australia uses assessable income as a proxy for gross income.<br>– Nil or rounded to zero.  |            |                |            |           |               |            |              |

*Source:* AIHW (2004, 2005) CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.15.



Table 16A.4

**State owned and managed Indigenous housing****Table 16A.4 Proportion of new tenancies allocated to households with special needs (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

|         | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic (d), (e), (f)</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA (g)</i> | <i>SA (h)</i> | <i>Tas (i)</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------|------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| 2003-04 | 44.6       | 44.2                     | 46.3       | 40.8          | 39.5          | 60.3           | 43.6         |
| 2004-05 | 51.5       | 45.4                     | 45.2       | 49.2          | 42.1          | 66.7           | 48.1         |
| 2005-06 | 48.8       | 42.8                     | 46.8       | 53.2          | 45.3          | 62.3           | 48.8         |
| 2006-07 | 47.6       | 52.9                     | 47.0       | 44.6          | 45.6          | 65.6           | 47.4         |
| 2007-08 | 46.0       | 44.7                     | 50.6       | 47.7          | 42.9          | 61.9           | 47.5         |

- (a) The State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) Administrative Data Repository was used to collect all administrative data (excluding financial data {average cost of providing assistance per dwelling and total rent collected as a percentage of total rent charged}, employment data and 2007 National Housing Survey of SOMIH Tenants data {amenity, location and customer satisfaction}) for all jurisdictions.
- (b) The ACT does not have a separately identified or funded Indigenous housing program. People of Indigenous descent are housed as part of the public rental housing program.
- (c) Most Indigenous-specific housing programs in NT are currently community managed and administered. NT is moving to a Public Housing management framework across all regions.
- (d) As a part of a transition to independence process to achieve self-determination for Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV), Victoria is in the process of transferring tenancy management functions of Indigenous specific housing stock to AHV. By 30 June 2008, the tenancy management for 348 properties had been transferred. These dwellings are no longer classified as SOMIH but as State owned Indigenous Community Housing, and will be reported separately in the Indigenous Housing Indicators publication. For this reason, Data are not comparable with previous years.
- (e) New households with special needs and proportion of tenants allocated to households with special needs for 2007-08 are not directly comparable with years prior to 2006-07 as the only information available to identify a disability was receipt of a disability pension.
- (f) New households with special needs and proportion of tenants allocated to households with special needs data are not comparable to other jurisdictions or with previous years as in 2007-08, only new tenancies receiving assistance at 30 June have been included.
- (g) New households with special needs and proportion of tenants allocated to households with special needs data should be interpreted with caution as special needs information is self-identified and not mandatory.
- (h) New households with special needs and proportion of tenants allocated to households with special needs data should be interpreted with caution as special needs information is self-identified and not mandatory.
- (i) Disability information is self-identified and is not mandatory. Indigenous information is self-identified and not mandatory.

*Source:* AIHW (2004, 2005) CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.16.

Table 16A.5

**State owned and managed Indigenous housing****Table 16A.4 Greatest need allocations as a proportion of all new allocations (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | <i>NSW (e)</i> | <i>Vic (f)</i> | <i>Qld</i>  | <i>WA</i>   | <i>SA (g)</i> | <i>Tas (h)</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Total for year ending 30 June 2004                          |                |                |             |             |               |                |              |
| Proportion of new allocations to those in greatest need in: |                |                |             |             |               |                |              |
| < 3 months  | 31.6           | 21.0           | 2.7         | 30.0        | 71.9          | na             | 36.7         |
| 3 months to < 6 months                                      | 20.4           | 34.6           | 12.1        | 47.3        | 100.0         | na             | 40.7         |
| 6 months to <1 year   | 7.1            | 26.3           | –           | 11.8        | 97.5          | na             | 22.8         |
| 1 year to < 2 years   | 3.7            | 16.7           | 3.7         | –           | 88.1          | na             | 20.0         |
| 2+ years  | 0.9            | –              | –           | –           | 50.0          | na             | 1.1          |
| <b>Overall total</b>  | <b>15.2</b>    | <b>19.4</b>    | <b>2.7</b>  | <b>22.7</b> | <b>80.9</b>   | <b>na</b>      | <b>26.5</b>  |
| Total for year ending 30 June 2005                          |                |                |             |             |               |                |              |
| Proportion of new allocations to those in greatest need in: |                |                |             |             |               |                |              |
| Under 3 months  | 20.5           | 26.6           | 10.6        | 36.3        | 77.3          | na             | 38.7         |
| 3 < 6 months  | 21.7           | 23.1           | 9.5         | 55.3        | 97.3          | na             | 47.0         |
| 6 months to < 1 year  | 3.0            | 32.1           | 3.7         | 11.1        | 97.0          | na             | 24.0         |
| 1 < 2 years   | 3.9            | 11.5           | 9.8         | –           | 93.1          | na             | 19.0         |
| 2+ years  | 1.8            | –              | 5.3         | –           | 56.3          | na             | 5.4          |
| <b>Overall total</b>  | <b>10.1</b>    | <b>20.9</b>    | <b>7.5</b>  | <b>26.2</b> | <b>83.4</b>   | <b>na</b>      | <b>27.5</b>  |
| Total for year ending 30 June 2006                          |                |                |             |             |               |                |              |
| Proportion of new allocations to those in greatest need in: |                |                |             |             |               |                |              |
| Under 3 months  | 17.5           | 28.6           | 22.6        | 37.9        | 71.7          | na             | 36.8         |
| 3 < 6 months  | 11.9           | 35.7           | 40.0        | 72.5        | 100.0         | na             | 41.7         |
| 6 months to < 1 year  | 1.6            | 27.3           | 14.8        | 23.7        | 85.7          | na             | 25.1         |
| 1 < 2 years   | 5.2            | 31.3           | 4.8         | –           | 88.6          | na             | 20.7         |
| 2+ years  | –              | –              | 3.3         | –           | 72.2          | na             | 5.5          |
| <b>Overall total</b>  | <b>8.2</b>     | <b>23.9</b>    | <b>11.9</b> | <b>28.4</b> | <b>79.4</b>   | <b>na</b>      | <b>26.3</b>  |
| Total for year ending 30 June 2007                          |                |                |             |             |               |                |              |
| Proportion of new allocations to those in greatest need in: |                |                |             |             |               |                |              |
| Under 3 months  | 17.5           | 34.4           | 32.1        | 32.2        | 78.8          | na             | 33.3         |
| 3 < 6 months  | 15.5           | 50.0           | 56.3        | 50.0        | 88.2          | na             | 40.2         |
| 6 months to < 1 year  | 10.2           | 14.3           | 37.3        | 41.3        | 89.7          | na             | 36.4         |
| 1 < 2 years   | 3.1            | 11.1           | 14.3        | 15.9        | 66.7          | na             | 19.2         |
| 2+ years  | –              | 2.1            | 4.1         | –           | 59.6          | na             | 8.8          |
| <b>Overall total</b>  | <b>10.5</b>    | <b>19.3</b>    | <b>20.2</b> | <b>28.2</b> | <b>74.4</b>   | <b>na</b>      | <b>25.8</b>  |

Table 16A.5

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Table 16A.4 **Greatest need allocations as a proportion of all new allocations (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | <i>NSW (e)</i> | <i>Vic (f)</i> | <i>Qld</i>  | <i>WA</i>   | <i>SA (g)</i> | <i>Tas (h)</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Total for year ending 30 June 2008                          |                |                |             |             |               |                |              |
| Proportion of new allocations to those in greatest need in: |                |                |             |             |               |                |              |
| Under 3 months  | 23.6           | 35.7           | 50.0        | 30.4        | 83.0          | na             | 40.2         |
| 3 < 6 months  | 11.7           | 11.1           | 50.0        | 60.8        | 70.0          | na             | 37.1         |
| 6 months to < 1 year  | 12.7           | 50.0           | 53.8        | 62.9        | 66.7          | na             | 39.8         |
| 1 < 2 years   | –              | 12.5           | 18.8        | 25.6        | 70.4          | na             | 23.3         |
| 2+ years  | –              | –              | 5.4         | 3.1         | 39.5          | na             | 8.1          |
| <b>Overall total</b>  | <b>12.9</b>    | <b>17.0</b>    | <b>29.9</b> | <b>34.9</b> | <b>69.3</b>   | <b>na</b>      | <b>30.6</b>  |

- (a) The State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) Administrative Data Repository was used to collect all administrative data (excluding financial data {average cost of providing assistance per dwelling and total rent collected as a percentage of total rent charged}, employment data and 2007 National Housing Survey of SOMIH Tenants data {amenity, location and customer satisfaction}) for all jurisdictions.
- (b) The ACT does not have a separately identified or funded Indigenous housing program. People of Indigenous descent are housed as part of the public rental housing program.
- (c) Most Indigenous-specific housing programs in NT are currently community managed and administered. NT is moving to a Public Housing management framework across all regions.
- (d) Households for which allocation could not be determined are excluded from total number of all new greatest need households allocated housing and total number of all new households allocated housing. For the total number of new greatest need households allocated housing for year ending 30 June 2008, 2 households were excluded in NSW and the indicator was not applicable for Tasmania. For the total number of new households allocated housing for year ending 30 June 2008, 6 households were excluded in NSW and 5 in WA.
- (e) Greatest need data for 2007-08 are comparable with 2006-07 but not with earlier years, where two 'greatest need' categories (refuge and priority tenancy re-instatement) were excluded. Further data are not directly comparable with other jurisdictions' data as households with 'very high rental housing costs' are excluded, and hence the 'greatest need' data represents an undercount. Most applicants in NSW face high private rental costs, particularly in Sydney, and if this were deemed a reason for 'priority' housing nearly all applicants would be classified as 'greatest need'.
- (f) As a part of a transition to independence process to achieve self-determination for Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV), Victoria is in the process of transferring tenancy management functions of Indigenous specific housing stock to AHV. By 30 June 2008, the tenancy management for 348 properties had been transferred. These dwellings are no longer classified as SOMIH but as State owned Indigenous Community Housing, and will be reported separately in the Indigenous Housing Indicators publication. For this reason, data are not comparable with previous years.
- (g) Greatest need data should be interpreted with caution as some priority applicants may bypass the priority process in low wait time areas.
- (h) Assessment against greatest need criteria are not currently recorded on the Tasmanian Housing Information System for SOMIH applicants, therefore no greatest need data are reported.

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* AIHW (2004, 2005) CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.17.

**State owned and managed Indigenous housing****Table 16A.5 Net recurrent cost per dwelling (2007-08 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|   | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic (f), (g)</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA (h)</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|------------|---------------------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Net recurrent cost of providing assistance (excluding the cost of capital) per dwelling |            |                     |            |               |           |            |              |
| 2003-04   | 6727       | 5606                | 7451       | 7171          | 6472      | 4054       | 6747         |
| 2004-05   | 5772       | 5473                | 7003       | 7828          | 4699      | 5578       | 6223         |
| 2005-06   | 5849       | 6770                | 7178       | 8276          | 7558      | 6054       | 6929         |
| 2006-07   | 6060       | 4247                | 7782       | 7944          | 6952      | 6698       | 6746         |
| 2007-08   | 6229       | 4929                | 8139       | 10726         | 9513      | 6504       | 8014         |

- (a) The ACT does not have a separately identified or funded Indigenous housing program. People of Indigenous descent are housed as part of the public rental housing program.
- (b) Most Indigenous-specific housing programs in NT are currently community managed and administered. NT is moving to a Public Housing management framework across all regions.
- (c) Total net recurrent costs may not be comparable with years prior to 2006-07, as total net recurrent costs was redefined in 2006-07 to measure total net recurrent costs for year ending 30 June, rather than total direct costs.
- (d) Total net recurrent costs are not calculated via the data repository but are supplied by jurisdictions.
- (e) Due to rounding the national total may not equal the sum of jurisdictions' data items.
- (f) As a part of a transition to independence process to achieve self-determination for Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV), Victoria is in the process of transferring tenancy management functions of Indigenous specific housing stock to AHV. By 30 June 2008, the tenancy management for 348 properties had been transferred. These dwellings are no longer classified as SOMIH but as state owned Indigenous Community Housing, and will be reported separately in the Indigenous Housing Indicators publication. For this reason, Data are not comparable with previous years.
- (g) Calculation of net recurrent cost per dwelling is based on 1361 dwellings, which includes social housing dwellings owned by the Director of Housing that, in the course of 2007-08, had tenancy management functions transferred from SOMIH to Indigenous Community Housing, as part of the transition to independence strategy for Aboriginal Housing Victoria.
- (h) Total net recurrent costs and average cost of providing assistance should be interpreted with caution as they include the costs for dwellings leased to other organisations that are excluded in the total number of dwellings.

*Source:* AIHW (2004, 2005) CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.18.

Table 16A.7

**State owned and managed Indigenous housing****Table 16A.7 Occupancy rates as at 30 June (per cent) (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic (d), (e), (f)</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Proportion of State owned and managed Indigenous housing dwellings occupied |            |                          |            |           |           |            |              |
| 2004  | 98.0       | 96.7                     | 96.8       | 94.1      | 92.2      | 98.2       | 96.0         |
| 2005  | 97.4       | 95.8                     | 96.1       | 94.2      | 91.8      | 97.7       | 95.5         |
| 2006  | 97.4       | 96.7                     | 96.8       | 94.1      | 93.5      | 98.3       | 96.1         |
| 2007  | 97.7       | 96.4                     | 97.2       | 94.5      | 94.1      | 97.7       | 96.4         |
| 2008  | 98.4       | 97.9                     | 97.7       | 94.1      | 94.6      | 97.7       | 96.8         |

- (a) The State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) Administrative Data Repository was used to collect all administrative data (excluding financial data {average cost of providing assistance per dwelling and total rent collected as a percentage of total rent charged}, employment data and 2007 National Housing Survey of SOMIH Tenants data {amenity, location and customer satisfaction}) for all jurisdictions.
- (b) The ACT does not have a separately identified or funded Indigenous housing program. People of Indigenous descent are housed as part of the public rental housing program.
- (c) Most Indigenous-specific housing programs in NT are currently community managed and administered. NT is moving to a Public Housing management framework across all regions.
- (d) As a part of a transition to independence process to achieve self-determination for Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV), Victoria is in the process of transferring tenancy management functions of Indigenous specific housing stock to AHV. By 30 June 2008, the tenancy management for 348 properties had been transferred. These dwellings are no longer classified as SOMIH but as State owned Indigenous Community Housing, and will be reported separately in the Indigenous Housing Indicators publication. For this reason, Data are not comparable with previous years.
- (e) Total occupied dwellings and total dwellings are unreconciled and may not match published jurisdictional annual data.
- (f) Occupancy rate includes properties undergoing upgrade and redevelopment work, which are not available for occupancy.

*Source:* AIHW (2004, 2005) CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.19.

Table 16A.8

**State owned and managed Indigenous housing****Table 16A.8 Average turnaround times for vacant stock (days) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|         | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic (e), (f)</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA (g)</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------|------------|---------------------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 2003-04 | 35.5       | 45.3                | 45.9       | 58.2          | 44.1      | 32.8       | 45.7         |
| 2004-05 | 34.4       | 42.5                | 40.6       | 43.6          | 40.5      | 35.5       | 39.8         |
| 2005-06 | 36.0       | 40.6                | 35.5       | 25.8          | 46.7      | 42.4       | 36.0         |
| 2006-07 | 36.6       | 33.6                | 35.0       | 51.5          | 49.1      | 42.9       | 40.7         |
| 2007-08 | 28.2       | 44.3                | 34.2       | 40.2          | 40.8      | 45.2       | 35.1         |

- (a) The State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) Administrative Data Repository was used to collect all administrative data (excluding financial data {average cost of providing assistance per dwelling and total rent collected as a percentage of total rent charged}, employment data and 2007 National Housing Survey of SOMIH Tenants data {amenity, location and customer satisfaction}) for all jurisdictions.
- (b) The ACT does not have a separately identified or funded Indigenous housing program. People of Indigenous descent are housed as part of the public rental housing program.
- (c) Most Indigenous-specific housing programs in NT are currently community managed and administered. NT is moving to a Public Housing management framework across all regions.
- (d) Average turnaround time data may not be comparable with years prior to 2006-07. In 2006-07, the 'turnaround time' data was clarified to include only those vacancy episodes classified as 'normal' for the entire period. In 2007-08, the definition was further refined to isolate periods of major redevelopment.
- (e) As a part of a transition to independence process to achieve self-determination for Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV), Victoria is in the process of transferring tenancy management functions of Indigenous specific housing stock to AHV. By 30 June 2008, the tenancy management for 348 properties had been transferred. These dwellings are no longer classified as SOMIH but as State owned Indigenous Community Housing, and will be reported separately in the Indigenous Housing Indicators publication. For this reason, Data are not comparable with previous years.
- (f) Average turnaround time should be interpreted with caution as the legal tenancy start date (date from which rent is paid) is used as the vacancy end date. In practice tenants may sign tenancy agreements and receive keys several days earlier. Victoria identifies normal vacancies as those that require only standard maintenance procedures. Turnaround time varies from other published jurisdictional data due to the inclusion of hard to let properties and separated vacancy episodes for dwellings that have undergone major redevelopment work.
- (g) Remoteness of many of the dwellings is a contributing factor to above average turnaround times.

*Source:* AIHW (2004, 2005) CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.20.

Table 16A.9

**State owned and managed Indigenous housing****Table 16A.9 Total rent actually collected as a proportion of total rent charged (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|         | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic (g)</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------|------------|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 2003-04 | 104.1      | 99.8           | 101.3      | 103.1     | 97.0      | 102.2      | 101.8        |
| 2004-05 | 97.7       | 100.6          | 100.4      | 103.9     | 93.8      | 99.6       | 99.2         |
| 2005-06 | 100.5      | 99.0           | 99.7       | 104.3     | 94.7      | 103.8      | 100.0        |
| 2006-07 | 101.8      | 92.8           | 97.3       | 105.3     | 103.0     | 102.1      | 100.6        |
| 2007-08 | 96.8       | 89.2           | 99.6       | 104.3     | 103.7     | 99.8       | 99.0         |

- (a) The State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) Administrative Data Repository was used to collect all administrative data (excluding financial data {average cost of providing assistance per dwelling and total rent collected as a percentage of total rent charged}, employment data and 2007 National Housing Survey of SOMIH Tenants data {amenity, location and customer satisfaction}) for all jurisdictions.
- (b) The ACT does not have a separately identified or funded Indigenous housing program. People of Indigenous descent are housed as part of the public rental housing program.
- (c) Most Indigenous-specific housing programs in NT are currently community managed and administered. NT is moving to a Public Housing management framework across all regions.
- (d) Total rent collected from tenants, total rent charged to tenants and total rent collected as a percentage of rent charged are not calculated via the data repository but are supplied by jurisdictions.
- (e) Due to rounding the national total for total rent collected from tenants and total rent charged to tenants may not equal the sum of jurisdictions' data items.
- (f) Payment arrangements for rent in some jurisdictions mean that rent collected over a 12-month period may be higher than rent charged over that period.
- (g) As a part of a transition to independence process to achieve self-determination for Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV), Victoria is in the process of transferring tenancy management functions of Indigenous specific housing stock to AHV. By 30 June 2008, the tenancy management for 348 properties had been transferred. These dwellings are no longer classified as SOMIH but as State owned Indigenous Community Housing, and will be reported separately in the Indigenous Housing Indicators publication. For this reason, Data are not comparable with previous years.

*Source:* AIHW (2004, 2005) CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.21.

Table 16A.10

**State owned and managed Indigenous housing****Table 16A.10 State owned and managed Indigenous housing satisfaction survey, 2007 (a), (b)**

|                                     | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Amenity                             | %           | 75         | 78         | 83         | 78        | 77        | 80         | 78           |
| Standard error                      | %           | 2.4        | 4.6        | 2.9        | 3.1       | 2.9       | 4.3        | 1.3          |
| Location                            | %           | 87         | 91         | 92         | 86        | 89        | 90         | 89           |
| Standard error                      | %           | 2.0        | 3.3        | 2.4        | 2.9       | 2.4       | 3.8        | 1.1          |
| <b><u>Customer Satisfaction</u></b> |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |              |
| Sample size                         | no.         | 387        | 87         | 204        | 216       | 254       | 100        | 1 259        |
| Very satisfied                      | %           | 15         | 15         | 34         | 15        | 12        | 15         | 19           |
| Satisfied                           | %           | 44         | 50         | 40         | 45        | 46        | 58         | 45           |
| Dissatisfied                        | %           | 28         | 24         | 13         | 25        | 25        | 24         | 23           |
| Standard error                      | %           | 2.5        | 4.8        | 3.0        | 3.3       | 3.1       | 4.5        | 1.4          |

(a) The sample sizes for customer satisfaction reflect the number of unweighted valid responses and are therefore different to those provided for amenity/location indicator.

(b) The standard error is the measure of the expected variability of the value for the population being measured.

Source: AIHW (2009) State owned and managed Indigenous housing 2006-07: CSHA national data report, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.22.



Table 16A.11

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**Table 16A.11 Average weekly subsidy per rebated household and proportion of rebated households spending less than 30 per cent of their income in rent (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|   | NSW (f) | Vic (g) | Qld   | WA   | SA   | Tas   | Total |
|---|---------|---------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Average weekly subsidy per rebated household (\$)                                     |         |         |       |      |      |       |       |
| 2008  | 118.9   | 96.5    | 131.5 | 98.0 | 96.7 | 73.6  | 111.8 |
| Proportion of rebated households spending 30 per cent or less of their income in rent |         |         |       |      |      |       |       |
| 2008  | 100.0   | 100.0   | 99.8  | 98.4 | 98.7 | 100.0 | 98.8  |

- (a) The State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) Administrative Data Repository was used to collect all administrative data (excluding financial data {average cost of providing assistance per dwelling and total rent collected as a percentage of total rent charged}, employment data and 2007 National Housing Survey of SOMIH Tenants data {amenity, location and customer satisfaction}) for all jurisdictions.
- (b) The ACT does not have a separately identified or funded Indigenous housing program. People of Indigenous descent are housed as part of the public rental housing program.
- (c) Most Indigenous-specific housing programs in NT are currently community managed and administered. NT is moving to a Public Housing management framework across all regions.
- (d) Due to rounding the national total of total rents charged and total market rent value of dwellings for which a rent was charged may not equal the sum of jurisdictions' data items.
- (e) Indicator revised in 2007-08 to capture the average rental subsidy for rebated households rather than for all households.
- (f) Proportion of rebated households spending not more than 30 per cent of their income in rent supplied by jurisdiction. No rebated tenant pays more than 30 per cent of income as rent.
- (g) As a part of a transition to independence process to achieve self-determination for Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV), Victoria is in the process of transferring tenancy management functions of Indigenous specific housing stock to AHV. By 30 June 2008, the tenancy management for 348 properties had been transferred. These dwellings are no longer classified as SOMIH but as State owned Indigenous Community Housing, and will be reported separately in the Indigenous Housing Indicators publication. For this reason, Data are not comparable with previous years.

*Source:* AIHW (2004, 2005) CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.23.

Table 16A.12

**State owned and managed Indigenous housing****Table 16A.12 Proportion of households with overcrowding at 30 June (per cent)  
(a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|      | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic (f)</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|------|------------|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 2004 | 0.8        | –              | 3.3        | 1.7       | 1.9       | 1.3        | 1.7          |
| 2005 | 0.7        | 1.7            | 6.7        | 1.6       | 2.2       | 1.2        | 2.8          |
| 2006 | 3.4        | 2.7            | 9.2        | 11.7      | 5.9       | 2.1        | 6.6          |
| 2007 | 2.9        | 4.3            | 10.2       | 7.2       | 6.3       | 2.8        | 6.2          |
| 2008 | 3.1        | 4.9            | 11.3       | 7.8       | 6.5       | 1.9        | 6.8          |

- (a) The State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) Administrative Data Repository was used to collect all administrative data (excluding financial data {average cost of providing assistance per dwelling and total rent collected as a percentage of total rent charged}, employment data and 2007 National Housing Survey of SOMIH Tenants data {amenity, location and customer satisfaction}) for all jurisdictions.
- (b) The ACT does not have a separately identified or funded Indigenous housing program. People of Indigenous descent are housed as part of the public rental housing program.
- (c) Most Indigenous-specific housing programs in NT are currently community managed and administered. NT is moving to a Public Housing management framework across all regions.
- (d) Jurisdictions exclude various types of households in total households with overcrowding, total households for which tenancy composition and dwelling details are known and proportion of households where dwelling size is not appropriate due to overcrowding, as shown in the table 16A.39. For this reason, comparisons between jurisdictions' data should be made with caution.
- (e) The proxy occupancy standard was revised to remove the four bedroom cap for the 2006 data. Data prior to 2005-06 should not be compared with data from later years.
- (f) As a part of a transition to independence process to achieve self-determination for Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV), Victoria is in the process of transferring tenancy management functions of Indigenous specific housing stock to AHV. By 30 June 2008, the tenancy management for 348 properties had been transferred. These dwellings are no longer classified as SOMIH but as State owned Indigenous Community Housing, and will be reported separately in the Indigenous Housing Indicators publication. For this reason, Data are not comparable with previous years.
- Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* AIHW (2004, 2005) CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous housing, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.24.

# Community housing

Table 16A.13

**Community housing****Table 16A.13 Descriptive data - community housing (a), (b), (c)**

| <i>Unit</i>   | <i>NSW (d), (e), (f), (g)</i> | <i>Vic (h), (i)</i> | <i>Qld (j)</i> | <i>WA (k)</i> | <i>SA (l)</i> | <i>Tas (m), (n)</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT (o)</i> | <i>Aust (p)</i> |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Total new households assisted, for year ending 30 June            |                               |                     |                |               |               |                     |            |               |                 |
| 2003-04   | no.                           | 1 875               | 833            | 1 528         | 943           | 743                 | 126        | na            | 6 108           |
| 2004-05   | no.                           | 1 829               | 1 097          | 1 820         | 3 003         | 742                 | 259        | na            | 8 793           |
| 2005-06   | no.                           | 2 518               | 893            | 1 637         | 487           | 594                 | 301        | na            | 6 489           |
| 2006-07   | no.                           | 3 218               | 1 135          | 2 541         | 826           | 646                 | 285        | na            | 8 741           |
| 2007-08   | no.                           | 3 437               | 1 480          | 1 822         | 715           | 879                 | 346        | na            | 8 728           |
| Total new Indigenous households assisted, for year ending 30 June |                               |                     |                |               |               |                     |            |               |                 |
| 2003-04   | no.                           | 185                 | -              | 222           | 475           | 31                  | 7          | na            | 921             |
| 2004-05   | no.                           | 135                 | 34             | 343           | 2 166         | 28                  | 13         | na            | 2 720           |
| 2005-06   | no.                           | 195                 | 32             | 171           | 45            | 23                  | 12         | na            | 481             |
| 2006-07   | no.                           | 233                 | 20             | 294           | 76            | 19                  | 13         | na            | 661             |
| 2007-08   | no.                           | 236                 | 416            | 237           | 56            | 14                  | 13         | na            | 975             |
| Total rents charged for year ending 30 June                       |                               |                     |                |               |               |                     |            |               |                 |
| 2002-03   | \$'000                        | 41 461              | 13 920         | 19 876        | 7 560         | 15 833              | 1 246      | na            | 101 251         |
| 2003-04   | \$'000                        | 42 839              | 19 534         | 21 009        | 13 756        | 9 964               | 1 751      | na            | 110 633         |
| 2004-05   | \$'000                        | 46 926              | 11 166         | 21 626        | 11 520        | 17 916              | 984        | na            | 112 196         |
| 2005-06   | \$'000                        | 55 800              | 21 216         | 24 833        | 14 237        | 20 897              | 1 109      | na            | 140 484         |
| 2006-07   | \$'000                        | 60 707              | 29 375         | 26 118        | 17 189        | 22 454              | 2 079      | na            | 160 322         |
| Total Indigenous households, at 30 June                           |                               |                     |                |               |               |                     |            |               |                 |
| 2004  | no.                           | 588                 | 12             | 419           | 212           | 65                  | 16         | na            | 1 316           |
| 2005  | no.                           | 616                 | 36             | 1 033         | 229           | 65                  | 19         | na            | 2 002           |
| 2006  | no.                           | 661                 | 56             | 725           | 121           | 65                  | 24         | na            | 1 663           |
| 2007  | no.                           | 928                 | 36             | 582           | 137           | 58                  | 24         | na            | 1 773           |
| 2008  | no.                           | 935                 | 499            | 615           | 151           | 59                  | 29         | na            | 2 298           |
| Total number of new applicants who have greatest need, at 30 June |                               |                     |                |               |               |                     |            |               |                 |

Table 16A.13

**Community housing****Table 16A.13 Descriptive data - community housing (a), (b), (c)**

| <i>Unit</i>   | <i>NSW (d), (e), (f), (g)</i> | <i>Vic (h), (i)</i> | <i>Qld (j)</i> | <i>WA (k)</i> | <i>SA (l)</i> | <i>Tas (m), (n)</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT (o)</i> | <i>Aust (p)</i> |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 2004  | no.                           | 9 847               | 1 029          | 5 580         | 727           | 1 624               | 121        | na            | 19 089          |
| 2005  | no.                           | 6 801               | na             | 9 028         | 1 385         | 1 485               | 196        | na            | 19 197          |
| 2006  | no.                           | 7 343               | 852            | 8 186         | 1 432         | 1 155               | 230        | na            | 19 485          |
| 2007  | no.                           | 7 184               | 936            | na            | 1 514         | 1 175               | na         | na            | 11 133          |
| 2008  | no.                           | 8 064               | 1 408          | 1 532         | 1 083         | 1 190               | 265        | na            | 13 828          |
| Total applicants on waiting list, at 30 June        |                               |                     |                |               |               |                     |            |               |                 |
| 2004  | no.                           | 17 160              | 1 859          | 7 793         | 1 381         | 3 008               | 272        | na            | 31 719          |
| 2005  | no.                           | 16 547              | 2 569          | 11 647        | 3 327         | 2 592               | 311        | na            | 37 384          |
| 2006  | no.                           | 18 220              | 983            | 10 774        | 2 514         | 3 835               | 253        | na            | 36 983          |
| 2007  | no.                           | 15 436              | 1 719          | na            | 3 682         | 3 857               | 332        | na            | 25 504          |
| 2008  | no.                           | 15 603              | 2 890          | 9 901         | 3 617         | 4 307               | 268        | na            | 36 946          |
| Total tenantable tenancy rental units, at 30 June   |                               |                     |                |               |               |                     |            |               |                 |
| 2004  | no.                           | 9 437               | 3 619          | 5 078         | 3 511         | 4 172               | 408        | 97            | 26 724          |
| 2005  | no.                           | 10 119              | 4 934          | 5 154         | 2 956         | 4 036               | 568        | 115           | 28 248          |
| 2006  | no.                           | 11 487              | 4 295          | 5 388         | 2 333         | 4 348               | 745        | 87            | 29 150          |
| 2007  | no.                           | 13 961              | 4 564          | 6 210         | 3 285         | 4 405               | 793        | 92            | 33 807          |
| 2008  | no.                           | 15 311              | 5 125          | 6 480         | 3 074         | 4 539               | 740        | 93            | 35 749          |
| Total untenantable tenancy rental units, at 30 June |                               |                     |                |               |               |                     |            |               |                 |
| 2004  | no.                           | 32                  | 33             | 115           | 8             | 44                  | 1          | -             | 233             |
| 2005  | no.                           | 66                  | 100            | 132           | 68            | 31                  | 1          | -             | 400             |
| 2006  | no.                           | 57                  | 81             | 54            | 23            | 92                  | 16         | -             | 324             |
| 2007  | no.                           | 179                 | 184            | 65            | 25            | 55                  | 12         | -             | 522             |
| 2008  | no.                           | 86                  | 125            | 70            | 37            | 9                   | 6          | -             | 333             |
| Total tenancy rental units, at 30 June              |                               |                     |                |               |               |                     |            |               |                 |
| 2004  | no.                           | 9 469               | 3 652          | 5 193         | 3 519         | 4 012               | 409        | 97            | 26 753          |

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**Community housing****Table 16A.13 Descriptive data - community housing (a), (b), (c)**

|  | Unit   | NSW (d), (e), (f), (g) | Vic (h), (i) | Qld (j) | WA (k) | SA (l) | Tas (m), (n) | ACT | NT (o) | Aust (p) |
|--|--------|------------------------|--------------|---------|--------|--------|--------------|-----|--------|----------|
| 2005   | no.    | 10 185                 | 5 034        | 5 286   | 3 567  | 4 077  | 446          | 569 | 115    | 29 279   |
| 2006   | no.    | 11 544                 | 4 458        | 5 442   | 2 974  | 3 955  | 468          | 765 | 87     | 29 693   |
| 2007   | no.    | 14 140                 | 4 593        | 6 275   | 3 869  | 4 373  | 529          | 801 | 92     | 34 672   |
| 2008   | no.    | 15 397                 | 5 250        | 6 550   | 3 111  | 4 548  | 387          | 743 | 93     | 36 079   |
| Total occupied tenancy rental units, at 30 June                |        |                        |              |         |        |        |              |     |        |          |
| 2004   | no.    | 9 339                  | 3 582        | 4 933   | 3 511  | 3 828  | 401          | 392 | 97     | 26 083   |
| 2005   | no.    | 9 997                  | 4 755        | 5 059   | 3 494  | 3 876  | 441          | 511 | 115    | 28 248   |
| 2006   | no.    | 11 358                 | 4 176        | 5 292   | 2 800  | 3 817  | 467          | 687 | 87     | 28 684   |
| 2007   | no.    | 13 743                 | 4 436        | 6 060   | 3 718  | 4 232  | 521          | 724 | 92     | 33 526   |
| 2008   | no.    | 15 150                 | 5 009        | 6 356   | 2 980  | 4 370  | 387          | 698 | 93     | 35 043   |
| Total rents charged for week ending 30 June                    |        |                        |              |         |        |        |              |     |        |          |
| 2004   | \$'000 | 853                    | 449          | 309     | 826    | 330    | 30           | 29  | na     | 2 827    |
| 2005   | \$'000 | 1 146                  | 211          | 487     | 316    | 297    | 29           | 31  | 7      | 2 524    |
| 2006   | \$'000 | 1 352                  | 304          | 753     | 143    | 368    | 34           | 52  | 6      | 3 012    |
| 2007   | \$'000 | 1 383                  | 522          | 24      | 178    | 413    | 27           | 63  | 6      | 2 615    |
| 2008   | \$'000 | 1 445                  | 657          | 168     | 181    | 461    | 39           | 57  | 6      | 3 014    |
| Total tenancy rental units in major cities, at 30 June         |        |                        |              |         |        |        |              |     |        |          |
| 2004   | no.    | 4 373                  | 1 577        | 1 891   | 2 002  | 3 639  | -            | 409 | -      | 13 891   |
| 2005   | no.    | 8 075                  | 3 650        | 1 938   | 2 226  | 3 568  | -            | 569 | -      | 20 026   |
| 2006   | no.    | 8 685                  | 3 186        | 2 031   | 1 020  | 3 731  | -            | 765 | -      | 19 418   |
| 2007   | no.    | 9 919                  | 3 328        | 2 772   | 2 576  | 3 737  | -            | 798 | -      | 23 130   |
| 2008   | no.    | 10 529                 | 5 100        | 3 000   | 2 751  | 3 889  | ..           | 743 | ..     | 26 012   |
| Total tenancy rental units in inner regional areas, at 30 June |        |                        |              |         |        |        |              |     |        |          |
| 2004   | no.    | 1 313                  | 790          | 1 308   | 410    | 357    | 251          | -   | -      | 4 429    |
| 2005   | no.    | 2 764                  | 943          | 1 338   | 416    | 304    | 285          | -   | -      | 6 050    |

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**Community housing****Table 16A.13 Descriptive data - community housing (a), (b), (c)**

|  | Unit | NSW (d), (e), (f), (g) | Vic (h), (i) | Qld (j) | WA (k) | SA (l) | Tas (m), (n) | ACT | NT (o) | Aust (p) |
|--|------|------------------------|--------------|---------|--------|--------|--------------|-----|--------|----------|
| 2006   | no.  | 3 029                  | 1 055        | 1 356   | 484    | 364    | 298          | -   | -      | 6 586    |
| 2007   | no.  | 3 397                  | 1 081        | 1 441   | 479    | 411    | 275          | -   | -      | 7 084    |
| 2008   | no.  | 3 421                  | 1 365        | 1 521   | 543    | 367    | 393          | ..  | ..     | 7 610    |
| Total tenancy rental units in outer regional areas, at 30 June |      |                        |              |         |        |        |              |     |        |          |
| 2004   | no.  | 402                    | 143          | 1 402   | 600    | 176    | 148          | -   | 60     | 2 931    |
| 2005   | no.  | 940                    | 183          | 1 418   | 381    | 154    | 180          | -   | 64     | 3 320    |
| 2006   | no.  | 941                    | 196          | 1 466   | 250    | 193    | 167          | -   | 62     | 3 275    |
| 2007   | no.  | 764                    | 170          | 1 462   | 502    | 197    | 250          | -   | 64     | 3 409    |
| 2008   | no.  | 1 142                  | 221          | 1 383   | 652    | 215    | 185          | ..  | 67     | 3 865    |
| Total tenancy rental units in remote areas, at 30 June         |      |                        |              |         |        |        |              |     |        |          |
| 2004   | no.  | 23                     | 14           | 230     | 362    | 40     | 3            | -   | 31     | 703      |
| 2005   | no.  | 24                     | 9            | 228     | 184    | 50     | 9            | -   | 48     | 553      |
| 2006   | no.  | 14                     | 14           | 231     | 109    | 56     | 3            | -   | 18     | 445      |
| 2007   | no.  | 60                     | 13           | 232     | 251    | 56     | 11           | -   | 22     | 645      |
| 2008   | no.  | 23                     | 12           | 265     | 399    | 63     | 19           | ..  | 20     | 801      |
| Total tenancy rental units in very remote areas, at 30 June    |      |                        |              |         |        |        |              |     |        |          |
| 2004   | no.  | 2                      | -            | 362     | 145    | 4      | -            | -   | 6      | 519      |
| 2005   | no.  | 8                      | -            | 363     | 69     | -      | -            | -   | 3      | 443      |
| 2006   | no.  | 4                      | -            | 358     | 6      | 4      | -            | -   | 7      | 379      |
| 2007   | no.  | -                      | -            | 368     | 60     | 4      | -            | -   | 6      | 438      |
| 2008   | no.  | 4                      | ..           | 380     | 129    | 4      | -            | ..  | 6      | 523      |
| Total community housing providers, at 30 June                  |      |                        |              |         |        |        |              |     |        |          |
| 2004   | no.  | 192                    | 150          | 346     | 247    | 116    | 23           | 10  | 34     | 1 118    |
| 2005   | no.  | 208                    | 174          | 321     | 208    | 121    | 46           | 10  | 30     | 1 118    |
| 2006   | no.  | 230                    | 167          | 332     | 108    | 118    | 47           | 9   | 20     | 1 031    |

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**Community housing****Table 16A.13 Descriptive data - community housing (a), (b), (c)**

| Unit | NSW (d), (e), (f), (g) | Vic (h), (i) | Qld (j) | WA (k) | SA (l) | Tas (m), (n) | ACT | NT (o) | Aust (p) |
|------|------------------------|--------------|---------|--------|--------|--------------|-----|--------|----------|
| 2007 | 224                    | 176          | 296     | 129    | 115    | 51           | 8   | 24     | 1 023    |
| 2008 | 210                    | 182          | 293     | 195    | 104    | 54           | 7   | 24     | 1 069    |

(a) Data within a jurisdiction may not be comparable to previous years due to variation in response rates and the community housing organisations which responded to the survey. Data may not be comparable across jurisdictions due to the considerable variation in the way community housing operates in each jurisdiction. Organisation and tenant data may vary considerably due to the policy and program environment and the nature of the sector.

(b) The total number of tenancy rental units in major cities, inner regional, outer regional, remote and very remote areas at 30 June 2008, have been sourced from jurisdiction administrative systems and are not subject to survey response rate.

(c) The total number of community housing providers at 30 June 2008 have been sourced from jurisdiction administrative systems and are not subject to survey response rate.

(d) The total number of new households and new Indigenous households for year ending 30 June 2008 may include households previously housed by another community housing provider.

(e) The total number of new applicants who have a greatest need at 30 June 2008 data are adjusted for number of applicants where greatest need status is unknown.

(f) The total number of applicants on waiting list at 30 June 2008 data include applicants where greatest need status is unknown. Applicants may appear on waiting lists of more than one community housing provider.

(g) For the total number tenancy rental units classified by the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) at 30 June 2008, the postcodes for 278 properties are not available as they are being transferred or relocated. The total number of community housing properties at 30 June 2008 is 15 397. This is the same as the total number of properties reported elsewhere in the CSHA data collection unless otherwise stated. Items reported in this CSHA data collection have been adjusted to account for unknowns.

(h) Indigenous households generally access long term accommodation through the General Rental Program of housing managed by Aboriginal Housing Victoria. Some Indigenous households may be unreported as data are reliant on Indigenous self-identification. Better identification and information capture has led to an increase in this figure.

(i) The total number of tenable and untenable tenancy rental units at 30 June 2008 may not be accurate as some data relating to tenancies were excluded to improve data quality. Data are not comparable to previous years or other jurisdictions as a different method of calculation has been used for Victoria.

(j) Data for the total number of new applicants who have a greatest need and applicants on waiting list at 30 June 2008 are overestimates as Queensland has a combined wait list of applicants for all forms of social housing, including community housing. Almost all applicants apply for other forms of social housing, such as public housing, and may be housed by these other programs.

(k) Significant data quality issues have impacted on household and dwelling counts.



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Table 16A.13 **Descriptive data - community housing (a), (b), (c)**

|     | Unit  | NSW (d), (e), (f), (g) | Vic (h), (i) | Qld (j) | WA (k) | SA (l) | Tas (m), (n) | ACT | NT (o) | Aust (p) |
|-----|---|------------------------|--------------|---------|--------|--------|--------------|-----|--------|----------|
| (l) | The total number of new applicants who have a greatest need and number of applicants on waiting list at 30 June 2008 are sourced from the waiting list. Data received from 86 out of 104 providers.   |                        |              |         |        |        |              |     |        |          |
| (m) | The total number of tenable and untenable tenancy rental units at 30 June 2008 are from a survey of community housing providers. The total number of tenancy rental units reported here may differ from numbers reported from jurisdictions' administrative data. Due to the response rate and data quality issues, results should be interpreted with caution. |                        |              |         |        |        |              |     |        |          |
| (n) | The total number of tenancy rental units in Inner Regional Australia at 30 June 2008 include one property purchased for re-development, but currently leased back to the vendor i.e. not used for community housing purposes at 30 June 2008.   |                        |              |         |        |        |              |     |        |          |
| (o) | For the total number of tenable tenancy rental units at 30 June 2008 it is assumed that all tenancy rental units are tenable.   |                        |              |         |        |        |              |     |        |          |
| (p) | Australian total may not represent national total because data were not available for all jurisdictions.  |                        |              |         |        |        |              |     |        |          |
|     | <b>na</b> Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.  |                        |              |         |        |        |              |     |        |          |

Source: AIHW (2005, 2006) *CSHA national data reports: CSHA community housing, Canberra; AIHW (2007, 2008, 2009) Community housing: CSHA national data report, Canberra*; 2009 Report, table 16A.25.

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Table 16A.14

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Table 16A.14 Descriptive data - Indigenous community housing

| Unit   | NSW (a), (b), (c),<br>(d), (e), (f), (g), (h),<br>(i), (j), (k), (l), (m),<br>(n), (o), (p) | Vic   | Qld (q), (r),<br>(s), (t) | WA    | SA (u), (v), (w),<br>(x), (y), (z) | Tas | ACT | NT (aa), (ab),<br>(ac), (ad), (ae),<br>(af), (ag), (ah),<br>(ai), (aj), (ak) | Aus Gov (al) | Aust (am) |        |
|--|---|-------|---------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--|--------------|-----------|--------|
| Number of permanent dwellings managed by funded/actively registered ICHOs, at 30 June                              |   |       |                           |       |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |        |
| 2006   | no.   | 2 450 | ..                        | 4 136 | 1 374                              | 945 | ..  | 23   | 6 168        | 1 993     | 17 089 |
| 2007   | no.   | 2 946 | ..                        | 4 157 | 2 956                              | 947 | ..  | 23   | 6 165        | 2 230     | 19 424 |
| Number of permanent dwellings managed by funded/actively registered and unfunded ICHOs, at 30 June                 |   |       |                           |       |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |        |
| 2006   | no.   | 4 989 | ..                        | 4 136 | 3 213                              | 983 | ..  | 23   | 6 168        | 1 993     | 21 505 |
| 2007   | no.   | 4 457 | ..                        | 4 157 | 2 956                              | 967 | ..  | 23   | 6 337        | 2 230     | 21 127 |
| Number of improvised dwellings managed by funded/actively registered ICHOs, at 30 June                             |   |       |                           |       |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |        |
| 2006   | no.   | -     | ..                        | na    | na                                 | 8   | ..  | -  | 639          | 40        | na     |
| 2007   | no.   | -     | ..                        | na    | 347                                | 7   | ..  | -  | 527          | 10        | 891    |
| Number of permanent dwellings managed by funded/actively registered ICHOs not connected to water, at 30 June       |   |       |                           |       |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |        |
| 2006   | no.   | -     | ..                        | -     | -                                  | -   | ..  | -  | 292          | 2         | 294    |
| 2007   | no.   | -     | ..                        | -     | -                                  | -   | ..  | -  | 292          | 3         | 295    |
| Number of permanent dwellings managed by funded/actively registered ICHOs not connected to sewerage, at 30 June    |   |       |                           |       |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |        |
| 2006   | no.   | -     | ..                        | -     | -                                  | -   | ..  | -  | 396          | 9         | 405    |
| 2007   | no.   | -     | ..                        | -     | -                                  | -   | ..  | -  | 396          | 3         | 399    |
| Number of permanent dwellings managed by funded/actively registered ICHOs not connected to electricity, at 30 June |   |       |                           |       |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |        |
| 2006   | no.   | -     | ..                        | -     | -                                  | -   | ..  | -  | 334          | 2         | 336    |
| 2007   | no.   | -     | ..                        | -     | -                                  | -   | ..  | -  | 334          | 6         | 340    |
| Total number of households living in permanent dwellings managed by funded/actively registered ICHOs, at 30 June   |   |       |                           |       |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |        |
| 2006   | no.   | na    | ..                        | 5 712 | na                                 | 827 | ..  | 22   | 6 807        | na        | na     |
| 2007   | no.   | na    | ..                        | 3 933 | 2 062                              | 481 | ..  | 23   | na           | 461       | 6 960  |
| Total rent collected by funded/actively registered ICHOs for the year ending 30 June                               |   |       |                           |       |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |        |

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## Table 16A.14 Descriptive data - Indigenous community housing

|   | Unit   | NSW (a), (b), (c),<br>(d), (e), (f), (g), (h),<br>(i), (j), (k), (l), (m),<br>(n), (o), (p) | Vic<br>(q), (r),<br>(s), (t) | WA     | SA (u), (v), (w),<br>(x), (y), (z) | Tas   | ACT | NT (aa), (ab),<br>(ac), (ad), (ae),<br>(af), (ag), (ah),<br>(ai), (aj), (ak) | Aus Gov (al) | Aust (am) |         |
|---|--------|---|------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|-------|-----|--|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 2005-06   | \$'000 | 9 688   | ..                           | 11 100 | 4 547                              | 1 143 | ..  | 117  | 11 600       | 8 924     | 47 119  |
| 2006-07   | \$'000 | 10 638  | ..                           | 11 400 | 5 937                              | 1 230 | ..  | 172  | 13 102       | 12 215    | 54 694  |
| Total rent charged by funded/actively registered ICHOs for the year ending 30 June                                |        |   |                              |        |                                    |       |     |  |              |           |         |
| 2005-06   | \$'000 | 10 831  | ..                           | 11 400 | 4 833                              | 1 113 | ..  | 117  | 11 180       | 10 537    | 50 011  |
| 2006-07   | \$'000 | 11 820  | ..                           | 11 800 | 6 134                              | 1 878 | ..  | 172  | 11 752       | 13 274    | 56 830  |
| Total recurrent expenditure for funded/actively registered ICHOs for the year ending 30 June                      |        |   |                              |        |                                    |       |     |  |              |           |         |
| 2005-06   | \$'000 | 14 072  | ..                           | 5 300  | 1 132                              | 6 074 | ..  | 515  | 21 200       | 8 191     | 56 484  |
| 2006-07   | \$'000 | 28 759  | ..                           | 13 600 | 32 532                             | 3 079 | ..  | 130  | 21 772       | 15 914    | 115 786 |
| Total capital expenditure for funded/actively registered ICHOs for the year ending 30 June                        |        |   |                              |        |                                    |       |     |  |              |           |         |
| 2005-06   | \$'000 | 20 976  | ..                           | 34 600 | 60 053                             | 7 023 | ..  | 1 447  | 25 970       | 16 817    | 166 886 |
| 2006-07   | \$'000 | 13 983  | ..                           | 38 800 | 93 360                             | 8 308 | ..  | 25   | 25 198       | 8 403     | 188 077 |
| Total net recurrent costs for funded/actively registered ICHOs for the year ending 30 June                        |        |   |                              |        |                                    |       |     |  |              |           |         |
| 2005-06   | \$'000 | 17 062  | ..                           | na     | na                                 | 6 074 | ..  | 515  | 3 500        | 13 710    | na      |
| 2006-07   | \$'000 | 23 386  | ..                           | 13 600 | -                                  | 3 079 | ..  | na   | na           | na        | 40 065  |
| Total number of occupied permanent dwellings managed by funded/actively registered and unfunded ICHOs, at 30 June |        |   |                              |        |                                    |       |     |  |              |           |         |
| 2006  | no.    | 2 367   | ..                           | 3 960  | 2 233                              | 827   | ..  | 22   | 5 366        | 1 875     | 16 650  |
| 2007  | no.    | 4 383   | ..                           | 4 157  | 2 690                              | 861   | ..  | 23   | na           | 2 116     | 14 230  |
| Total number of households with overcrowding (funded/actively registered ICHOs), at 30 June                       |        |   |                              |        |                                    |       |     |  |              |           |         |
| 2006  | no.    | na  | ..                           | 1 438  | na                                 | 16    | ..  | na   | na           | 384       | na      |
| 2007  | no.    | na  | ..                           | 1 068  | na                                 | 116   | ..  | na   | na           | 317       | 1 501   |
| Total number of households requiring additional bedrooms (funded/actively registered ICHOs), at 30 June           |        |   |                              |        |                                    |       |     |  |              |           |         |
| 2006  | no.    | na  | ..                           | 1 905  | na                                 | 27    | ..  | na   | na           | na        | na      |

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| Unit   | NSW (a), (b), (c),<br>(d), (e), (f), (g), (h),<br>(i), (j), (k), (l), (m),<br>(n), (o), (p) | Vic    | Qld (q), (r),<br>(s), (t) | WA    | SA (u), (v), (w),<br>(x), (y), (z) | Tas | ACT | NT (aa), (ab),<br>(ac), (ad), (ae),<br>(af), (ag), (ah),<br>(ai), (aj), (ak) | Aus Gov (al) | Aust (am) |
|--|---|--------|---------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--|--------------|-----------|
| 2007   | no.   | na     | 1 905                     | na    | 174                                | ..  | 310 | 5 363  | 314          | 8 066     |
| Total number of additional bedrooms required (funded/actively registered ICHOs), at 30 June  |   |        |                           |       |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |
| 2006   | no.   | na     | 4 565                     | na    | 102                                | ..  | na  | na   | na           | na        |
| 2007   | no.   | 520    | 4 565                     | na    | 502                                | ..  | na  | 13 746   | 110          | 19 443    |
| Total number of households for which household groups and dwelling details were known (funded/actively registered ICHOs), at 30 June |   |        |                           |       |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |
| 2006   | no.   | na     | 3 933                     | na    | 285                                | ..  | 22  | na   | 1 993        | na        |
| 2007   | no.   | na     | 3 933                     | 2 062 | 481                                | ..  | 23  | na   | 461          | 6 960     |
| Total number of bedrooms in permanent dwellings (funded/actively registered ICHOs), at 30 June                                       |   |        |                           |       |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |
| 2006   | no.   | 9 985  | 13 065                    | na    | 2 269                              | ..  | 73  | 18 037   | 5 775        | 49 204    |
| 2007   | no.   | 12 260 | 13 228                    | na    | 2 669                              | ..  | 69  | 18 426   | 6 844        | 53 496    |
| Total number of people living in permanent dwellings (funded/actively registered ICHOs), at 30 June                                  |   |        |                           |       |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |
| 2006   | no.   | 17 816 | 20 501                    | na    | 4 822                              | ..  | 74  | 52 887   | 6 672        | 102 772   |
| 2007   | no.   | 21 800 | 20 501                    | na    | 3 758                              | ..  | 73  | 46 308   | 7 704        | 100 144   |
| Number of currently funded/actively registered ICHOs, at 30 June   |   |        |                           |       |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |
| 2006   | no.   | 126    | 34                        | 39    | 52                                 | ..  | 1   | 76   | 85           | 413       |
| 2007   | no.   | 142    | 34                        | 33    | 50                                 | ..  | 1   | 70   | 54           | 384       |
| Number of funded/actively registered and unfunded ICHOs, at 30 June  |   |        |                           |       |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |
| 2006   | no.   | 268    | 34                        | 122   | 58                                 | ..  | 1   | 76   | 85           | 644       |
| 2007   | no.   | 249    | 34                        | 33    | 61                                 | ..  | 1   | 73   | 54           | 505       |
| Number of funded/actively registered ICHOs with a housing management plan, at 30 June  |   |        |                           |       |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |
| 2006   | no.   | 72     | 34                        | 32    | 37                                 | ..  | 1   | 71   | 41           | 288       |
| 2007   | no.   | 71     | 34                        | 33    | 41                                 | ..  | 1   | 65   | 39           | 284       |

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| Unit  | NSW (a), (b), (c),<br>(d), (e), (f), (g), (h),<br>(i), (j), (k), (l), (m),<br>(n), (o), (p) | Vic<br>(s), (t) | Qld (q), (r),<br>(s), (t) | WA | SA (u), (v), (w),<br>(x), (y), (z) | Tas | ACT | NT (aa), (ab),<br>(ac), (ad), (ae),<br>(af), (ag), (ah),<br>(ai), (aj), (ak) | Aus Gov (al) | Aust (am) |
|---|---|-----------------|---------------------------|----|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--|--------------|-----------|
| Total number of Indigenous employees in funded/actively registered ICHOs, at 30 June                                    |   |                 |                           |    |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |
| 2006  | no. 294   | ..              | 259                       | na | 10                                 | ..  | 4   | 338  | 134          | 1 039     |
| 2007  | no. 662   | ..              | 177                       | 26 | 10                                 | ..  | -   | 367  | 27           | 1 269     |
| Number of indigenous employees in funded/actively registered ICHOs who had completed accredited training, at 30 June    |   |                 |                           |    |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |
| 2006  | no. 59  | ..              | 21                        | na | 7                                  | ..  | 2   | 41   | 57           | 187       |
| 2007  | no. 70  | ..              | 22                        | 5  | 8                                  | ..  | -   | 11   | 55           | 171       |
| Number of indigenous employees in funded/actively registered ICHOs who were undertaking accredited training, at 30 June |   |                 |                           |    |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |
| 2006  | no. 14  | ..              | 12                        | na | 1                                  | ..  | 1   | 152  | 52           | 232       |
| 2007  | no. 11  | ..              | 17                        | 12 | 2                                  | ..  | -   | 36   | 27           | 105       |
| Total number of employees in funded/actively registered ICHOs, at 30 June   |   |                 |                           |    |                                    |     |     |  |              |           |
| 2006  | no. 343   | ..              | 272                       | na | 16                                 | ..  | 6   | 470  | 189          | 1 296     |
| 2007  | no. 685   | ..              | 234                       | 48 | 13                                 | ..  | 1   | 509  | 43           | 1 533     |

(a) For the number of permanent dwellings managed by funded ICHOs at 30 June 2007, 2946 dwellings are managed by 142 organisations that are actively registered with NSW Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) as at 30 June 2007. Active registration with AHO does not necessarily guarantee funding and actively registered ICHOs does not equate to funded ICHOs.

(b) After AHO's Condition Assessment Survey, audit of community managed dwellings and thorough data cleansing to eliminate duplicates, erroneous entries and properties which had been disposed of, the number of dwellings as at June 2007 decreased compared with the number of dwellings reported as at June 2006. The two figures are not comparable.

(c) Total rent collected by funded ICHOs for the year ending 30 June 2007 amount refers to rent collected from the dwellings managed by ICHOs that are actively registered with AHO as at 30 June 2007. It does not include rent collected by ICHOs that did not renew their registration with AHO as at June 2007.

(d) Total rent charged by funded ICHOs for the year ending 30 June 2007 data are derived from \$10.638 million that represents a collection rate of approximately 90 per cent.

Table 16A.14

## Indigenous community housing

### Table 16A.14 Descriptive data - Indigenous community housing

| Unit | NSW (a), (b), (c),<br>(d), (e), (f), (g), (h),<br>(i), (j), (k), (l), (m),<br>(n), (o), (p) | Vic<br>(q), (r),<br>(s), (t) | WA | SA (u), (v), (w),<br>(x), (y), (z) | Tas | ACT | NT (aa), (ab),<br>(ac), (ad), (ae),<br>(af), (ag), (ah),<br>(aj), (ak), (al) | Aus Gov (al) | Aust (am) |
|------|---|------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--|--------------|-----------|
|------|---|------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--|--------------|-----------|

- (e) Total recurrent expenditure for funded ICHOs for the year ending 30 June 2007 is only recurrent expenses incurred by AHO through employee related and other project expenses, for example, Sector Support and Resourcing, Healthy Indigenous Housing Initiative, Tenants Initiative, Resourcing Community Organisations.
- (f) For the total capital expenditure for funded ICHOs for the year ending 30 June 2007 data capital expenditure by Indigenous housing organisations is not included. Data are sourced from AHO funding provided and also include the Aboriginal Communities Development Program.
- (g) Total net recurrent costs for funded ICHOs for the year ending 30 June 2007 include net recurrent expenses incurred by AHO in relation to the Aboriginal community housing sector. ICHO net recurrent expenses not included.
- (h) Total number of occupied permanent dwellings managed by funded and unfunded ICHOs at 30 June 2007 is approximate only. It was derived based on the actual data of 49 vacant dwellings out of the 2946 dwellings managed by ICHOs that are actively registered with AHO. Assuming the same vacancy rate for the whole community sector, for the 4457 dwellings, it will be approximately 74.
- (i) The number of additional bedrooms required is based on self-reported data by Aboriginal community housing providers that actively registered with AHO. If the Canadian Occupancy Standard is applied, the number may change. Further, the number 543 for all ICHO dwellings is an approximate number derived based on the additional bedrooms reported by actively registered ICHOs, that is 344 additional bedrooms required for 2946 dwellings. Thus for 4457 dwellings, 520 additional bedrooms will be required. 543 was incorrectly reported in the 2006-07 NRF Report.
- (j) The bedroom number (12 260) is only for 3945 dwellings verified through Condition Assessment Survey. It included data from both actively and non-actively registered ICHOs.
- (k) Total number of people living in permanent dwellings at 30 June 2007 (funded ICHOs) is an approximation only. It was derived from the actual number of people (14 512) living in the 2 946 dwellings managed by 142 ICHOs based on assumption of same average number of people per dwelling. Thus, since 14 512 people live in 2946 dwellings, it is expected that approximately 21 800 people live in 4 457 dwellings in the ICHO sector. 21 900 was incorrectly reported in the footnote in the 2006-07 NRF Report.
- (l) Number of currently funded ICHOs at 30 June 2007 reported is the number of ICHOs that are actively registered with AHO as at 30 June 2007. Active registration with AHO does not necessarily guarantee funding and actively registered ICHOs do not equate to funded ICHOs.
- (m) The number of ICHOs verified through the Conditional Assessment Survey process which was completed in March 2007.

Table 16A.14

**Indigenous community housing**

**Table 16A.14 Descriptive data - Indigenous community housing**

| Unit | NSW (a), (b), (c),<br>(d), (e), (f), (g), (h),<br>(i), (j), (k), (l), (m),<br>(n), (o), (p) | Vic | Qld (q), (r),<br>(s), (t) | WA | SA (u), (v), (w),<br>(x), (y), (z) | Tas | ACT | NT (aa), (ab),<br>(ac), (ad), (ae),<br>(af), (ag), (ah),<br>(ai), (aj), (ak) | Aus Gov (al) | Aust (am) |
|------|---|-----|---------------------------|----|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--|--------------|-----------|
|------|---|-----|---------------------------|----|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--|--------------|-----------|

- (n) Number of funded ICHOs with a housing management plan at 30 June 2007 refers to ICHOs that have all or most of the following: Objectives for delivering housing assistance, Assets Management Plan, Rent Collection Policies and Systems, Financial practices and reporting systems that link resources to outcomes.
- (o) Total number of Indigenous employees in funded ICHOs at 30 June 2007 includes 257 unpaid volunteers.
- (p) Total number of employees in funded ICHOs at 30 June 2007 comprises 321 Aboriginal paid staff, 257 Aboriginal volunteers, 18 Aboriginal apprentices, 23 non-Aboriginal staff and 66 Aboriginal contractors.
- (q) In relation to the number of permanent dwellings managed by funded ICHOs not connected to water, sewerage and electricity at 30 June 2007, it is a requirement under the Capital Grants Program that construction occurs only on serviced sites.
- (r) Total recurrent expenditure for funded ICHOs for the year ending 30 June 2007 data are based on expenditure on planned and responsive maintenance and a small component for wages, supplies and services.
- (s) Total net recurrent costs for funded ICHOs for the year ending 30 June 2007 are based on expenditure on planned and responsive maintenance and a small component for wages, supplies and services.
- (t) Number of Indigenous employees in funded ICHOs who were undertaking accredited training at 30 June 2007 data are based on information provided by 32 of the 34 councils.
- (u) Improved counting techniques for the number of permanent dwellings managed by funded ICHOs at 30 June 2007 have led to a downward revision of dwellings eligible for funding.
- (v) Total rent collected by funded ICHOs for the year ending 30 June 2007 data are available from 788 dwellings (83 per cent).
- (w) Total rent charged by funded ICHOs for the year ending 30 June 2007 data are available from ICHOs representing 90 per cent of dwellings (849).
- (x) Total recurrent expenditure for funded ICHOs for the year ending 30 June 2007 data are available from ICHOs representing 90 per cent of dwellings (849).
- (y) Total net recurrent costs for funded ICHOs for the year ending 30 June 2007 data are available from ICHOs representing 90 per cent of dwellings (849).
- (z) Total number of occupied permanent dwellings managed by funded and unfunded ICHOs at 30 June 2007 extrapolated from 797 dwellings where precise data are available.



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**Table 16A.14 Descriptive data - Indigenous community housing**

| <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> (a), (b), (c),<br>(d), (e), (f), (g), (h),<br>(i), (j), (k), (l), (m),<br>(n), (o), (p) | <i>Qld</i> (q), (r),<br>(s), (t) | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> (u), (v), (w),<br>(x), (y), (z) | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> (aa), (ab),<br>(ac), (ad), (ae),<br>(af), (ag), (ah),<br>(ai), (aj), (ak) | <i>Aus Gov</i> (al) | <i>Aust</i> (am) |
|-------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------|---|------------|------------|---|---------------------|------------------|
|-------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------|---|------------|------------|---|---------------------|------------------|

- (aa) Number of improvised dwellings managed by funded ICHOs at 30 June 2007 data represents the sum of funded and unfunded improvised dwellings as at 30 June 2007.
- (ab) Number of permanent dwellings managed by funded ICHOs not connected to water, sewerage and electricity at 30 June 2007 data represent 2005-06 calculation, based on 2004-05 Indigenous Community Housing Surveys conducted.
- (ac) Information about the total number of households living in permanent dwellings managed by funded ICHOs at 30 June 2007 are unavailable at this time. These data may be available in the future, following the implementation of improved information management systems.
- (ad) Total rent collected by funded ICHOs for the year ending 30 June 2007 data are projected estimate for 2006-07. Exact figures are not available at this time, due to late submission of ICHO 4th Quarterly Financial Reports.
- (ae) Total rent charged by funded ICHOs for the year ending 30 June 2007 figure represents sum of negotiated rent targets for ICHOs.
- (af) Total recurrent expenditure for funded ICHOs for the year ending 30 June 2007 data are GST exclusive amount. Figure represents total 2006-07 Maintenance and Management funding provided to ICHOs.
- (ag) Total number of occupied permanent dwellings managed by funded and unfunded ICHOs at 30 June 2007 information unavailable at this time. These data may be available in the future, following the implementation of improved information management systems.
- (ah) Total number of additional bedrooms required at 30 June 2007 (funded ICHOs) data are calculated using an occupancy rate of 2 people per bedroom. The needs measurement model is based on population counts for all major communities as determined by the 'Grants Commission' annually, for Local Governing Bodies. Outstations/minor communities population figures are based on the last survey conducted by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).
- (ai) Total number of households for which household groups and dwelling details were known at 30 June 2007 (funded ICHOs) information unavailable at this time. These data may be available in the future, following the implementation of improved information management systems.
- (aj) Total number of people living in permanent dwellings at 30 June 2007 (funded ICHOs) is based on an 87 per cent occupancy rate (less improvised dwellings) – a figure determined by the results of the Indigenous Community Housing Survey conducted in 2005.
- (ak) Previous year's data for the number of Indigenous employees in funded ICHOs who were undertaking accredited training at 30 June included completed training from the Construction Training Program and Housing Management.

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**Indigenous community housing**

**Table 16A.14 Descriptive data - Indigenous community housing**

| <i>Unit</i> | NSW (a), (b), (c),<br>(d), (e), (f), (g), (h),<br>(i), (j), (k), (l), (m),<br>(n), (o), (p) | Vic | Qld (q), (r),<br>(s), (t) | WA | SA (u), (v), (w),<br>(x), (y), (z) | Tas | ACT | NT (aa), (ab),<br>(ac), (ad), (ae),<br>(af), (ag), (ah),<br>(ai), (aj), (ak) | Aust (am) |
|-------------|---|-----|---------------------------|----|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--|-----------|
|-------------|---|-----|---------------------------|----|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--|-----------|

(a) Contains data from Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania and includes dwellings managed by funded and unfunded organisations responding to the FaHCSIA survey.

(am) Australian total may not represent national total because data were not available for all jurisdictions. Data include dwellings managed by State and Territory administered ICHOs that were funded or actively registered in 2006-07.

**na** Not available. ... Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

**Source:** AIHW, Indigenous housing indicators 2006-07 collection (unpublished); AIHW (2007) Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06, Indigenous housing series no. 2, Cat. no. HOU 168. Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.37.

Table 16A.15

**Indigenous community housing****Table 16A.15 Proportion of permanent dwellings not connected to an organised water supply (per cent)**

|         | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld (a)</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT (b)</i> | <i>Aus Gov (c)</i> | <i>Aust (d)</i> |
|---------|------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2005-06 | –          | ..         | –              | –         | –         | ..         | –          | 4.7           | 0.1                | 1.7             |
| 2006-07 | –          | ..         | –              | –         | –         | ..         | –          | 4.7           | 0.1                | 1.5             |

- (a) In relation to the proportion of dwellings not connected to an organised water supply, it is a requirement under the Capital Grants Program that construction occurs only on serviced sites.
- (b) Proportion of dwellings not connected to an organised water supply figure represents 2005-06 calculation, based on 2004-05 Indigenous Community Housing Surveys conducted.
- (c) Contains data from Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania and includes dwellings managed by funded and unfunded organisations responding to the FaHCSIA survey.
- (d) Australian total may not represent national total because data were not available for all jurisdictions. Data include dwellings managed by State and Territory administered ICHOs that were funded or actively registered in 2006-07.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* AIHW, Indigenous housing indicators 2006-07 collection (unpublished); AIHW (2007) Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06, Indigenous housing series no. 2, Cat. no. HOU 168. Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.38.

Table 16A.16

**Indigenous community housing****Table 16A.16 Proportion of permanent dwellings not connected to an organised sewerage supply (per cent)**

|         | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> (a) | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> (b) | <i>Aus Gov</i> (c) | <i>Aust</i> (d) |
|---------|------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2005-06 | –          | ..         | –              | –         | –         | ..         | –          | 6.4           | 0.5                | 2.4             |
| 2006-07 | –          | ..         | –              | –         | –         | ..         | –          | 6.4           | 0.1                | 2.1             |

- (a) In relation to the proportion of dwellings not connected to an organised water supply, it is a requirement under the Capital Grants Program that construction occurs only on serviced sites.
- (b) Proportion of dwellings not connected to an organised water supply figure represents 2005-06 calculation, based on 2004-05 Indigenous Community Housing Surveys conducted.
- (c) Contains data from Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania and includes dwellings managed by funded and unfunded organisations responding to the FaHCSIA survey.
- (d) Australian total may not represent national total because data were not available for all jurisdictions. Data include dwellings managed by State and Territory administered ICHOs that were funded or actively registered in 2006-07.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* AIHW, Indigenous housing indicators 2006-07 collection (unpublished); AIHW (2007) Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06, Indigenous housing series no. 2, Cat. no. HOU 168. Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.39.

Table 16A.17

**Indigenous community housing****Table 16A.17 Proportion of permanent dwellings not connected to an organised electricity supply (per cent)**

|         | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld (a)</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT (b)</i> | <i>Aus Gov (c)</i> | <i>Aust (d)</i> |
|---------|------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2005-06 | –          | ..         | –              | –         | –         | ..         | –          | 5.4           | 0.1                | 2.0             |
| 2006-07 | –          | ..         | –              | –         | –         | ..         | –          | 5.4           | 0.3                | 1.8             |

- (a) In relation to the proportion of dwellings not connected to an organised water supply, it is a requirement under the Capital Grants Program that construction occurs only on serviced sites.
- (b) Proportion of dwellings not connected to an organised water supply figure represents 2005-06 calculation, based on 2004-05 Indigenous Community Housing Surveys conducted.
- (c) Contains data from Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania and includes dwellings managed by funded and unfunded organisations responding to the FaHCSIA survey.
- (d) Australian total may not represent national total because data were not available for all jurisdictions. Data include dwellings managed by State and Territory administered ICHOs that were funded or actively registered in 2006-07.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* AIHW, Indigenous housing indicators 2006-07 collection (unpublished); AIHW (2007) Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06, Indigenous housing series no. 2, Cat. no. HOU 168. Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.40.

Table 16A.18

**Indigenous community housing****Table 16A.18 Dwelling condition, (per cent), 2006 (a)**

|   | NSW (includes ACT) (b) | Vic  | Qld  | WA   | SA   | Tas  | ACT (b) | NT   | Aust |
|---|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|---------|------|------|
| Proportion of dwellings in need of major repair | 18.8                   | 24.7 | 26.3 | 27.9 | 22.4 | 30.6 | ..      | 21.0 | 23.4 |
| Proportion of dwellings in need of replacement  | 2.7                    | 4.5  | 5.9  | 10.1 | 5.8  | –    | ..      | 10.2 | 7.2  |

(a) Data are compiled from 2006 Community Housing and Infrastructure Needs Survey (CHINS).

(b) For the number of permanent dwellings in need of major repair and replacement, the ACT data have been included with NSW due to low numbers.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) (2007) *Housing and Infrastructure in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities 2006*, Australia; 2009 Report, table 16A.41.

Table 16A.19

**Indigenous community housing****Table 16A.19 Net recurrent cost per dwelling (2006-07 dollars) (a)**

|         | <i>NSW (b)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aus Gov (c)</i> | <i>Aust (d)</i> |
|---------|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2005-06 | 7 285          | ..         | na         | na        | 6 724     | ..         | 23 422     | 593       | 7 196              | na              |
| 2006-07 | 7 938          | ..         | 3 272      | na        | 3 251     | ..         | na         | na        | na                 | 4 977           |

- (a) Net recurrent cost per dwelling excludes data where the numerator and/or denominator were not available.
- (b) Data should be interpreted with caution. There are dwellings managed by organisations that did not renew registration with AHO as at June 2007 but which are included in the AHOs net recurrent expenditure on the ICHO sector. If these are taken into consideration, the net recurrent cost per dwelling is likely to be less.
- (c) Contains data from Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania and includes dwellings managed by funded and unfunded organisations responding to the FaHCSIA survey.
- (d) Australian total may not represent national total because data were not available for all jurisdictions. Data include dwellings managed by State and Territory administered ICHOs that were funded or actively registered in 2006-07.

**na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

*Source:* AIHW, Indigenous housing indicators 2006-07 collection (unpublished); AIHW (2007) Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06, Indigenous housing series no. 2, Cat. no. HOU 168. Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.42.

Table 16A.20

**Indigenous community housing****Table 16A.20 Occupancy rates (per cent) (a)**

|      | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aus Gov</i> (b) | <i>Aust</i> (c) |
|------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2006 | 96.6       | ..         | 95.7       | 77.9      | 88.3      | ..         | 95.7       | 87.0      | 94.1               | 89.6            |
| 2007 | 98.3       | ..         | 100.0      | 91.0      | 89.0      | ..         | 100.0      | na        | 94.9               | 96.2            |

(a) Occupancy rate excludes data where the numerator and/or denominator were not available.

(b) Contains data from Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania and includes dwellings managed by funded and unfunded organisations responding to the FaHCSIA survey.

(c) Australian total may not represent national total because data were not available for all jurisdictions. Data include dwellings managed by State and Territory administered ICHOs that were funded or actively registered in 2006-07.

**na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

*Source:* AIHW, Indigenous housing indicators 2006-07 collection (unpublished); AIHW (2007) Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06, Indigenous housing series no. 2, Cat. no. HOU 168. Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.43.



Table 16A.21

**Indigenous community housing****Table 16A.21 Rent collection rate (per cent)**

|         | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aus Gov (a)</i> | <i>Aust (b)</i> |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2005-06 | 89.4       | ..         | 97.4       | 94.1      | 102.7     | ..         | 100.0      | 103.8     | 84.7               | 94.2            |
| 2006-07 | 90.0       | ..         | 96.6       | 96.8      | 65.5      | ..         | 100.0      | 111.5     | 92.0               | 96.2            |

(a) Contains data from Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania and includes dwellings managed by funded and unfunded organisations responding to the FaHCSIA survey.

(b) Australian total may not represent national total because data were not available for all jurisdictions. Data include dwellings managed by State and Territory administered ICHOs that were funded or actively registered in 2006-07.

.. Not applicable.

*Source:* AIHW, Indigenous housing indicators 2006-07 collection (unpublished); AIHW (2007) Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06, Indigenous housing series no. 2, Cat. no. HOU 168. Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.44.

Table 16A.22

**Indigenous community housing****Table 16A.22 Proportion of low income households paying 25 per cent or more of their income on rent (per cent) (a), (b)**

|      | <i>NSW (c)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|------|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2001 | 28.9           | 31.1       | 20.2       | 12.4      | 12.3      | 20.9       | ..         | 5.2       | 15.8        |
| 2006 | 31.3           | 41.6       | 19.9       | 7.4       | 15.9      | 42.6       | ..         | 3.9       | 15.1        |

(a) Low income households refer to those in the bottom 40 per cent of equivalised gross household income.

(b) Includes Indigenous households residing in Indigenous and mainstream community housing.

(c) Includes the ACT.

.. Not applicable.

Source: ABS (2002) *2001 Census of Population and Housing*, Canberra; ABS (2007) *2006 Census of Population and Housing*, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.45.

Table 16A.23

**Indigenous community housing****Table 16A.23 Proportion of Indigenous community housing households that are overcrowded (per cent) (a)**

|      | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> (b) | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> (c) | <i>Aus Gov</i> (b), (d) | <i>Aust</i> (e) |
|------|------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 2006 | na         | ..         | 36.6           | na        | 5.6       | ..         | 4.5        | na            | 19.3                    | na              |
| 2007 | na         | ..         | 27.2           | na        | 24.1      | ..         | na         | na            | 24.5                    | 30.8            |

- (a) Proportion of ICH households that are overcrowded excludes data where the numerator and/or denominator were not available.
- (b) There were 204 overcrowded households in Queensland that were excluded from this calculation as the total number of households in Queensland for which household details were known was unavailable.
- (c) Information for the total number of households for which household groups and dwelling details were known was unavailable at this time. These data may be available in the future, following the implementation of improved information management systems.
- (d) Contains all data from Victoria and Tasmania and some data from Queensland and includes dwellings managed by funded and unfunded organisations responding to the FaHCSIA survey.
- (e) Australian total may not represent national total because data were not available for all jurisdictions. Data include dwellings managed by State and Territory administered ICHOs that were funded or actively registered in 2006-07.

**na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

*Source:* AIHW, Indigenous housing indicators 2006-07 collection (unpublished); AIHW (2007) Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06, Indigenous housing series no. 2, Cat. no. HOU 168. Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.46.

# Commonwealth Rent Assistance

Table 16A.24

**Commonwealth Rent Assistance****Table 16A.24 Number of Indigenous income units receiving CRA, 2008 (no.) (a), (b)**

| Type of income unit (c), (d)                          | NSW           | Vic       | Qld           | WA           | SA        | Tas       | ACT        | NT         | Aust          |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Single, no dependant children aged under 16           | 3 659         | 819       | 2 768         | 755          | 527       | 271       | 46         | 354        | 9 199         |
| Single, no children, sharer (e)                       | 1 023         | 228       | 816           | 192          | 132       | 97        | np         | 52         | 2 553         |
| Single, 1 or 2 dependant children aged under 16       | 3 485         | 578       | 2 522         | 606          | 427       | 264       | 33         | 226        | 8 142         |
| Single, 3 or more dependant children aged under 16    | 1 202         | 169       | 927           | 212          | 101       | 57        | np         | 54         | 2 727         |
| Partnered, no dependant children aged under 16        | 703           | 124       | 615           | 110          | 92        | 95        | np         | 41         | 1 793         |
| Partnered, 1 or 2 dependant children aged under 16    | 1 451         | 293       | 1 493         | 340          | 188       | 239       | np         | 103        | 4 122         |
| Partnered, 3 or more dependant children aged under 16 | 986           | 154       | 1 158         | 220          | 112       | 108       | np         | 63         | 2 816         |
| Partnered, illness or temporary separated             | 35            | np        | 32            | 22           | np        | np        | np         | 37         | 142           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>12 544</b> | <b>np</b> | <b>10 331</b> | <b>2 457</b> | <b>np</b> | <b>np</b> | <b>133</b> | <b>930</b> | <b>31 494</b> |

(a) At 6 June 2008.

(b) Includes only income units entitled to a daily rate of CRA under the *Social Security Act 1991* or with Family Tax Benefit in respect of the 6 June 2008.

(c) Income units are analogous to family units except that non-dependant children and other adults are treated as separate income units (see 2009 Report, section 16.6 for more detail). A child is regarded as dependent on an adult only if the adult receives the Family Tax Benefit for the care of the child.

(d) Income units classified as Indigenous if either the person or partner self-identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

(e) The maximum rate of assistance is lower for some single people without dependent children who share accommodation, but there are several exceptions. Those not subject to this lower rate are classified as single no dependent children even if they share accommodation. For a definition of "sharer" see 2009 Report, section 16.6.

**np** Not published.

Source: FaHCSIA (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 16A.50.

Table 16A.25

## Commonwealth Rent Assistance

Table 16A.25 Proportion of Indigenous CRA recipients, 2008 (per cent) (a), (b)

| Type of income unit (c), (d)                          | NSW          | Vic       | Qld          | WA           | SA        | Tas       | ACT       | NT           | Aust         |
|---|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Single, no dependant children aged under 16           | 29.2         | 34.5      | 26.8         | 30.7         | 33.3      | 23.9      | 34.6      | 38.1         | 29.2         |
| Single, no children, sharer (e)                       | 8.2          | 9.6       | 7.9          | 7.8          | 8.3       | 8.5       | np        | 5.6          | 8.1          |
| Single, 1 or 2 dependant children aged under 16       | 27.8         | 24.4      | 24.4         | 24.7         | 27.0      | 23.2      | 24.8      | 24.3         | 25.9         |
| Single, 3 or more dependant children aged under 16    | 9.6          | 7.1       | 9.0          | 8.6          | 6.4       | 5.0       | np        | 5.8          | 8.7          |
| Partnered, no dependant children aged under 16        | 5.6          | 5.2       | 6.0          | 4.5          | 5.8       | 8.4       | np        | 4.4          | 5.7          |
| Partnered, 1 or 2 dependant children aged under 16    | 11.6         | 12.4      | 14.5         | 13.8         | 11.9      | 21.0      | np        | 11.1         | 13.1         |
| Partnered, 3 or more dependant children aged under 16 | 7.9          | 6.5       | 11.2         | 9.0          | 7.1       | 9.5       | np        | 6.8          | 8.9          |
| Partnered, illness or temporary separated             | 0.3          | np        | 0.3          | 0.9          | np        | np        | np        | 4.0          | 0.5          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>np</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>np</b> | <b>np</b> | <b>np</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) At 6 June 2008.

(b) Includes only income units entitled to a daily rate of CRA under the *Social Security Act 1991* or with Family Tax Benefit in respect of the 6 June 2008.

(c) Income units are analogous to family units except that non-dependent children and other adults are treated as separate income units (see 2009 Report, section 16.6 for more detail). A child is regarded as dependent on an adult only if the adult receives the Family Tax Benefit for the care of the child.

(d) Income units classified as Indigenous if either the person or partner self-identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

(e) The maximum rate of assistance is lower for some single people without dependent children who share accommodation, but there are several exceptions. Those not subject to this lower rate are classified as single no dependent children even if they share accommodation. For a definition of "sharer" see 2009 Report, section 16.6.

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Source: FaHCSIA (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 16A.51.

Table 16A.26

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Table 16A.26 Income units receiving CRA, by Indigenous status, disability support pension and geographic location, 2008 (a), (b)

| Unit  | NSW        | Vic            | Qld            | WA             | SA            | Tas           | ACT           | NT           | Aust         |                |
|---|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| <i>Non-Indigenous</i>   |            |                |                |                |               |               |               |              |              |                |
| Income units (c)  | no.        | 313 851        | 208 287        | 216 169        | 72 822        | 68 393        | 23 744        | na           | 3 933        | 914 574        |
| In capital city   | %          | 54.7           | 68.7           | 42.2           | 74.8          | 76.5          | 42.7          | na           | 79.5         | 58.3           |
| In rest of State/Territory  | %          | 45.3           | 31.3           | 57.8           | 25.2          | 23.5          | 57.3          | na           | 20.5         | 41.7           |
| Non-Indigenous income units as proportion of all CRA recipient income units | %          | 96.1           | 98.8           | 95.4           | 96.7          | 97.7          | 95.4          | na           | 80.3         | 96.6           |
| Non-Indigenous population, as proportion of total population                | %          | 97.8           | 99.4           | 96.6           | 96.5          | 98.2          | 96.2          | 98.7         | 71.1         | 97.6           |
| <i>Indigenous (d)</i>   |            |                |                |                |               |               |               |              |              |                |
| Income units (c)  | no.        | 12 541         | 2 372          | 10 321         | 2 454         | 1 581         | 1 136         | 133          | 927          | 31 473         |
| In capital city   | %          | 25.3           | 45.7           | 27.3           | 53.9          | 59.4          | 37.4          | 100.0        | 53.1         | 33.0           |
| In rest of State/Territory  | %          | 74.7           | 54.3           | 72.7           | 46.1          | 40.6          | 62.6          | –            | 46.9         | 67.0           |
| Indigenous income units as proportion of all CRA recipient income units     | %          | 3.8            | 1.1            | 4.6            | 3.3           | 2.3           | 4.6           | 1.8          | 18.9         | 3.3            |
| Indigenous population, as proportion of total population                    | %          | 2.2            | 0.6            | 3.4            | 3.5           | 1.8           | 3.8           | 1.3          | 28.9         | 2.4            |
| <b>Total income units</b>   | <b>no.</b> | <b>326 525</b> | <b>210 740</b> | <b>226 673</b> | <b>75 311</b> | <b>69 996</b> | <b>24 882</b> | <b>7 495</b> | <b>4 895</b> | <b>946 641</b> |
| <i>Disability Support Pension (e), (f)</i>                                  |            |                |                |                |               |               |               |              |              |                |
| In capital city   | %          | 46.9           | 66.3           | 40.9           | 73.6          | 76.1          | 42.7          | 99.4         | 70.3         | 54.7           |
| In rest of State/Territory  | %          | 53.0           | 33.7           | 59.0           | 26.4          | 23.8          | 57.3          | na           | 29.4         | 45.3           |
| <b>Total income units</b>   | <b>no.</b> | <b>63 915</b>  | <b>44 746</b>  | <b>44 929</b>  | <b>14 771</b> | <b>14 911</b> | <b>5 354</b>  | <b>1 041</b> | <b>1 069</b> | <b>190 754</b> |

(a) At 6 June 2008.

**Commonwealth Rent Assistance****Table 16A.26 Income units receiving CRA, by Indigenous status, disability support pension and geographic location, 2008 (a), (b)**

| <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|

(b) Includes only income units entitled to a daily rate of CRA under the *Social Security Act 1991* or with Family Tax Benefit in respect of the 6 June 2008.

(c) State and Australian totals exclude unidentified localities.

(d) Income units are classified as Indigenous if either the person or partner self-identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

(e) Income units where either the recipient or partner receives Disability Support pension.

(f) State and Australian totals include unidentified localities.

**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

**Source:** FaHCSIA (unpublished); ABS population by age and sex, Australian States and Territories, Cat. no. 3201.0, (unpublished). ABS (2007) *2006 Census of Population and Housing*, Canberra; ABS (2004) *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders*, Cat. no. 3238.0; 2009 Report, table 16A.52.



Table 16A.27

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Table 16A.27 **Proportion of Indigenous income units receiving CRA, spending over 30 per cent of income on rent, with and without CRA, 2003 to 2008 (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | <i>NSW</i>  | <i>Vic</i>  | <i>Qld</i>  | <i>WA</i>   | <i>SA</i>   | <i>Tas</i>  | <i>ACT</i>  | <i>NT</i>   | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Indigenous income units</b>                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <i>More than 30 per cent of income spent on rent</i> |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <i>6 June 2008</i>                                   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Capital City   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| With CRA   | 37.5        | 32.9        | 33.0        | 30.6        | 29.7        | 28.6        | 37.7        | 30.9        | 33.5        |
| Without CRA  | 64.9        | 65.8        | 61.9        | 59.0        | 64.7        | 61.4        | 63.1        | 63.5        | 63.2        |
| Rest of State  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| With CRA   | 21.2        | 22.9        | 27.0        | 24.6        | 21.4        | 25.0        | np          | 21.4        | 23.7        |
| Without CRA  | 52.2        | 55.9        | 54.7        | 51.7        | 51.1        | 51.8        | np          | 54.4        | 53.3        |
| <b>Total</b>   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>With CRA</b>                                      | <b>25.4</b> | <b>27.5</b> | <b>28.6</b> | <b>27.9</b> | <b>26.3</b> | <b>26.4</b> | <b>37.7</b> | <b>26.6</b> | <b>27.0</b> |
| <b>Without CRA</b>                                   | <b>55.4</b> | <b>60.4</b> | <b>56.7</b> | <b>55.6</b> | <b>59.2</b> | <b>55.4</b> | <b>63.1</b> | <b>59.4</b> | <b>56.6</b> |
| <i>8 June 2007</i>                                   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Capital City   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| With CRA   | 37.5        | 37.3        | 30.5        | 26.0        | 28.6        | 30.1        | 33.3        | 32.0        | 32.7        |
| Without CRA  | 65.0        | 65.7        | 61.3        | 56.9        | 62.2        | 64.1        | 58.5        | 67.7        | 62.8        |
| Rest of State  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| With CRA   | 21.2        | 20.6        | 23.6        | 19.4        | 21.9        | 22.6        | na          | 24.8        | 22.1        |
| Without CRA  | 51.7        | 56.2        | 52.6        | 49.5        | 48.8        | 50.1        | na          | 55.8        | 52.1        |
| <b>Total</b>   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>With CRA</b>                                      | <b>25.6</b> | <b>28.2</b> | <b>25.5</b> | <b>22.9</b> | <b>25.9</b> | <b>25.5</b> | <b>33.8</b> | <b>28.9</b> | <b>25.7</b> |
| <b>Without CRA</b>                                   | <b>55.3</b> | <b>60.6</b> | <b>55.1</b> | <b>53.4</b> | <b>56.9</b> | <b>55.5</b> | <b>58.8</b> | <b>62.5</b> | <b>55.7</b> |
| <i>March 2006</i>                                    |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Capital City   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| With CRA   | 39.6        | 38.0        | 32.1        | 25.9        | 29.1        | 24.2        | 38.7        | 32.2        | 33.6        |
| Without CRA  | 64.3        | 67.9        | 62.0        | 58.0        | 63.4        | 61.4        | 58.8        | 64.8        | 62.9        |
| Rest of State  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| With CRA   | 21.1        | 21.6        | 24.2        | 17.6        | 18.9        | 21.4        | na          | 27.0        | 22.2        |
| Without CRA  | 51.0        | 55.5        | 54.1        | 48.2        | 51.0        | 51.3        | na          | 56.1        | 52.3        |
| <b>Total</b>   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>With CRA</b>                                      | <b>26.1</b> | <b>29.3</b> | <b>26.4</b> | <b>22.2</b> | <b>25.3</b> | <b>22.4</b> | <b>39.2</b> | <b>29.9</b> | <b>26.1</b> |
| <b>Without CRA</b>                                   | <b>54.6</b> | <b>61.3</b> | <b>56.3</b> | <b>53.6</b> | <b>58.8</b> | <b>54.8</b> | <b>59.2</b> | <b>61.0</b> | <b>55.9</b> |

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Table 16A.27 **Proportion of Indigenous income units receiving CRA, spending over 30 per cent of income on rent, with and without CRA, 2003 to 2008 (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|                    | <i>NSW</i>  | <i>Vic</i>  | <i>Qld</i>  | <i>WA</i>   | <i>SA</i>   | <i>Tas</i>  | <i>ACT</i>  | <i>NT</i>   | <i>Aust</i> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>March 2005</i>  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Capital City       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| With CRA           | 44.4        | 39.4        | 30.2        | 24.5        | 30.2        | 27.3        | 38.8        | 30.9        | 34.3        |
| Without CRA        | 72.0        | 70.8        | 61.9        | 61.3        | 66.0        | 58.8        | 61.2        | 68.0        | 66.1        |
| Rest of State      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| With CRA           | 23.1        | 22.7        | 22.2        | 17.3        | 19.8        | 19.5        | ..          | 25.3        | 22.2        |
| Without CRA        | 55.2        | 58.2        | 53.0        | 48.5        | 50.2        | 51.3        | ..          | 58.4        | 53.8        |
| <b>Total</b>       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>With CRA</b>    | <b>29.2</b> | <b>30.8</b> | <b>24.4</b> | <b>21.3</b> | <b>26.4</b> | <b>22.3</b> | <b>38.8</b> | <b>28.5</b> | <b>26.5</b> |
| <b>Without CRA</b> | <b>60.0</b> | <b>64.3</b> | <b>55.5</b> | <b>55.6</b> | <b>60.2</b> | <b>54.0</b> | <b>61.2</b> | <b>63.9</b> | <b>58.2</b> |
| <i>June 2004</i>   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Capital City       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| With CRA           | 44.0        | 39.1        | 27.9        | 25.7        | 31.2        | 23.9        | 43.6        | 34.2        | 33.8        |
| Without CRA        | 73.7        | 70.7        | 61.6        | 61.9        | 67.6        | 61.8        | 66.4        | 67.3        | 66.8        |
| Rest of State      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| With CRA           | 21.8        | 22.3        | 20.2        | 18.3        | 17.6        | 17.8        | ..          | 25.9        | 20.8        |
| Without CRA        | 55.1        | 60.9        | 52.3        | 53.0        | 48.2        | 49.9        | ..          | 59.3        | 53.9        |
| <b>Total</b>       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>With CRA</b>    | <b>28.0</b> | <b>30.6</b> | <b>22.3</b> | <b>22.5</b> | <b>26.1</b> | <b>20.0</b> | <b>43.6</b> | <b>30.7</b> | <b>25.4</b> |
| <b>Without CRA</b> | <b>60.3</b> | <b>65.7</b> | <b>55.0</b> | <b>58.0</b> | <b>60.4</b> | <b>54.2</b> | <b>66.4</b> | <b>63.9</b> | <b>58.5</b> |
| <i>June 2003</i>   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Capital City       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| With CRA           | 47.5        | 39.3        | 28.3        | 25.8        | 31.5        | 22.5        | 40.9        | 34.2        | 34.7        |
| Without CRA        | 75.1        | 72.4        | 64.9        | 65.5        | 66.8        | 59.3        | 64.6        | 71.5        | 68.8        |
| Rest of State      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| With CRA           | 21.8        | 22.2        | 21.3        | 14.9        | 21.2        | 20.2        | ..          | 21.6        | 21.1        |
| Without CRA        | 55.6        | 61.4        | 54.3        | 47.6        | 51.4        | 53.7        | ..          | 59.1        | 54.7        |
| <b>Total</b>       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>With CRA</b>    | <b>29.0</b> | <b>30.5</b> | <b>23.3</b> | <b>21.2</b> | <b>27.5</b> | <b>21.0</b> | <b>40.9</b> | <b>28.7</b> | <b>25.9</b> |
| <b>Without CRA</b> | <b>61.0</b> | <b>66.8</b> | <b>57.3</b> | <b>57.9</b> | <b>60.7</b> | <b>55.7</b> | <b>64.6</b> | <b>66.0</b> | <b>59.7</b> |

(a) Includes only income units paid CRA under the Social Security Act 1991 or with Family Tax Benefit who were still entitled to assistance at the end of that fortnight. Excludes a small number of income units where income details are incomplete.

(b) Income units classified as Indigenous if either the person or partner self-identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

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**Table 16A.27 Proportion of Indigenous income units receiving CRA, spending over 30 per cent of income on rent, with and without CRA, 2003 to 2008 (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|

(c) State totals include unknown localities, Australian total includes other territories and unknown addresses.

(d) See 2009 Report, section 16.6 for an explanation of how the proportion of income spent on rent is calculated.

**na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: FaHCSIA (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 16A.69.

Table 16A.28

**Commonwealth Rent Assistance****Table 16A.28 Proportion of income spent on rent with and without CRA, income units with more than 50 per cent of income spent on rent, 2008 (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | <i>NSW</i>    | <i>Vic</i>    | <i>Qld</i>    | <i>WA</i>     | <i>SA</i>     | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    | <i>Aust</i>    |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>All income units</b>                              |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |                |
| <i>More than 50 per cent of income spent on rent</i> |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |                |
| Capital City   |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |                |
| With CRA   |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |                |
| Number   | 25 370        | 15 341        | 9 980         | 5 795         | 4 216         | 800          | 1 299        | 355          | 63 156         |
| Proportion   | 14.7          | 10.8          | 10.7          | 10.5          | 8.0           | 7.7          | 17.6         | 10.0         | 11.7           |
| Without CRA  |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |                |
| Number   | 56 024        | 40 227        | 25 856        | 15 021        | 13 197        | 2 675        | 2 583        | 949          | 156 532        |
| Proportion   | 32.3          | 28.2          | 27.8          | 27.2          | 25.1          | 25.7         | 35.0         | 26.7         | 29.1           |
| Rest of State  |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |                |
| With CRA   |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |                |
| Number   | 10 363        | 3 382         | 13 738        | 1 250         | 673           | 623          | np           | 68           | 30 102         |
| Proportion   | 6.9           | 5.1           | 10.5          | 6.5           | 4.1           | 4.4          | np           | 5.6          | 7.6            |
| Without CRA  |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |                |
| Number   | 35 471        | 13 015        | 35 002        | 3 888         | 2 741         | 2 776        | np           | 227          | 93 128         |
| Proportion   | 23.6          | 19.8          | 26.7          | 20.1          | 16.6          | 19.6         | np           | 18.7         | 23.4           |
| <b>Total</b>   |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |                |
| <b>With CRA</b>                                      |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |                |
| <b>Number</b>  | <b>35 758</b> | <b>18 732</b> | <b>23 744</b> | <b>7 047</b>  | <b>4 889</b>  | <b>1 423</b> | <b>1 308</b> | <b>431</b>   | <b>93 356</b>  |
| <b>Proportion</b>                                    | <b>11.1</b>   | <b>9.0</b>    | <b>10.6</b>   | <b>9.4</b>    | <b>7.1</b>    | <b>5.8</b>   | <b>17.6</b>  | <b>9.0</b>   | <b>10.0</b>    |
| <b>Without CRA</b>                                   |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |                |
| <b>Number</b>  | <b>91 556</b> | <b>53 264</b> | <b>60 927</b> | <b>18 915</b> | <b>15 940</b> | <b>5 451</b> | <b>2 598</b> | <b>1 191</b> | <b>249 883</b> |
| <b>Proportion</b>                                    | <b>28.3</b>   | <b>25.5</b>   | <b>27.2</b>   | <b>25.4</b>   | <b>23.1</b>   | <b>22.2</b>  | <b>35.0</b>  | <b>24.8</b>  | <b>26.7</b>    |
| <b>Indigenous income units</b>                       |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |                |
| <i>More than 50 per cent of income spent on rent</i> |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |                |
| Capital City   |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |                |
| With CRA   | 10.3          | 10.3          | 9.5           | 9.4           | 6.3           | 5.0          | 13.1         | 8.1          | 9.3            |
| Without CRA  | 27.6          | 26.0          | 23.7          | 22.1          | 24.4          | 19.1         | 28.5         | 22.2         | 24.8           |
| Rest of State  |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |                |
| With CRA   | 4.3           | 4.7           | 6.5           | 6.0           | 4.9           | 5.6          | np           | 5.0          | 5.3            |
| Without CRA  | 15.9          | 18.7          | 19.8          | 19.2          | 19.1          | 19.3         | np           | 15.2         | 17.8           |

Table 16A.28

**Commonwealth Rent Assistance****Table 16A.28 Proportion of income spent on rent with and without CRA, income units with more than 50 per cent of income spent on rent, 2008 (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | <i>NSW</i>  | <i>Vic</i>  | <i>Qld</i>  | <i>WA</i>   | <i>SA</i>   | <i>Tas</i>  | <i>ACT</i>  | <i>NT</i>   | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Total</b>   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>With CRA</b>                                      | <b>5.8</b>  | <b>7.2</b>  | <b>7.3</b>  | <b>7.8</b>  | <b>5.8</b>  | <b>5.4</b>  | <b>13.1</b> | <b>6.7</b>  | <b>6.6</b>  |
| <b>Without CRA</b>                                   | <b>18.8</b> | <b>22.0</b> | <b>20.9</b> | <b>20.8</b> | <b>22.2</b> | <b>19.2</b> | <b>28.5</b> | <b>19.1</b> | <b>20.1</b> |
| <b>Disability Support pension income units</b>       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <i>More than 50 per cent of income spent on rent</i> |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Capital City   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| With CRA   | 11.2        | 7.1         | 8.3         | 9.3         | 5.7         | 5.1         | 8.6         | 6.7         | 8.5         |
| Without CRA  | 34.8        | 28.2        | 31.3        | 34.4        | 30.5        | 23.7        | 26.1        | 28.6        | 31.4        |
| Rest of State  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| With CRA   | 4.3         | 2.7         | 7.8         | 5.2         | 2.6         | 1.6         | np          | np          | 5.0         |
| Without CRA  | 24.5        | 19.0        | 28.7        | 22.0        | 17.9        | 17.8        | np          | 19.8        | 24.2        |
| <b>Total</b>   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>With CRA</b>                                      | <b>7.5</b>  | <b>5.6</b>  | <b>8.0</b>  | <b>8.2</b>  | <b>4.9</b>  | <b>3.1</b>  | <b>8.7</b>  | <b>5.8</b>  | <b>6.9</b>  |
| <b>Without CRA</b>                                   | <b>29.4</b> | <b>25.1</b> | <b>29.8</b> | <b>31.1</b> | <b>27.5</b> | <b>20.4</b> | <b>26.2</b> | <b>26.1</b> | <b>28.2</b> |

- (a) Includes only income units paid CRA under the Social Security Act 1991 or with Family Tax Benefit who were still entitled to assistance at the end of that fortnight. Excludes a small number of income units where income details are incomplete.
- (b) Income units classified as Indigenous if either the person or partner self-identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (c) State totals include unknown localities, Australian total includes other territories and unknown addresses.
- (d) See 2009 Report, section 16.6 for an explanation of how the proportion of income spent on rent is calculated.

**np** Not published.

Source: FaHCSIA (unpublished); 2009 Report, table 16A.71.

# Descriptive Information

Table 16A.29

**Descriptive Information****Table 16A.29 Rebated State owned and managed Indigenous housing households paying assessable income on rent, by proportion of income (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|   | <i>NSW</i> (g), (h), (i) | <i>Vic</i> (j), (k) | <i>Qld</i> (l) | <i>WA</i> (m), (n) | <i>SA</i> (o) | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Less than or equal to 20 per cent                   |                          |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |
| 2004  | 56.3                     | 46.6                | 67.3           | 66.7               | 33.4          | 2.1        | 54.8        |
| 2005  | 51.9                     | 45.3                | 64.6           | 68.2               | 35.5          | 6.6        | 53.0        |
| 2006  | 30.0                     | 49.4                | 67.2           | 67.3               | 34.9          | 32.2       | 47.9        |
| 2007  | 22.0                     | 45.1                | 36.2           | 65.3               | 33.9          | 30.1       | 36.9        |
| 2008  | 17.0                     | 41.8                | 38.7           | 62.6               | 36.1          | 38.1       | 35.7        |
| More than 20 per cent but not more than 25 per cent |                          |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |
| 2004  | 43.7                     | 53.2                | 32.7           | 28.9               | 65.1          | 55.7       | 43.0        |
| 2005  | 48.1                     | 54.5                | 35.4           | 30.7               | 63.0          | 59.1       | 45.7        |
| 2006  | 61.4                     | 50.2                | 32.7           | 31.6               | 63.3          | 57.0       | 48.6        |
| 2007  | 69.6                     | 54.9                | 63.6           | 30.0               | 63.4          | 61.3       | 58.8        |
| 2008  | 75.7                     | 58.2                | 61.1           | 31.9               | 60.8          | 52.2       | 60.2        |
| More than 25 per cent but not more than 30 per cent |                          |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |
| 2004  | –                        | –                   | –              | 3.6                | 0.8           | 36.2       | 1.8         |
| 2005  | –                        | –                   | –              | 0.3                | 0.8           | 27.4       | 0.9         |
| 2006  | 8.6                      | –                   | –              | 0.6                | 0.9           | 7.8        | 3.2         |
| 2007  | 8.4                      | –                   | –              | 4.4                | 1.8           | 8.6        | 4.0         |
| 2008  | 7.2                      | –                   | –              | 3.9                | 1.8           | 9.6        | 3.6         |
| Greater than 30 per cent                            |                          |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |
| 2004  | –                        | 0.2                 | –              | 0.8                | 0.7           | 6.0        | 0.4         |
| 2005  | –                        | 0.2                 | –              | 0.8                | 0.7           | 6.9        | 0.5         |
| 2006  | –                        | 0.4                 | –              | 0.5                | 0.9           | 3.0        | 0.3         |
| 2007  | –                        | –                   | 0.1            | 0.4                | 0.9           | –          | 0.2         |
| 2008  | –                        | –                   | –              | 1.6                | 1.3           | –          | 0.5         |

- (a) The State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) Administrative Data Repository was used to collect all administrative data (excluding financial data {average cost of providing assistance per dwelling and total rent collected as a percentage of total rent charged}, employment data and 2007 National Housing Survey of SOMIH Tenants data {amenity, location and customer satisfaction}) for all jurisdictions.
- (b) The ACT does not have a separately identified or funded Indigenous housing program. People of Indigenous descent are housed as part of the public rental housing program.
- (c) Most Indigenous-specific housing programs in the NT are currently community managed and administered. The NT is moving to a Public Housing management framework across all regions.
- (d) Amounts of up to but excluding 0.5 per cent above the cut-off for a category are to be included in that category. For example, if rent charged/income  $\times 100 = 20.4$ , then it is counted in the 'paying 20 per cent or less' category.
- (e) Data for total rebated households paying 20 per cent or less, less than 20 per cent but not more than 25 per cent, less than 25 per cent but not more than 30 per cent and more than 30 per cent of assessable income in rent, excludes households where either assessable income or rent charged is zero.

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**Table 16A.29 Rebated State owned and managed Indigenous housing households paying assessable income on rent, by proportion of income (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|     | <i>NSW (g), (h), (i)</i>  | <i>Vic (j), (k)</i> | <i>Qld (l)</i> | <i>WA (m), (n)</i> | <i>SA (o)</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----|---|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| (f) | Figures from total rebated households paying 20 per cent or less, less than 20 per cent but not more than 25 per cent, less than 25 per cent but not more than 30 per cent and more than 30 per cent of assessable income in rent, do not sum to total rebated households for whom income details are known due to a minor data adjustment.   |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |
| (g) | Since 2005-06 and with the introduction of the Reshaping Public Housing (RPH) policy, moderate income renters are charged 25–30 per cent of their income as rent. Some SOMIH tenants are eligible to receive Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) and the CRA component of their income is assessed at 100 per cent for rent.   |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |
| (h) | Total rebated households paying more than 30 per cent of assessable income in rent supplied by jurisdiction. No rebated tenant pays more than 30 per cent of income as rent.  |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |
| (i) | Figures from total rebated households paying 20 per cent or less, more than 20 per cent but not more than 25 per cent, more than 25 per cent but not more than 30 per cent and more than 30 per cent of assessable income in rent do not sum to total rebated households for whom income details are known due to adjustment to total rebated households paying more than 30 per cent of assessable income in rent by jurisdiction. See total rebated households paying more than 30 per cent of assessable income in table 16A.11.   |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |
| (j) | As a part of a transition to independence process to achieve self-determination for Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV), Victoria is in the process of transferring tenancy management functions of Indigenous specific housing stock to AHV. By 30 June 2008, the tenancy management for 348 properties had been transferred. These dwellings are no longer classified as SOMIH but as State owned Indigenous Community Housing, and will be reported separately in the Indigenous Housing Indicators publication. For this reason, Data are not comparable with previous years. |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |
| (k) | No household is charged more than 25 per cent of assessable income for rent. Households in the categories of total rebated households paying more than 25 per cent but not more than 30 per cent and more than 30 per cent of assessable income in rent are the result of rent and/or income details having not been updated or minor policy variations.  |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |
| (l) | No household is charged more than 25 per cent of assessable income for rent. Non-zero numbers in the categories of total rebated households paying more than 25 per cent but not more than 30 per cent and more than 30 per cent of assessable income in rent are the result of tenants not providing updated income details to the department.   |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |
| (m) | Total rebated households paying 20 per cent or less, more than 20 per cent but not more than 25 per cent, more than 25 per cent but not more than 30 per cent and more than 30 per cent of assessable income in rent are based upon gross income (not assessable income).   |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |
| (n) | No household is charged more than 25 per cent of income for rent. Households in the categories of total rebated households paying more than 25 per cent but not more than 30 per cent and more than 30 per cent of assessable income in rent are the result of rent and/or income details having not been updated or minor policy variations.   |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |
| (o) | No household is charged more than 25 per cent of assessable income for rent. Households in the categories of total rebated households paying more than 25 per cent but not more than 30 per cent and more than 30 per cent of assessable income in rent are the result of rent and/or income details having not been updated or minor policy variations.  |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |
|     | – Nil or rounded to zero.   |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |



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**Table 16A.29 Rebated State owned and managed Indigenous housing households paying assessable income on rent, by proportion of income (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

|                | <i>NSW</i> (g), (h), (i)   | <i>Vic</i> (j), (k) | <i>Qld</i> (l) | <i>WA</i> (m), (n) | <i>SA</i> (o) | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|----------------|--|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| <i>Source:</i> | AIHW (2004, 2005) CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous Housing, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.81. |                     |                |                    |               |            |             |

Table 16A.30

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**Table 16A.30 Proportion of households in State owned and managed Indigenous housing with moderate overcrowding or underutilisation, (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

| <i>Households with:</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic (e)</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Moderate overcrowding   |            |                |            |           |           |            |             |
| 2004                    | 8.3        | 7.4            | 15.5       | 10.9      | 9.0       | 9.2        | 10.6        |
| 2005                    | 7.1        | 11.3           | 15.6       | 10.0      | 9.4       | 8.7        | 10.6        |
| 2006                    | 9.0        | 9.9            | 15.9       | 17.0      | 10.6      | 8.5        | 12.5        |
| 2007                    | 9.0        | 11.1           | 16.2       | 13.7      | 10.3      | 6.4        | 12.0        |
| 2008                    | 8.9        | 11.2           | 15.2       | 14.8      | 11.2      | 7.8        | 12.1        |
| Underutilisation        |            |                |            |           |           |            |             |
| 2004                    | 20.5       | 13.9           | 12.5       | 14.4      | 31.4      | 11.1       | 18.2        |
| 2005                    | 22.5       | 13.7           | 12.2       | 15.0      | 27.6      | 14.6       | 18.1        |
| 2006                    | 22.0       | 15.8           | 11.9       | 9.2       | 24.7      | 15.2       | 16.8        |
| 2007                    | 23.1       | 14.1           | 11.5       | 13.8      | 24.9      | 14.7       | 17.7        |
| 2008                    | 23.9       | 14.4           | 11.0       | 13.1      | 24.1      | 14.7       | 17.6        |

- (a) The State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) Administrative Data Repository was used to collect all administrative data (excluding financial data {average cost of providing assistance per dwelling and total rent collected as a percentage of total rent charged}, employment data and 2007 National Housing Survey of SOMIH Tenants data {amenity, location and customer satisfaction}) for all jurisdictions.
- (b) The ACT does not have a separately identified or funded Indigenous housing program. People of Indigenous descent are housed as part of the public rental housing program.
- (c) Most Indigenous-specific housing programs in the NT are currently community managed and administered. The NT is moving to a Public Housing management framework across all regions.
- (d) Jurisdictions exclude various types of households in total households with moderate overcrowding and total households with under-utilisation, as shown in the table 16A.31. For this reason, comparisons between jurisdictions' data should be made with caution.
- (e) As a part of a transition to independence process to achieve self-determination for Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV), Victoria is in the process of transferring tenancy management functions of Indigenous specific housing stock to AHV. By 30 June 2008, the tenancy management for 348 properties had been transferred. These dwellings are no longer classified as SOMIH but as State owned Indigenous Community Housing, and will be reported separately in the Indigenous Housing Indicators publication. For this reason, Data are not comparable with previous years.

*Source:* AIHW (2004, 2005) CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous Housing, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.84.

Table 16A.31

**Descriptive Information****Table 16A.31 State owned and managed Indigenous housing, non-rebated and multiple family households excluded**

|  | <i>NSW</i>  | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Table 16A.2 Descriptive data</b>  |             |            |            |           |           |            |
| <b>Table 16.6 and Table 16A.3 Low income as a proportion of all new households</b> |             |            |            |           |           |            |
| <b>2008</b>  |             |            |            |           |           |            |
| Total ongoing households   | 355         | 34         | 293        | 370       | 172       | 35         |
| <b>Excludes:</b>   |             |            |            |           |           |            |
| Non-rebated households   | 37          | ..         | ..         | ..        | ..        | ..         |
| Mixed composition households   | ..          | ..         | ..         | ..        | ..        | 1          |
| Households for whom composition cannot be determined                               | –           | –          | –          | –         | –         | –          |
| <b>Exclusions as a per cent of total ongoing households</b>                        | <b>10.4</b> | –          | –          | –         | –         | <b>2.9</b> |

**Figure 16.7 and Table 16A.12 Overcrowded dwellings****Table 16A.30 Proportion of SOMIH with moderate overcrowding or underutilisation****2008**

|  |       |       |       |       |       |     |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Total ongoing households                             | 4 104 | 1 002 | 2 980 | 2 172 | 1 778 | 339 |
| <b>Excludes:</b>                                     |       |       |       |       |       |     |
| Non-rebated households                               | 725   | 186   | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..  |
| Mixed composition households                         | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 19  |
| Households for whom composition cannot be determined | –     | –     | –     | –     | –     | –   |

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**Descriptive Information****Table 16A.31 State owned and managed Indigenous housing, non-rebated and multiple family households excluded**

|   | <i>NSW</i>  | <i>Vic</i>  | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> |
|---|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Exclusions as a per cent of total ongoing households</b> | <b>17.7</b> | <b>18.6</b> | –          | –         | –         | <b>5.6</b> |

– Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable.

*Source:* AIHW (2004, 2005) CSHA national data reports: Aboriginal rental housing program: State and Territory owned and managed Indigenous Housing, Canberra; AIHW (2006, 2008, 2009) State owned and managed Indigenous housing: CSHA national data report, Canberra; 2009 Report, table 16A.88.

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# Population

Table AA.1

Table AA.1 Persons by country of birth, August 2006 ('000)

|   | NSW     | Vic     | Qld     | WA      | SA      | Tas   | ACT   | NT    | Aust (a) |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| Born in Australia                             |         |         |         |         |         |       |       |       |          |
| Indigenous                                    |         |         |         |         |         |       |       |       |          |
| Aboriginal                                    | 124.4   | 25.6    | 94.6    | 53.9    | 22.9    | 14.3  | 3.5   | 50.8  | 390.2    |
| Torres Strait Islander                        | 4.0     | 1.8     | 17.5    | 1.0     | 0.9     | 1.2   | 0.2   | 0.6   | 27.1     |
| Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander    | 2.8     | 0.8     | 10.1    | 1.0     | 0.4     | 0.6   | 0.1   | 1.3   | 17.1     |
| Total   | 131.2   | 28.1    | 122.3   | 55.8    | 24.3    | 16.1  | 3.7   | 52.7  | 434.4    |
| Non-Indigenous                                | 4 328.9 | 3 360.1 | 2 777.5 | 1 207.2 | 1 081.9 | 374.4 | 230.6 | 94.0  | 13 456.0 |
| Not stated                                    | 61.1    | 46.3    | 35.5    | 16.2    | 13.9    | 6.2   | 2.1   | 1.5   | 182.6    |
| Total born in Australia                       | 4 521.2 | 3 434.5 | 2 935.3 | 1 279.2 | 1 120.1 | 396.7 | 236.5 | 148.2 | 14 072.9 |
| Born overseas                                 |         |         |         |         |         |       |       |       |          |
| Other main English speaking countries         |         |         |         |         |         |       |       |       |          |
| Canada  | 10.2    | 6.2     | 7.4     | 4.1     | 1.9     | 0.6   | 0.9   | 0.3   | 31.6     |
| Ireland                                       | 17.3    | 11.5    | 7.7     | 9.0     | 3.2     | 0.6   | 0.7   | 0.3   | 50.3     |
| New Zealand                                   | 106.6   | 64.0    | 148.8   | 47.3    | 11.4    | 4.2   | 3.9   | 3.3   | 389.5    |
| South Africa                                  | 32.9    | 19.3    | 22.7    | 22.0    | 4.5     | 1.1   | 1.1   | 0.5   | 104.1    |
| United Kingdom (b)                            | 265.9   | 204.8   | 193.1   | 208.4   | 121.0   | 22.6  | 16.1  | 6.2   | 1 038.2  |
| United States of America                      | 21.8    | 13.3    | 12.2    | 6.7     | 3.4     | 1.2   | 2.0   | 1.1   | 61.7     |
| Total Other main English speaking countries   | 454.6   | 319.2   | 391.8   | 297.6   | 145.4   | 30.2  | 24.7  | 11.6  | 1 675.3  |
| Other countries                               |         |         |         |         |         |       |       |       |          |
| China (excludes SARs and Taiwan Province) (c) | 114.0   | 56.6    | 15.1    | 8.0     | 8.1     | 1.0   | 3.5   | 0.3   | 206.6    |
| Croatia                                       | 18.5    | 18.2    | 3.9     | 5.2     | 3.5     | 0.3   | 1.5   | –     | 51.0     |
| Egypt   | 17.2    | 11.6    | 1.8     | 1.5     | 1.0     | 0.1   | 0.2   | 0.1   | 33.5     |
| Fiji  | 28.6    | 7.9     | 8.9     | 0.7     | 0.9     | 0.3   | 0.7   | 0.2   | 48.1     |
| Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) | 17.7    | 18.3    | 0.9     | 3.0     | 0.4     | –     | 0.4   | –     | 40.7     |
| France  | 7.0     | 4.4     | 3.9     | 1.9     | 1.1     | 0.2   | 0.4   | 0.2   | 19.2     |
| Germany                                       | 31.1    | 28.1    | 20.1    | 9.9     | 12.0    | 2.1   | 2.4   | 0.9   | 106.5    |
| Greece  | 35.1    | 54.3    | 4.1     | 3.0     | 10.8    | 0.6   | 1.2   | 0.9   | 110.0    |



Table AA.1

Table AA.1 Persons by country of birth, August 2006 ('000)

|                                     | NSW            | Vic            | Qld            | WA             | SA             | Tas          | ACT          | NT           | Aust (a)        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Hong Kong (SAR of China) (c)        | 38.3           | 17.4           | 7.8            | 4.1            | 2.4            | 0.3          | 1.2          | 0.2          | 71.8            |
| India                               | 57.2           | 52.9           | 11.0           | 15.2           | 6.8            | 0.8          | 2.7          | 0.6          | 147.1           |
| Indonesia                           | 21.9           | 12.6           | 5.3            | 7.9            | 1.5            | 0.2          | 0.8          | 0.8          | 51.0            |
| Italy                               | 55.2           | 82.9           | 14.0           | 20.9           | 22.5           | 1.0          | 2.2          | 0.4          | 199.1           |
| Korea, Republic of (South)          | 33.2           | 6.3            | 7.6            | 2.2            | 2.0            | 0.4          | 0.9          | 0.1          | 52.8            |
| Lebanon                             | 55.8           | 14.9           | 1.3            | 0.9            | 1.5            | 0.1          | 0.4          | —            | 74.9            |
| Macau (SAR of China) (c)            | 1.1            | 0.6            | 0.2            | 0.1            | —              | —            | —            | —            | 2.0             |
| Malaysia                            | 23.4           | 30.5           | 9.6            | 19.7           | 5.3            | 1.0          | 1.8          | 0.6          | 92.3            |
| Malta                               | 17.0           | 20.8           | 2.8            | 1.0            | 1.6            | 0.1          | 0.3          | 0.1          | 43.7            |
| Netherlands                         | 18.8           | 22.8           | 15.3           | 10.1           | 7.8            | 2.4          | 1.2          | 0.5          | 78.9            |
| Philippines                         | 57.7           | 27.3           | 18.7           | 6.8            | 5.4            | 1.0          | 1.7          | 1.9          | 120.5           |
| Poland                              | 15.2           | 18.1           | 5.1            | 5.7            | 6.2            | 0.7          | 1.1          | 0.1          | 52.3            |
| Singapore                           | 9.7            | 10.5           | 4.9            | 11.8           | 1.8            | 0.3          | 0.7          | 0.3          | 40.0            |
| Sri Lanka                           | 19.1           | 31.5           | 4.8            | 3.3            | 1.5            | 0.2          | 1.6          | 0.3          | 62.3            |
| Turkey                              | 12.5           | 15.3           | 1.1            | 0.8            | 0.6            | —            | 0.2          | —            | 30.5            |
| Viet Nam                            | 63.8           | 58.9           | 13.1           | 10.5           | 10.5           | 0.1          | 2.4          | 0.6          | 159.9           |
| Montenegro                          | 0.2            | 0.4            | 0.1            | 0.1            | —              | —            | —            | —            | 0.8             |
| Serbia (d)                          | 6.1            | 6.7            | 1.4            | 1.2            | 1.4            | 0.1          | 0.5          | —            | 17.3            |
| South Eastern Europe, nfd (e)       | 11.8           | 11.2           | 3.9            | 2.9            | 2.7            | 0.2          | 0.5          | 0.1          | 33.4            |
| Other Overseas (f)                  | 314.1          | 213.1          | 120.9          | 75.8           | 42.8           | 6.7          | 15.2         | 5.9          | 794.4           |
| Total other countries               | 1 101.1        | 854.0          | 307.5          | 234.1          | 162.2          | 20.2         | 45.7         | 14.8         | 2 740.5         |
| Total Born Overseas                 | 1 555.8        | 1 173.2        | 699.4          | 531.7          | 307.7          | 50.5         | 70.4         | 26.5         | 4 415.8         |
| Australian External Territories (g) | 0.1            | —              | 0.1            | —              | —              | —            | —            | —            | 0.2             |
| Not stated                          | 472.2          | 324.7          | 269.8          | 148.1          | 86.6           | 29.3         | 17.2         | 18.2         | 1 366.3         |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>6 549.2</b> | <b>4 932.4</b> | <b>3 904.5</b> | <b>1 959.1</b> | <b>1 514.3</b> | <b>476.5</b> | <b>324.0</b> | <b>192.9</b> | <b>19 855.3</b> |

(a) Includes other territories.

(b) Comprises 'United Kingdom, nfd', 'Channel Islands', 'England', 'Isle of Man', 'Northern Ireland', 'Scotland' and 'Wales'.

Table AA.1

**Table AA.1 Persons by country of birth, August 2006 ('000)**

|  | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust (a) |
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----------|
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----------|

(c) Special Administrative Regions (SARs) comprise 'Hong Kong (SAR of China)' and 'Macau (SAR of China)'.  
 (d) There is an issue regarding Serbian Census data which relates to changes in the official country name and regional alliances. This affects 2006 Census data and has clouded a meaningful picture of the Serbian country of birth data (see ABS, *Census Dictionary*, 2006, Cat. no. 2901.0 [Reissue]).  
 (e) Includes persons who stated their birthplace as Yugoslavia.  
 (f) Includes countries not identified individually, 'Inadequately described', 'At sea' and 'Not elsewhere classified'.  
 (g) Includes Australia (includes External Territories) nfd, Australian External Territories, nec & Norfolk Island.  
 – Nil or rounded to zero. **nfd** Not further defined. **nec** Not elsewhere classified.  
 Source: ABS (unpublished), derived from 2006 *Census of Population and Housing*; 2009 Report, table AA.4.

Table AA.2

Table AA.2 Persons by language spoken at home, August 2006 ('000) (a)

|                                 | NSW     | Vic     | Q/d     | WA      | SA      | Tas   | ACT   | NT    | Aust (b) |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| Speaks English only             | 4 846.7 | 3 668.3 | 3 371.7 | 1 603.0 | 1 262.8 | 438.2 | 262.5 | 127.3 | 15 581.3 |
| Speaks other language           |         |         |         |         |         |       |       |       |          |
| Arabic                          | 165.0   | 55.9    | 7.3     | 7.7     | 5.4     | 0.7   | 1.4   | 0.3   | 243.7    |
| Indigenous languages            | 1.9     | 1.1     | 12.0    | 8.0     | 3.2     | 0.1   | 0.1   | 29.2  | 55.7     |
| Chinese languages (c)           | 243.6   | 144.8   | 46.6    | 35.7    | 18.4    | 2.1   | 6.9   | 2.0   | 500.5    |
| Croatian                        | 23.6    | 23.0    | 4.4     | 6.1     | 3.8     | 0.3   | 2.5   | -     | 63.6     |
| Dutch                           | 8.7     | 9.6     | 7.7     | 5.3     | 3.1     | 1.0   | 0.6   | 0.2   | 36.2     |
| Filipino (excludes Tagalog) (d) | 18.3    | 10.7    | 5.0     | 2.0     | 1.7     | 0.2   | 0.5   | 0.7   | 39.1     |
| French                          | 15.2    | 11.9    | 7.5     | 5.0     | 1.8     | 0.5   | 1.0   | 0.3   | 43.2     |
| German                          | 22.1    | 19.6    | 14.7    | 7.2     | 8.0     | 1.6   | 1.8   | 0.7   | 75.6     |
| Greek                           | 86.2    | 117.9   | 11.0    | 5.0     | 25.9    | 1.2   | 2.6   | 2.5   | 252.2    |
| Hindi                           | 38.1    | 18.2    | 8.0     | 1.9     | 1.9     | 0.3   | 1.4   | 0.2   | 70.0     |
| Hungarian                       | 7.5     | 7.9     | 2.9     | 1.1     | 1.6     | 0.1   | 0.4   | 0.1   | 21.6     |
| Indonesian                      | 19.1    | 10.4    | 3.2     | 6.6     | 1.1     | 0.1   | 0.7   | 0.8   | 42.0     |
| Iranic languages (e)            | 20.3    | 11.5    | 3.0     | 4.5     | 3.7     | 0.2   | 0.7   | -     | 43.8     |
| Italian                         | 87.3    | 133.3   | 22.0    | 32.9    | 35.8    | 1.4   | 3.4   | 0.7   | 316.9    |
| Japanese                        | 12.5    | 6.5     | 10.2    | 3.4     | 1.4     | 0.3   | 0.6   | 0.2   | 35.1     |
| Khmer                           | 8.8     | 10.0    | 1.5     | 1.0     | 3.2     | -     | 0.2   | 0.1   | 24.7     |
| Korean                          | 36.7    | 6.0     | 7.4     | 1.9     | 1.5     | 0.3   | 0.8   | 0.1   | 54.6     |
| Macedonian                      | 28.9    | 30.8    | 1.1     | 5.7     | 0.7     | -     | 0.6   | -     | 67.8     |
| Maltese                         | 14.3    | 19.0    | 1.5     | 0.4     | 1.0     | -     | 0.1   | -     | 36.5     |
| Polish                          | 15.5    | 17.8    | 5.0     | 6.1     | 6.9     | 0.8   | 1.2   | 0.1   | 53.4     |
| Portuguese                      | 13.5    | 4.2     | 2.7     | 3.7     | 0.7     | 0.1   | 0.4   | 0.5   | 25.8     |
| Russian                         | 14.1    | 14.3    | 3.3     | 1.3     | 2.7     | 0.2   | 0.5   | -     | 36.5     |
| Samoan                          | 12.9    | 5.6     | 9.4     | 0.2     | 0.1     | -     | 0.3   | -     | 28.5     |
| Serbian                         | 21.6    | 16.9    | 4.0     | 4.4     | 4.3     | 0.1   | 1.1   | -     | 52.5     |
| Sinhalese                       | 6.7     | 16.9    | 2.2     | 1.5     | 0.7     | 0.1   | 0.8   | 0.1   | 29.1     |

Table AA.2

Table AA.2 Persons by language spoken at home, August 2006 ('000) (a)

|                                 | NSW            | Vic            | Q/d            | WA             | SA             | Tas          | ACT          | NT           | Aust (b)        |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Spanish                         | 49.6           | 24.5           | 11.3           | 5.7            | 3.4            | 0.7          | 2.5          | 0.3          | 98.0            |
| Tagalog (excludes Filipino) (d) | 29.2           | 11.3           | 6.8            | 2.3            | 2.0            | 0.3          | 0.7          | 0.7          | 53.3            |
| Tamil                           | 15.7           | 11.1           | 1.7            | 1.9            | 1.1            | 0.1          | 0.9          | 0.2          | 32.7            |
| Turkish                         | 20.6           | 29.7           | 1.6            | 1.0            | 0.6            | 0.1          | 0.2          | –            | 53.9            |
| Vietnamese                      | 74.6           | 72.2           | 17.1           | 13.2           | 13.8           | 0.1          | 3.1          | 0.8          | 194.9           |
| Other (f)                       | 182.4          | 134.9          | 61.0           | 44.1           | 25.0           | 3.6          | 9.2          | 4.0          | 464.9           |
| Total                           | 1 314.6        | 1 007.4        | 303.1          | 226.8          | 184.5          | 16.7         | 47.2         | 44.7         | 3 146.2         |
| Not stated                      | 388.0          | 256.7          | 229.8          | 129.2          | 67.0           | 21.6         | 14.4         | 20.9         | 1 127.8         |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>6 549.2</b> | <b>4 932.4</b> | <b>3 904.5</b> | <b>1 959.1</b> | <b>1 514.3</b> | <b>476.5</b> | <b>324.0</b> | <b>192.9</b> | <b>19 855.3</b> |

(a) This list of languages consists of the most common Language Spoken at Home responses reported in the 2001 Census.

(b) Includes other territories.

(c) Chinese languages comprises of 'Cantonese', 'Mandarin', 'Chinese, nfd', 'Hakka', 'Hokkien', 'Teochew', 'Wu' and 'Chinese, nec'.

(d) In 2006 'Tagalog' and 'Filipino' have been identified individually, in 2001 they were classed as one language.

(e) Iranian languages comprises of 'Persian (excluding Dari)', 'Dari', 'Iranic, nfd', 'Kurdish', 'Pashto', 'Balochi' and 'Iranic, nec'.

(f) Comprises languages not identified individually, 'Inadequately described' and 'Non-verbal, so described'.

**nfd** Not further defined. **nec** Not elsewhere classified.

Source: ABS (2007), *2006 Census of Population and Housing*, Cat. no. 2068.0; 2009 Report, table AA.5.

Table AA.3

| Table AA.3        | Experimental                 |               | estimated     |               | resident      |                | Australian     |               | Indigenous      |  |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
|                   | population, 30 June 2006 (a) |               |               |               |               |                |                |               |                 |  |
|                   | <i>NSW</i>                   | <i>Vic</i>    | <i>Qld</i>    | <i>WA</i>     | <i>SA</i>     | <i>Tas (b)</i> | <i>ACT (c)</i> | <i>NT</i>     | <i>Aust (d)</i> |  |
| Females           |                              |               |               |               |               |                |                |               |                 |  |
| 0–4 years         | 8 938                        | 1 828         | 9 506         | 4 600         | 1 488         | 940            | 251            | 3 869         | 31 430          |  |
| 5–9 years         | 9 116                        | 1 948         | 9 372         | 4 701         | 1 569         | 955            | 242            | 3 770         | 31 686          |  |
| 10–14 years       | 9 407                        | 1 824         | 9 092         | 4 505         | 1 577         | 1 082          | 213            | 3 586         | 31 293          |  |
| 15–19 years       | 7 552                        | 1 621         | 7 439         | 3 982         | 1 427         | 936            | 212            | 3 315         | 26 494          |  |
| 20–24 years       | 5 891                        | 1 278         | 6 182         | 3 362         | 1 152         | 760            | 191            | 3 209         | 22 035          |  |
| 25–29 years       | 4 843                        | 1 083         | 5 286         | 2 926         | 961           | 545            | 159            | 2 903         | 18 716          |  |
| 30–34 years       | 5 093                        | 1 084         | 5 321         | 2 766         | 943           | 540            | 151            | 2 758         | 18 665          |  |
| 35–39 years       | 5 098                        | 1 070         | 5 090         | 2 783         | 922           | 594            | 170            | 2 489         | 18 224          |  |
| 40–44 years       | 4 667                        | 938           | 4 358         | 2 333         | 830           | 546            | 129            | 2 004         | 15 808          |  |
| 45–49 years       | 3 860                        | 767           | 3 472         | 1 957         | 680           | 489            | 109            | 1 698         | 13 041          |  |
| 50–54 years       | 3 028                        | 616           | 2 802         | 1 575         | 515           | 324            | 79             | 1 371         | 10 315          |  |
| 55–59 years       | 2 331                        | 498           | 2 071         | 1 085         | 370           | 271            | 44             | 906           | 7 585           |  |
| 60–64 years       | 1 539                        | 335           | 1 368         | 737           | 279           | 157            | 28             | 698           | 5 147           |  |
| 65–69 years       | 1 114                        | 251           | 949           | 500           | 197           | 129            | 15             | 449           | 3 605           |  |
| 70–74 years       | 771                          | 153           | 597           | 355           | 143           | 75             | 9              | 362           | 2 466           |  |
| 75–79 years       | 501                          | 140           | 384           | 216           | 103           | np             | np             | 176           | 1 581           |  |
| 80–84 years       | 229                          | 83            | 229           | 136           | 48            | np             | np             | 110           | 877             |  |
| 85 years and over | 204                          | 69            | 183           | 120           | 47            | np             | np             | 83            | 725             |  |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>74 182</b>                | <b>15 586</b> | <b>73 701</b> | <b>38 639</b> | <b>13 251</b> | <b>8 453</b>   | <b>2 013</b>   | <b>33 756</b> | <b>259 693</b>  |  |
| Males             |                              |               |               |               |               |                |                |               |                 |  |
| 0–4 years         | 9 567                        | 1 816         | 9 675         | 4 665         | 1 559         | 1 006          | 210            | 4 081         | 32 592          |  |
| 5–9 years         | 9 658                        | 1 899         | 9 644         | 5 122         | 1 634         | 1 054          | 247            | 3 992         | 33 261          |  |
| 10–14 years       | 9 857                        | 1 963         | 9 718         | 4 854         | 1 582         | 1 096          | 284            | 3 792         | 33 156          |  |
| 15–19 years       | 8 310                        | 1 609         | 7 871         | 4 194         | 1 446         | 1 078          | 228            | 3 486         | 28 233          |  |
| 20–24 years       | 6 261                        | 1 356         | 6 255         | 3 454         | 1 157         | 718            | 211            | 3 107         | 22 525          |  |
| 25–29 years       | 4 730                        | 1 046         | 5 239         | 3 065         | 868           | 524            | 149            | 2 681         | 18 315          |  |
| 30–34 years       | 4 680                        | 999           | 5 088         | 2 935         | 904           | 464            | 158            | 2 587         | 17 822          |  |
| 35–39 years       | 4 545                        | 1 001         | 4 717         | 2 613         | 828           | 518            | 139            | 2 353         | 16 721          |  |
| 40–44 years       | 4 071                        | 890           | 4 048         | 2 289         | 759           | 453            | 122            | 1 941         | 14 578          |  |
| 45–49 years       | 3 542                        | 738           | 3 230         | 1 948         | 615           | 429            | 84             | 1 578         | 12 175          |  |
| 50–54 years       | 2 894                        | 638           | 2 540         | 1 488         | 517           | 364            | 93             | 1 185         | 9 726           |  |
| 55–59 years       | 2 167                        | 473           | 1 860         | 1 011         | 331           | 288            | 51             | 770           | 6 956           |  |
| 60–64 years       | 1 513                        | 302           | 1 162         | 653           | 226           | 198            | 28             | 538           | 4 626           |  |
| 65–69 years       | 982                          | 224           | 690           | 432           | 151           | 104            | 15             | 333           | 2 936           |  |
| 70–74 years       | 652                          | 121           | 483           | 260           | 90            | 83             | 6              | 183           | 1 879           |  |
| 75–79 years       | 328                          | 90            | 275           | 156           | 67            | np             | np             | 110           | 1 070           |  |
| 80–84 years       | 149                          | 40            | 140           | 79            | 30            | np             | np             | 62            | 519             |  |
| 85 years and over | 90                           | 48            | 93            | 71            | 29            | np             | np             | 47            | 391             |  |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>73 996</b>                | <b>15 253</b> | <b>72 728</b> | <b>39 289</b> | <b>12 793</b> | <b>8 447</b>   | <b>2 030</b>   | <b>32 826</b> | <b>257 481</b>  |  |

Table AA.3

| Table AA.3        | Experimental                 |               | estimated      |               | resident      |               | Australian   |               | Indigenous     |  |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|--|
|                   | population, 30 June 2006 (a) |               |                |               |               |               |              |               |                |  |
|                   | NSW                          | Vic           | Qld            | WA            | SA            | Tas (b)       | ACT (c)      | NT            | Aust (d)       |  |
| Persons           |                              |               |                |               |               |               |              |               |                |  |
| 0–4 years         | 18 505                       | 3 644         | 19 181         | 9 265         | 3 047         | 1 946         | 461          | 7 950         | 64 022         |  |
| 5–9 years         | 18 774                       | 3 847         | 19 016         | 9 823         | 3 203         | 2 009         | 489          | 7 762         | 64 947         |  |
| 10–14 years       | 19 264                       | 3 787         | 18 810         | 9 359         | 3 159         | 2 178         | 497          | 7 378         | 64 449         |  |
| 15–19 years       | 15 862                       | 3 230         | 15 310         | 8 176         | 2 873         | 2 014         | 440          | 6 801         | 54 727         |  |
| 20–24 years       | 12 152                       | 2 634         | 12 437         | 6 816         | 2 309         | 1 478         | 402          | 6 316         | 44 560         |  |
| 25–29 years       | 9 573                        | 2 129         | 10 525         | 5 991         | 1 829         | 1 069         | 308          | 5 584         | 37 031         |  |
| 30–34 years       | 9 773                        | 2 083         | 10 409         | 5 701         | 1 847         | 1 004         | 309          | 5 345         | 36 487         |  |
| 35–39 years       | 9 643                        | 2 071         | 9 807          | 5 396         | 1 750         | 1 112         | 309          | 4 842         | 34 945         |  |
| 40–44 years       | 8 738                        | 1 828         | 8 406          | 4 622         | 1 589         | 999           | 251          | 3 945         | 30 386         |  |
| 45–49 years       | 7 402                        | 1 505         | 6 702          | 3 905         | 1 295         | 918           | 193          | 3 276         | 25 216         |  |
| 50–54 years       | 5 922                        | 1 254         | 5 342          | 3 063         | 1 032         | 688           | 172          | 2 556         | 20 041         |  |
| 55–59 years       | 4 498                        | 971           | 3 931          | 2 096         | 701           | 559           | 95           | 1 676         | 14 541         |  |
| 60–64 years       | 3 052                        | 637           | 2 530          | 1 390         | 505           | 355           | 56           | 1 236         | 9 773          |  |
| 65–69 years       | 2 096                        | 475           | 1 639          | 932           | 348           | 233           | 30           | 782           | 6 541          |  |
| 70–74 years       | 1 423                        | 274           | 1 080          | 615           | 233           | 158           | 15           | 545           | 4 345          |  |
| 75–79 years       | 829                          | 230           | 659            | 372           | 170           | 96            | 8            | 286           | 2 651          |  |
| 80–84 years       | 378                          | 123           | 369            | 215           | 78            | 56            | 5            | 172           | 1 396          |  |
| 85 years and over | 294                          | 117           | 276            | 191           | 76            | 28            | 3            | 130           | 1 116          |  |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>148 178</b>               | <b>30 839</b> | <b>146 429</b> | <b>77 928</b> | <b>26 044</b> | <b>16 900</b> | <b>4 043</b> | <b>66 582</b> | <b>517 174</b> |  |

(a) Experimental estimates at 30 June 2006 are preliminary rebased estimates and are based on the 2006 Census of Population and Housing.

(b) For Tasmania in the age group 75 and over, the number of males is 70 and the number of females is 110.

(c) For the Australian Capital Territory in the age group 75 and over, the number of males is 5 and the number of females is 11.

(d) Includes other territories.

np Not published but included in totals.

Source: ABS (2007), *Australian Demographic Statistics, March Quarter 2007*, Cat. no. 3101.0; 2009 Report, table AA.7.

Table AA.4

**Table AA.4 Experimental projection of the Indigenous population, 2000 to 2009 (number) (a), (b), (c)**

|                | NSW     | Vic    | Qld     | WA     | SA     | Tas    | ACT   | NT     | Aust (d) |
|----------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|----------|
| <b>Female</b>  |         |        |         |        |        |        |       |        |          |
| 2000           | 66 199  | 13 798 | 63 175  | 32 396 | 12 688 | 8 520  | 1 887 | 27 825 | 226 608  |
| 2001           | 67 456  | 14 047 | 65 384  | 33 050 | 12 940 | 8 666  | 1 946 | 28 383 | 230 994  |
| 2002           | 68 548  | 14 337 | 65 683  | 33 702 | 13 203 | 8 779  | 2 000 | 28 839 | 235 214  |
| 2003           | 69 664  | 14 643 | 66 985  | 34 365 | 13 468 | 8 892  | 2 052 | 29 287 | 239 480  |
| 2004           | 70 800  | 14 950 | 68 296  | 35 041 | 13 731 | 9 006  | 2 101 | 29 746 | 243 796  |
| 2005           | 71 957  | 15 267 | 69 629  | 35 728 | 14 004 | 9 128  | 2 143 | 30 187 | 248 169  |
| 2006           | 73 141  | 15 590 | 70 976  | 36 421 | 14 280 | 9 252  | 2 188 | 30 630 | 252 605  |
| 2007           | 74 350  | 15 923 | 72 342  | 37 120 | 14 562 | 9 383  | 2 229 | 31 069 | 257 106  |
| 2008           | 75 586  | 16 261 | 73 724  | 37 834 | 14 846 | 9 518  | 2 272 | 31 503 | 261 673  |
| 2009           | 76 848  | 16 604 | 75 135  | 38 559 | 15 129 | 9 656  | 2 315 | 31 932 | 266 308  |
| <b>Male</b>    |         |        |         |        |        |        |       |        |          |
| 2000           | 66 105  | 13 582 | 60 318  | 32 308 | 12 417 | 8 543  | 1 920 | 27 959 | 223 260  |
| 2001           | 67 432  | 13 799 | 61 526  | 32 881 | 12 604 | 8 718  | 1 963 | 28 492 | 227 526  |
| 2002           | 68 513  | 14 098 | 62 923  | 33 460 | 12 843 | 8 835  | 2 008 | 28 919 | 231 711  |
| 2003           | 69 616  | 14 407 | 64 317  | 34 038 | 13 083 | 8 956  | 2 055 | 29 347 | 235 932  |
| 2004           | 70 733  | 14 733 | 65 717  | 34 624 | 13 329 | 9 081  | 2 103 | 29 762 | 240 196  |
| 2005           | 71 867  | 15 062 | 67 125  | 35 217 | 13 574 | 9 205  | 2 157 | 30 186 | 244 508  |
| 2006           | 73 018  | 15 398 | 68 551  | 35 822 | 13 825 | 9 334  | 2 208 | 30 602 | 248 874  |
| 2007           | 74 192  | 15 737 | 69 991  | 36 443 | 14 079 | 9 463  | 2 261 | 31 016 | 253 299  |
| 2008           | 75 385  | 16 084 | 71 450  | 37 069 | 14 339 | 9 597  | 2 314 | 31 429 | 257 786  |
| 2009           | 76 606  | 16 441 | 72 920  | 37 705 | 14 607 | 9 731  | 2 365 | 31 843 | 262 337  |
| <b>Persons</b> |         |        |         |        |        |        |       |        |          |
| 2000           | 132 304 | 27 380 | 123 493 | 64 704 | 25 105 | 17 063 | 3 807 | 55 784 | 449 868  |
| 2001           | 134 888 | 27 846 | 125 910 | 65 931 | 25 544 | 17 384 | 3 909 | 56 875 | 458 520  |
| 2002           | 137 061 | 28 435 | 128 606 | 67 162 | 26 046 | 17 614 | 4 008 | 57 758 | 466 925  |
| 2003           | 139 280 | 29 050 | 131 302 | 68 403 | 26 551 | 17 848 | 4 107 | 58 634 | 475 412  |
| 2004           | 141 533 | 29 683 | 134 013 | 69 665 | 27 060 | 18 087 | 4 204 | 59 508 | 483 992  |
| 2005           | 143 824 | 30 329 | 136 754 | 70 945 | 27 578 | 18 333 | 4 300 | 60 373 | 492 677  |
| 2006           | 146 159 | 30 988 | 139 527 | 72 243 | 28 105 | 18 586 | 4 396 | 61 232 | 501 479  |
| 2007           | 148 542 | 31 660 | 142 333 | 73 563 | 28 641 | 18 846 | 4 490 | 62 085 | 510 405  |
| 2008           | 150 971 | 32 345 | 145 174 | 74 903 | 29 185 | 19 115 | 4 586 | 62 932 | 519 459  |
| 2009           | 153 454 | 33 045 | 148 055 | 76 264 | 29 736 | 19 387 | 4 680 | 63 775 | 528 645  |

(a) At 30 June.

(b) Total persons may not add as a result of rounding.

(c) Based on low series figures.

(d) Includes other territories.

Source: ABS (2004), *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders*, Cat. no. 3238.0; 2009 Report, table AA.8.

Table AA.5

Table AA.5 Language spoken at home by Indigenous people and proficiency in spoken English, by sex, August 2006

|  | NSW           | Vic           | Q/d           | WA            | SA            | Tas          | ACT          | NT            | Aust (a)       |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Females</b>                                   |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |               |                |
| Speaks English only                              | 66 734        | 14 225        | 55 560        | 24 041        | 10 900        | 8 217        | 1 826        | 9 917         | 191 520        |
| Speaks an Indigenous language and speaks English |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |               |                |
| Very well or well                                | 397           | 139           | 4 749         | 3 362         | 1 241         | 22           | 48           | 11 230        | 21 188         |
| Not well   | 13            | 10            | 658           | 430           | 238           | -            | -            | 2 547         | 3 896          |
| Not at all                                       | -             | 3             | 193           | 81            | 46            | -            | -            | 744           | 1 067          |
| Not stated (b)                                   | 18            | 3             | 120           | 52            | 35            | -            | 3            | 422           | 653            |
| Total  | 428           | 155           | 5 720         | 3 925         | 1 560         | 22           | 51           | 14 943        | 26 804         |
| Speaks other language (c)                        | 668           | 418           | 1 366         | 294           | 128           | 62           | 27           | 467           | 3 437          |
| Not stated (d)                                   | 2 200         | 599           | 2 246         | 1 460         | 521           | 160          | 39           | 1 967         | 9 195          |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>70 030</b> | <b>15 397</b> | <b>64 892</b> | <b>29 720</b> | <b>13 109</b> | <b>8 461</b> | <b>1 943</b> | <b>27 294</b> | <b>230 956</b> |
| <b>Males</b>                                     |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |               |                |
| Speaks English only                              | 63 403        | 13 296        | 52 180        | 22 429        | 10 097        | 8 012        | 1 799        | 9 171         | 180 486        |
| Speaks an Indigenous language and speaks English |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |               |                |
| Very well or well                                | 347           | 116           | 4 543         | 3 139         | 1 118         | 11           | 29           | 10 357        | 19 660         |
| Not well   | 19            | 8             | 683           | 417           | 214           | -            | 3            | 2 523         | 3 867          |
| Not at all                                       | -             | 3             | 200           | 89            | 26            | -            | -            | 753           | 1 071          |
| Not stated (b)                                   | 12            | 3             | 100           | 46            | 36            | -            | -            | 397           | 594            |
| Total  | 378           | 130           | 5 526         | 3 691         | 1 394         | 11           | 32           | 14 030        | 25 192         |
| Speaks other language (c)                        | 820           | 511           | 1 392         | 327           | 168           | 59           | 43           | 496           | 3 828          |
| Not stated (d)                                   | 3 877         | 807           | 3 590         | 2 544         | 789           | 223          | 57           | 2 672         | 14 566         |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>68 478</b> | <b>14 744</b> | <b>62 688</b> | <b>28 991</b> | <b>12 448</b> | <b>8 305</b> | <b>1 931</b> | <b>26 369</b> | <b>224 072</b> |
| <b>Persons</b>                                   |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |               |                |
| Speaks English only                              | 130 137       | 27 521        | 107 740       | 46 470        | 20 997        | 16 229       | 3 625        | 19 088        | 372 006        |
| Speaks an Indigenous language and speaks English |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |               |                |
| Very well or well                                | 744           | 255           | 9 292         | 6 501         | 2 359         | 33           | 77           | 21 587        | 40 848         |
| Not well   | 32            | 18            | 1 341         | 847           | 452           | -            | 3            | 5 070         | 7 763          |



Table AA.5

**Table AA.5 Language spoken at home by Indigenous people and proficiency in spoken English, by sex, August 2006**

|                           | NSW            | Vic           | Q/d            | WA            | SA            | Tas           | ACT          | NT            | Aust (a)       |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Not at all                | –              | 6             | 393            | 170           | 72            | –             | –            | 1 497         | 2 138          |
| Not stated (b)            | 30             | 6             | 220            | 98            | 71            | –             | 3            | 819           | 1 247          |
| Total                     | 806            | 285           | 11 246         | 7 616         | 2 954         | 33            | 83           | 28 973        | 51 996         |
| Speaks other language (c) | 1 488          | 929           | 2 758          | 621           | 296           | 121           | 70           | 963           | 7 265          |
| Not stated (d)            | 6 077          | 1 406         | 5 836          | 4 004         | 1 310         | 383           | 96           | 4 639         | 23 761         |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>138 508</b> | <b>30 141</b> | <b>127 580</b> | <b>58 711</b> | <b>25 557</b> | <b>16 766</b> | <b>3 874</b> | <b>53 663</b> | <b>455 028</b> |

(a) Includes other territories.

(b) Language (Census code = LANP) stated, proficiency in spoken English (Census code = ENGP) not stated.

(c) Includes inadequately described and non-verbal so described.

(d) Not stated — both language spoken at home (Census code = LANP) and proficiency in spoken English (Census code = ENGP) or just language spoken at home not stated.

Source: ABS (unpublished), derived from 2006 Census of Population and Housing; 2009 Report, table AA.9.

# Family and household

Table AA.6

Table AA.6 Families and persons in families in occupied private dwellings by Indigenous status and family/household composition, August 2006 (a), (b), (c)

|                | Unit | NSW            | Vic            | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas          | ACT         | NT          | Aust           |
|----------------|------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Indigenous     |      |                |                |              |              |              |              |             |             |                |
| Family         |      |                |                |              |              |              |              |             |             |                |
|                | %    | 42.4           | 41.6           | 45.9         | 44.1         | 40.9         | 49.4         | 47.6        | 48.0        | 44.4           |
|                | %    | 22.4           | 26.9           | 21.8         | 18.4         | 21.0         | 28.5         | 25.8        | 17.0        | 21.8           |
|                | %    | 32.9           | 29.5           | 29.8         | 34.0         | 35.2         | 20.7         | 25.4        | 31.7        | 31.3           |
|                | %    | 2.2            | 2.1            | 2.5          | 3.3          | 3.0          | 1.4          | 1.7         | 3.2         | 2.5            |
|                | '000 | <b>38.0</b>    | <b>8.4</b>     | <b>32.8</b>  | <b>13.8</b>  | <b>6.4</b>   | <b>5.5</b>   | <b>1.1</b>  | <b>11.1</b> | <b>117.1</b>   |
| Person (d)     |      |                |                |              |              |              |              |             |             |                |
|                | %    | 53.9           | 53.4           | 57.6         | 55.1         | 51.7         | 62.8         | 59.4        | 59.1        | 56.0           |
|                | %    | 13.8           | 17.1           | 12.8         | 10.7         | 12.8         | 18.0         | 15.9        | 9.3         | 13.0           |
|                | %    | 30.9           | 28.0           | 27.9         | 32.0         | 33.4         | 18.2         | 23.7        | 29.4        | 29.3           |
|                | %    | 1.5            | 1.4            | 1.7          | 2.2          | 2.1          | 0.9          | 1.1         | 2.2         | 1.7            |
|                | '000 | <b>125.1</b>   | <b>26.6</b>    | <b>114.5</b> | <b>49.6</b>  | <b>21.5</b>  | <b>17.2</b>  | <b>3.6</b>  | <b>45.3</b> | <b>403.6</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous |      |                |                |              |              |              |              |             |             |                |
| Family         |      |                |                |              |              |              |              |             |             |                |
|                | %    | 46.4           | 47.1           | 43.3         | 45.3         | 42.5         | 41.3         | 47.1        | 46.0        | 45.4           |
|                | %    | 36.3           | 35.9           | 39.6         | 38.8         | 40.1         | 40.9         | 36.3        | 37.9        | 37.5           |
|                | %    | 15.6           | 15.2           | 15.4         | 14.3         | 15.8         | 16.5         | 15.0        | 14.7        | 15.4           |
|                | %    | 1.7            | 1.8            | 1.6          | 1.7          | 1.6          | 1.3          | 1.6         | 1.4         | 1.7            |
|                | '000 | <b>1 662.6</b> | <b>1 272.7</b> | <b>991.0</b> | <b>493.5</b> | <b>397.2</b> | <b>121.9</b> | <b>82.9</b> | <b>32.1</b> | <b>5 054.1</b> |
| Person (d)     |      |                |                |              |              |              |              |             |             |                |
|                | %    | 60.9           | 61.5           | 57.9         | 59.9         | 57.0         | 55.7         | 61.6        | 60.6        | 60.0           |
|                | %    | 24.2           | 23.9           | 27.1         | 26.3         | 27.8         | 28.5         | 24.5        | 25.4        | 25.3           |
|                | %    | 13.7           | 13.3           | 13.9         | 12.6         | 14.0         | 14.8         | 12.8        | 13.0        | 13.6           |

Table AA.6

Table AA.6 Families and persons in families in occupied private dwellings by Indigenous status and family/household composition, August 2006 (a), (b), (c)

|   | Unit        | NSW            | Vic            | Qld            | WA             | SA             | Tas          | ACT          | NT           | Aust            |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Other family                                  | %           | 1.2            | 1.3            | 1.2            | 1.2            | 1.1            | 1.0          | 1.1          | 1.0          | 1.2             |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>'000</b> | <b>4 938.5</b> | <b>3 790.3</b> | <b>2 866.5</b> | <b>1 429.5</b> | <b>1 131.4</b> | <b>345.1</b> | <b>242.1</b> | <b>92.4</b>  | <b>14 837.4</b> |
| Total (includes Indigenous status not stated) |             |                |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |                 |
| Family  |             |                |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |                 |
| Couple family with children                   | %           | 46.2           | 46.9           | 43.3           | 45.1           | 42.3           | 41.4         | 47.0         | 46.5         | 45.3            |
| Couple family without children                | %           | 36.0           | 35.9           | 39.1           | 38.3           | 40.0           | 40.5         | 36.2         | 32.6         | 37.2            |
| One parent family                             | %           | 16.1           | 15.4           | 15.9           | 14.8           | 16.1           | 16.7         | 15.1         | 19.1         | 15.8            |
| Other family                                  | %           | 1.7            | 1.9            | 1.7            | 1.7            | 1.6            | 1.4          | 1.6          | 1.9          | 1.7             |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>'000</b> | <b>1 716.2</b> | <b>1 294.4</b> | <b>1 032.0</b> | <b>511.9</b>   | <b>407.5</b>   | <b>128.7</b> | <b>84.5</b>  | <b>43.4</b>  | <b>5 219.2</b>  |
| Person  |             |                |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |                 |
| Couple family with children                   | %           | 60.5           | 61.3           | 57.7           | 59.6           | 56.7           | 55.8         | 61.4         | 60.0         | 59.7            |
| Couple family without children                | %           | 24.1           | 24.0           | 26.6           | 25.8           | 27.7           | 28.2         | 24.4         | 20.1         | 25.0            |
| One parent family                             | %           | 14.2           | 13.4           | 14.5           | 13.3           | 14.4           | 15.0         | 13.0         | 18.5         | 14.0            |
| Other family                                  | %           | 1.2            | 1.3            | 1.2            | 1.3            | 1.2            | 1.0          | 1.1          | 1.4          | 1.2             |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>'000</b> | <b>5 105.8</b> | <b>3 852.3</b> | <b>3 002.7</b> | <b>1 490.9</b> | <b>1 162.4</b> | <b>365.7</b> | <b>247.1</b> | <b>138.4</b> | <b>15 367.0</b> |

(a) An Indigenous family is a family where either the reference person and/or spouse/partner is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

(b) Excludes family members who were temporarily absent on Census Night.

(c) Cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data.

(d) Includes members of an 'Indigenous' and 'Other' family who are of Indigenous, non-Indigenous or not stated status.

Source: ABS (unpublished), derived from 2006 Census of Population and Housing; 2009 Report, table AA.13.

# **Income, education and employment**

Table AA.7

Table AA.7 **Persons aged 15 years and over by weekly individual income and Indigenous status, August 2006**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>     | <i>Vic</i>     | <i>Qld</i>     | <i>WA</i>      | <i>SA</i>      | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    | <i>Aust (a)</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Indigenous                                     |             |                |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |                 |
| Nil income                                     | %           | 8.1            | 8.9            | 8.4            | 7.9            | 7.5            | 7.4          | 7.9          | 8.2          | 8.2             |
| \$1-\$149                                      | %           | 9.0            | 9.0            | 7.6            | 7.5            | 9.4            | 9.3          | 8.5          | 8.6          | 8.4             |
| \$150-\$249                                    | %           | 22.2           | 17.9           | 21.5           | 26.7           | 25.6           | 21.7         | 14.0         | 41.2         | 24.8            |
| \$250-\$399                                    | %           | 15.6           | 15.3           | 15.6           | 14.0           | 15.7           | 17.2         | 11.7         | 13.8         | 15.2            |
| \$400-\$599                                    | %           | 13.7           | 14.5           | 15.4           | 11.0           | 12.1           | 16.3         | 9.7          | 6.4          | 12.9            |
| \$600-\$799                                    | %           | 7.8            | 9.1            | 8.8            | 6.4            | 7.1            | 9.2          | 9.0          | 3.7          | 7.5             |
| \$800-\$999                                    | %           | 4.6            | 5.6            | 5.0            | 3.9            | 4.3            | 5.8          | 11.2         | 2.5          | 4.5             |
| \$1000-\$1299                                  | %           | 3.8            | 4.2            | 3.8            | 3.4            | 3.3            | 4.1          | 10.6         | 2.0          | 3.6             |
| \$1300-\$1599                                  | %           | 1.8            | 1.7            | 1.6            | 1.8            | 1.4            | 1.5          | 6.1          | 0.8          | 1.6             |
| \$1600-\$1999                                  | %           | 0.9            | 0.9            | 0.9            | 1.2            | 0.5            | 0.6          | 4.1          | 0.4          | 0.8             |
| \$2000 or more                                 | %           | 0.9            | 1.4            | 0.8            | 1.1            | 0.8            | 0.6          | 2.0          | 0.3          | 0.9             |
| Not stated                                     | %           | 11.6           | 11.5           | 10.7           | 15.2           | 12.3           | 6.3          | 5.2          | 12.0         | 11.6            |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>'000</b> | <b>85.3</b>    | <b>19.0</b>    | <b>78.0</b>    | <b>37.0</b>    | <b>16.3</b>    | <b>10.7</b>  | <b>2.5</b>   | <b>35.0</b>  | <b>283.9</b>    |
| Non-Indigenous                                 |             |                |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |                 |
| Nil income                                     | %           | 8.2            | 7.9            | 6.6            | 7.3            | 6.4            | 5.8          | 6.1          | 5.8          | 7.5             |
| \$1-\$149                                      | %           | 7.0            | 7.8            | 7.0            | 7.3            | 7.3            | 7.2          | 6.7          | 4.9          | 7.2             |
| \$150-\$249                                    | %           | 14.6           | 14.5           | 13.8           | 12.8           | 16.3           | 18.1         | 8.7          | 7.4          | 14.3            |
| \$250-\$399                                    | %           | 13.4           | 13.2           | 13.9           | 13.0           | 15.1           | 16.6         | 9.3          | 8.3          | 13.5            |
| \$400-\$599                                    | %           | 13.7           | 14.2           | 15.7           | 13.7           | 15.2           | 15.8         | 11.3         | 13.3         | 14.3            |
| \$600-\$799                                    | %           | 10.7           | 11.2           | 12.1           | 11.2           | 11.9           | 11.5         | 10.4         | 14.7         | 11.3            |
| \$800-\$999                                    | %           | 8.0            | 8.5            | 8.6            | 8.7            | 8.4            | 7.6          | 10.7         | 12.5         | 8.4             |
| \$1000-\$1299                                  | %           | 7.9            | 8.0            | 8.4            | 9.1            | 7.7            | 7.2          | 13.3         | 13.6         | 8.2             |
| \$1300-\$1599                                  | %           | 4.9            | 4.1            | 4.2            | 5.1            | 3.7            | 3.2          | 8.9          | 7.9          | 4.5             |
| \$1600-\$1999                                  | %           | 2.9            | 2.4            | 2.4            | 3.3            | 1.8            | 1.4          | 5.9          | 3.9          | 2.7             |
| \$2000 or more                                 | %           | 4.3            | 3.5            | 3.1            | 4.5            | 2.3            | 1.7          | 6.2          | 4.1          | 3.7             |
| Not stated                                     | %           | 4.4            | 4.7            | 4.4            | 4.2            | 4.0            | 4.0          | 2.4          | 3.6          | 4.4             |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>'000</b> | <b>4 850.4</b> | <b>3 747.9</b> | <b>2 841.1</b> | <b>1 425.0</b> | <b>1 160.9</b> | <b>353.6</b> | <b>247.3</b> | <b>97.6</b>  | <b>14 725.2</b> |
| Total (including Indigenous status not stated) |             |                |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |                 |
| Nil income                                     | %           | 7.8            | 7.6            | 6.4            | 6.9            | 6.2            | 5.7          | 5.9          | 6.0          | 7.2             |
| \$1-\$149                                      | %           | 6.7            | 7.5            | 6.6            | 6.9            | 7.0            | 7.0          | 6.5          | 5.4          | 6.9             |
| \$150-\$249                                    | %           | 14.1           | 14.0           | 13.4           | 12.5           | 16.0           | 17.7         | 8.5          | 15.0         | 13.9            |
| \$250-\$399                                    | %           | 12.8           | 12.7           | 13.3           | 12.3           | 14.7           | 16.1         | 9.0          | 9.0          | 13.0            |
| \$400-\$599                                    | %           | 13.0           | 13.6           | 14.9           | 12.9           | 14.7           | 15.3         | 10.9         | 10.6         | 13.6            |
| \$600-\$799                                    | %           | 10.1           | 10.6           | 11.4           | 10.5           | 11.3           | 11.0         | 10.0         | 10.9         | 10.6            |
| \$800-\$999                                    | %           | 7.5            | 8.1            | 8.0            | 8.1            | 8.0            | 7.2          | 10.3         | 9.1          | 7.9             |
| \$1000-\$1299                                  | %           | 7.4            | 7.6            | 7.8            | 8.4            | 7.3            | 6.8          | 12.7         | 9.7          | 7.7             |
| \$1300-\$1599                                  | %           | 4.6            | 3.9            | 3.9            | 4.7            | 3.5            | 3.0          | 8.5          | 5.5          | 4.2             |
| \$1600-\$1999                                  | %           | 2.7            | 2.3            | 2.2            | 3.0            | 1.8            | 1.3          | 5.6          | 2.7          | 2.5             |
| \$2000 or more                                 | %           | 4.1            | 3.3            | 2.9            | 4.1            | 2.2            | 1.6          | 5.9          | 2.9          | 3.5             |
| Not stated                                     | %           | 9.1            | 8.8            | 9.1            | 9.6            | 7.4            | 7.3          | 6.2          | 13.2         | 8.9             |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>'000</b> | <b>5 250.3</b> | <b>3 982.0</b> | <b>3 098.0</b> | <b>1 562.7</b> | <b>1 233.5</b> | <b>382.5</b> | <b>262.1</b> | <b>145.3</b> | <b>15 918.1</b> |

**Table AA.7 Persons aged 15 years and over by weekly individual income and Indigenous status, August 2006**

| <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust (a)</i> |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|

(a) Includes other territories.

Source: ABS (unpublished), derived from *2006 Census of Population and Housing*; 2009 Report, table AA.17.

Table AA.8

**Table AA.8 People aged 15 years or over, by highest year of school completed and Indigenous status, August 2006 ('000)**

|                       | <i>NSW</i>     | <i>Vic</i>     | <i>Qld</i>     | <i>WA</i>      | <i>SA</i>      | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>    | <i>Aust (a)</i> |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Indigenous            |                |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |                 |
| Year 8 or below       | 10.4           | 2.2            | 9.3            | 4.2            | 2.2            | 0.9          | 0.2          | 10.8         | 40.1            |
| Year 9 or equivalent  | 14.6           | 2.6            | 8.3            | 3.8            | 1.8            | 1.5          | 0.2          | 4.3          | 37.2            |
| Year 10 or equivalent | 26.6           | 4.5            | 22.3           | 11.4           | 3.9            | 4.3          | 0.7          | 5.7          | 79.5            |
| Year 11 or equivalent | 6.8            | 2.7            | 8.7            | 4.7            | 3.1            | 1.1          | 0.2          | 3.2          | 30.5            |
| Year 12 or equivalent | 16.0           | 4.3            | 19.9           | 6.1            | 2.8            | 2.1          | 1.0          | 3.0          | 55.1            |
| Did not go to school  | 0.8            | 0.3            | 1.0            | 1.1            | 0.3            | 0.1          | –            | 2.5          | 6.1             |
| Not stated            | 10.1           | 2.3            | 8.5            | 5.8            | 2.2            | 0.8          | 0.1          | 5.6          | 35.3            |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>85.3</b>    | <b>19.0</b>    | <b>78.0</b>    | <b>37.0</b>    | <b>16.3</b>    | <b>10.7</b>  | <b>2.5</b>   | <b>35.0</b>  | <b>283.9</b>    |
| Non-Indigenous        |                |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |                 |
| Year 8 or below       | 333.5          | 325.0          | 216.3          | 71.1           | 96.5           | 26.1         | 9.0          | 4.3          | 1 082.0         |
| Year 9 or equivalent  | 394.4          | 281.4          | 170.7          | 80.3           | 77.7           | 36.9         | 11.4         | 5.6          | 1 058.4         |
| Year 10 or equivalent | 1 314.7        | 619.0          | 803.5          | 374.5          | 221.4          | 121.2        | 43.4         | 22.7         | 3 520.5         |
| Year 11 or equivalent | 301.8          | 540.7          | 243.3          | 165.5          | 231.9          | 30.6         | 14.6         | 15.0         | 1 543.6         |
| Year 12 or equivalent | 2 189.4        | 1 732.1        | 1 250.4        | 651.8          | 465.3          | 116.6        | 160.8        | 45.3         | 6 612.3         |
| Did not go to school  | 52.9           | 42.2           | 12.8           | 8.7            | 8.9            | 1.2          | 1.0          | 0.6          | 128.6           |
| Not stated            | 263.7          | 207.5          | 143.9          | 73.2           | 59.2           | 21.0         | 7.2          | 4.1          | 779.8           |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>4 850.4</b> | <b>3 747.9</b> | <b>2 841.1</b> | <b>1 425.0</b> | <b>1 160.9</b> | <b>353.6</b> | <b>247.3</b> | <b>97.6</b>  | <b>14 725.2</b> |
| All persons (b)       |                |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |                 |
| Year 8 or below       | 350.5          | 334.1          | 230.0          | 77.0           | 101.0          | 27.6         | 9.3          | 15.3         | 1 145.0         |
| Year 9 or equivalent  | 414.4          | 288.1          | 181.1          | 85.5           | 80.7           | 39.1         | 11.8         | 10.0         | 1 110.9         |
| Year 10 or equivalent | 1 355.6        | 631.0          | 833.5          | 389.9          | 227.9          | 126.8        | 44.4         | 28.7         | 3 638.0         |
| Year 11 or equivalent | 312.2          | 548.8          | 254.3          | 171.7          | 237.0          | 32.0         | 15.0         | 18.4         | 1 589.6         |
| Year 12 or equivalent | 2 224.5        | 1 752.3        | 1 279.7        | 663.3          | 471.9          | 119.7        | 162.7        | 48.6         | 6 723.2         |
| Did not go to school  | 55.0           | 43.6           | 14.2           | 10.0           | 9.4            | 1.3          | 1.1          | 3.2          | 138.0           |
| Not stated            | 538.0          | 384.1          | 305.2          | 165.3          | 105.5          | 35.8         | 17.8         | 21.2         | 1 573.3         |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>5 250.3</b> | <b>3 982.0</b> | <b>3 098.0</b> | <b>1 562.7</b> | <b>1 233.5</b> | <b>382.5</b> | <b>262.1</b> | <b>145.3</b> | <b>15 918.1</b> |

(a) Includes other territories.

(b) Includes Indigenous status not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ABS (2007), *2006 Census of Population and Housing*, Cat. no. 2068.0; 2009 Report, table AA.20.



Table AA.9

Table AA.9 **Type of educational institution attending by Indigenous status, August 2006 ('000) (a)**

|                 | <i>NSW</i>     | <i>Vic</i>     | <i>Qld</i>     | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas</i>   | <i>ACT</i>   | <i>NT</i>   | <i>Aust (b)</i> |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Indigenous      |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |             |                 |
| Pre-school      | 4.0            | 0.8            | 3.3            | 1.4          | 0.6          | 0.2          | 0.1          | 0.9         | 11.4            |
| Infants/primary | 22.3           | 4.6            | 20.7           | 9.0          | 4.3          | 2.8          | 0.6          | 7.4         | 71.7            |
| Secondary       | 13.6           | 2.9            | 11.6           | 4.6          | 2.1          | 1.7          | 0.4          | 2.9         | 39.7            |
| TAFE (c)        | 4.2            | 0.9            | 2.3            | 1.0          | 0.7          | 0.7          | 0.1          | 0.4         | 10.4            |
| University      | 2.3            | 0.6            | 2.0            | 0.8          | 0.4          | 0.3          | 0.2          | 0.5         | 7.1             |
| Other           | 0.7            | 0.3            | 0.8            | 0.3          | 0.2          | 0.1          | –            | 0.3         | 2.5             |
| Not stated      | 13.8           | 3.2            | 12.2           | 7.5          | 2.8          | 1.2          | 0.2          | 8.7         | 49.7            |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>60.9</b>    | <b>13.3</b>    | <b>52.9</b>    | <b>24.5</b>  | <b>11.1</b>  | <b>7.0</b>   | <b>1.7</b>   | <b>21.0</b> | <b>192.4</b>    |
| Non-Indigenous  |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |             |                 |
| Pre-school      | 108.0          | 76.0           | 54.5           | 25.3         | 17.6         | 3.7          | 4.1          | 1.8         | 291.1           |
| Infants/primary | 514.2          | 388.9          | 322.0          | 158.2        | 133.1        | 40.2         | 25.9         | 12.1        | 1 594.8         |
| Secondary       | 417.6          | 325.3          | 222.0          | 110.2        | 84.1         | 27.8         | 22.3         | 7.0         | 1 216.3         |
| TAFE (c)        | 154.7          | 100.1          | 65.2           | 39.3         | 31.7         | 11.7         | 8.4          | 1.8         | 412.9           |
| University      | 234.9          | 196.8          | 135.0          | 71.8         | 53.0         | 13.8         | 22.4         | 5.3         | 733.0           |
| Other           | 41.2           | 36.6           | 21.6           | 9.6          | 9.5          | 2.2          | 2.6          | 0.9         | 124.0           |
| Not stated      | 241.2          | 188.5          | 132.7          | 68.2         | 52.2         | 18.7         | 7.5          | 4.0         | 713.3           |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>1 711.7</b> | <b>1 312.2</b> | <b>952.9</b>   | <b>482.6</b> | <b>381.2</b> | <b>118.0</b> | <b>93.4</b>  | <b>32.9</b> | <b>5 085.4</b>  |
| All persons (d) |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |             |                 |
| Pre-school      | 114.0          | 78.1           | 58.7           | 27.2         | 18.6         | 4.0          | 4.3          | 2.8         | 307.8           |
| Infants/primary | 547.1          | 401.1          | 348.5          | 169.9        | 139.5        | 43.8         | 26.9         | 19.7        | 1 696.8         |
| Secondary       | 438.2          | 333.6          | 236.7          | 116.4        | 87.3         | 29.9         | 23.0         | 10.0        | 1 275.1         |
| TAFE (c)        | 160.8          | 102.3          | 68.1           | 40.8         | 32.7         | 12.4         | 8.6          | 2.2         | 428.0           |
| University      | 239.0          | 199.0          | 137.8          | 73.1         | 53.7         | 14.2         | 22.7         | 5.8         | 745.5           |
| Other           | 42.4           | 37.3           | 22.5           | 9.9          | 9.7          | 2.3          | 2.6          | 1.2         | 128.0           |
| Not stated      | 558.3          | 391.6          | 323.5          | 178.2        | 105.8        | 36.0         | 19.7         | 27.0        | 1 640.3         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>2 099.9</b> | <b>1 543.0</b> | <b>1 196.0</b> | <b>615.4</b> | <b>447.4</b> | <b>142.6</b> | <b>107.9</b> | <b>68.6</b> | <b>6 221.5</b>  |

(a) Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

(b) Includes other territories.

(c) Includes 'Technical and Further Educational Institution (including TAFE colleges)'.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

(d) Includes Indigenous status not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: ABS (2007), *2006 Census of Population and Housing*, Cat. no. 2068.0; 2009 Report, table AA.21.

# General economic indicators

Table AA.10

**Table AA.10 Gross State Product, 2002-03 to 2006-07, (2006-07 dollars) (a)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Gross state product                           |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2002-03                                       | \$m         | 313 257    | 235 249    | 154 076    | 102 630   | 65 264    | 17 421     | 19 341     | 11 298    | 918 537     |
| 2003-04                                       | \$m         | 323 415    | 244 472    | 164 950    | 105 359   | 67 383    | 18 732     | 20 192     | 11 578    | 956 081     |
| 2004-05                                       | \$m         | 329 284    | 246 582    | 175 003    | 112 427   | 67 478    | 19 318     | 20 622     | 12 464    | 983 179     |
| 2005-06                                       | \$m         | 330 240    | 247 074    | 186 800    | 125 790   | 68 177    | 19 709     | 20 914     | 13 277    | 1 011 981   |
| 2006-07                                       | \$m         | 335 144    | 247 440    | 195 704    | 141 368   | 69 540    | 21 088     | 21 586     | 14 494    | 1 046 365   |
| Proportion of national gross domestic product |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2002-03                                       | %           | 34.1       | 25.6       | 16.8       | 11.2      | 7.1       | 1.9        | 2.1        | 1.2       | 100.0       |
| 2003-04                                       | %           | 33.8       | 25.6       | 17.3       | 11.0      | 7.0       | 2.0        | 2.1        | 1.2       | 100.0       |
| 2004-05                                       | %           | 33.5       | 25.1       | 17.8       | 11.4      | 6.9       | 2.0        | 2.1        | 1.3       | 100.0       |
| 2005-06                                       | %           | 32.6       | 24.4       | 18.5       | 12.4      | 6.7       | 1.9        | 2.1        | 1.3       | 100.0       |
| 2006-07                                       | %           | 32.0       | 23.6       | 18.7       | 13.5      | 6.6       | 2.0        | 2.1        | 1.4       | 100.0       |
| Growth on previous year                       |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2002-03                                       | %           | -0.3       | 5.0        | 2.5        | 5.8       | 5.9       | 14.2       | 7.7        | 7.9       | 3.1         |
| 2003-04                                       | %           | 3.2        | 3.9        | 7.1        | 2.7       | 3.2       | 7.5        | 4.4        | 2.5       | 4.1         |
| 2004-05                                       | %           | 1.8        | 0.9        | 6.1        | 6.7       | 0.1       | 3.1        | 2.1        | 7.7       | 2.8         |
| 2005-06                                       | %           | 0.3        | 0.2        | 6.7        | 11.9      | 1.0       | 2.0        | 1.4        | 6.5       | 2.9         |
| 2006-07                                       | %           | 1.5        | 0.1        | 4.8        | 12.4      | 2.0       | 7.0        | 3.2        | 9.2       | 3.4         |
| Gross state product per person                |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2002-03                                       | \$          | 47 054     | 48 172     | 40 992     | 53 032    | 42 874    | 36 705     | 59 993     | 57 020    | 46 503      |
| 2003-04                                       | \$          | 48 280     | 49 485     | 42 844     | 53 620    | 44 003    | 38 991     | 62 389     | 58 144    | 47 832      |
| 2004-05                                       | \$          | 48 871     | 49 289     | 44 399     | 56 326    | 43 801    | 39 888     | 63 268     | 61 579    | 48 596      |
| 2005-06                                       | \$          | 48 568     | 48 691     | 46 288     | 61 806    | 43 860    | 40 371     | 63 316     | 64 087    | 49 305      |
| 2006-07                                       | \$          | 48 829     | 48 037     | 47 527     | 68 032    | 44 281    | 42 924     | 64 591     | 68 711    | 50 264      |

(a) The ABS introduced GSP (P) estimates in 2006-07 which resulted in alternative measures of GSP. The data reported are GSP (A) estimates and are measured as the average of the GSP Production (P) and GSP Income/Expenditure (I/E) volume estimates.

Source: ABS (various years), *Australian National Accounts, State Accounts*, Cat. no. 5220.0; Review calculations based on ABS (2008), *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product, June Quarter 2008*, Cat. no. 5206.0; table AA.11; 2009 Report, table AA.25.

Table AA.11 **Gross Domestic Product price deflator (index) (a)**

|           | <i>GDP price deflator</i> |                    |                    |                    |                    |
|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|           | <i>2003-04=100</i>        | <i>2004-05=100</i> | <i>2005-06=100</i> | <i>2006-07=100</i> | <i>2007-08=100</i> |
| 1998-99   | 85.2                      | 82.2               | 78.5               | 75.0               | 72.0               |
| 1999-2000 | 87.0                      | 83.9               | 80.1               | 76.6               | 73.5               |
| 2000-01   | 91.2                      | 88.0               | 84.0               | 80.3               | 77.1               |
| 2001-02   | 93.8                      | 90.5               | 86.4               | 82.6               | 79.3               |
| 2002-03   | 96.6                      | 93.2               | 89.0               | 85.1               | 81.7               |
| 2003-04   | 100.0                     | 96.4               | 92.1               | 88.0               | 84.5               |
| 2004-05   | 103.7                     | 100.0              | 95.5               | 91.3               | 87.6               |
| 2005-06   | 108.6                     | 104.7              | 100.0              | 95.6               | 91.7               |
| 2006-07   | 113.6                     | 109.5              | 104.6              | 100.0              | 96.0               |
| 2007-08   | 118.3                     | 114.1              | 109.0              | 104.2              | 100.0              |

(a) Data are sourced from 2009 Report, table 32, Expenditure on Gross Domestic Product, Chain volume measures and current prices, Annual (Series ID A2304682C) in ABS 2008. See the 'Statistical concepts used in the Report' section of the Statistical appendix for information on how these gross domestic product deflators were calculated using data from that source.

Source: Review calculations based on ABS (2008), *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product, June Quarter 2008*, Cat. no. 5206.0; 2009 Report, table AA.26.

# Statistical concepts

Table AA.12

Table AA.12 Age standardisation of data using the direct method

| Age groups   | Non-Indigenous    |   |  | Indigenous     |   |  |
|--------------|-------------------|---|--|----------------|---|--|
|              | Population        | People with severe/profound limitations | Age-specific severe/profound limitations | Population     | People with severe/profound limitations | Age-specific severe/profound limitations |
|              | C1                | C2                                      | C3 = C2/C1*100                           | C4             | C5                                      | C6 = C5/C4*100                           |
| 18 to 24     | 1 869 200         | 34 200                                  | 1.8                                      | 54 400         | 2 800                                   | 5.1                                      |
| 25 to 29     | 1 389 700         | 24 700                                  | 1.8                                      | 36 300         | 1 600                                   | 4.4                                      |
| 30 to 34     | 1 458 500         | 37 100                                  | 2.5                                      | 34 800         | 2 800                                   | 8.0                                      |
| 35 to 39     | 1 432 000         | 43 900                                  | 3.1                                      | 31 200         | 1 600                                   | 5.1                                      |
| 40 to 44     | 1 475 000         | 70 200                                  | 4.8                                      | 26 600         | 2 800                                   | 10.5                                     |
| 45 to 49     | 1 366 300         | 43 800                                  | 3.2                                      | 20 600         | 2 000                                   | 9.7                                      |
| 50 to 54     | 1 263 900         | 47 900                                  | 3.8                                      | 17 700         | 3 000                                   | 16.9                                     |
| 55 to 59     | 1 060 700         | 63 500                                  | 6.0                                      | 12 400         | 1 400                                   | 11.3                                     |
| 60 to 64     | 816 400           | 49 700                                  | 6.1                                      | 7 000          | 1 100                                   | 15.7                                     |
| 65 or over   | 2 222 200         | 283 400                                 | 12.8                                     | 12 900         | 3 200                                   | 24.8                                     |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>14 353 900</b> | <b>698 400</b>                          | <b>4.9</b>                               | <b>253 900</b> | <b>22 300</b>                           | <b>8.8</b>                               |

Table AA.12

Table AA.12 Age standardisation of data using the direct method

| Age groups   | Step 2              |  |  | Step 3                               |                                  |                                      |
|--------------|---------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|              | Standard population | Non-Indigenous expected number of 'events' | Indigenous expected number of 'events' | Non-Indigenous age standardised rate | Indigenous age standardised rate | Rate ratio Indigenous/non-Indigenous |
|              | C7                  | $C8 = C7 * C3 / 100$                       | $C9 = C7 * C6 / 100$                   | $C10 = \sum C8 / \sum C7 * 100$      | $C11 = \sum C9 / \sum C7 * 100$  | $C12 = C11 / C10$                    |
| 18 to 24     | 1 844 162           | 33 742                                     | 94 920                                 |                                      |                                  |                                      |
| 25 to 29     | 1 407 081           | 25 009                                     | 62 020                                 |                                      |                                  |                                      |
| 30 to 34     | 1 466 615           | 37 306                                     | 118 004                                |                                      |                                  |                                      |
| 35 to 39     | 1 492 204           | 45 746                                     | 76 523                                 |                                      |                                  |                                      |
| 40 to 44     | 1 479 257           | 70 403                                     | 155 711                                |                                      |                                  |                                      |
| 45 to 49     | 1 358 594           | 43 553                                     | 131 902                                |                                      |                                  |                                      |
| 50 to 54     | 1 300 777           | 49 298                                     | 220 471                                |                                      |                                  |                                      |
| 55 to 59     | 1 008 799           | 60 393                                     | 113 897                                |                                      |                                  |                                      |
| 60 to 64     | 822 024             | 50 042                                     | 129 175                                |                                      |                                  |                                      |
| 65 or over   | 2 435 534           | 310 607                                    | 604 163                                |                                      |                                  |                                      |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>14 615 047</b>   | <b>726 098</b>                             | <b>1 706 787</b>                       | <b>5.0</b>                           | <b>11.7</b>                      | <b>2.4</b>                           |

Source: AIHW (2006), 'Potential Population' — Updating the Indigenous Factor in Disability Services Performance Indicator Denominators, Welfare Working Paper Series Number 50, Cat. no. DIS 45, Canberra; ABS 2008, Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories, June 2007, Cat. no. 3201.0; 2009 Report, table AA.27.

Table AA.13

Table AA.13 Age standardisation of data using the indirect method (a), (b)

| Variable  | NSW (c)          | Vic              | Qld              | WA               | SA               | Tas            | ACT (c)        | NT             | Aust              |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| C — Observed number of imprisonments                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                   |
| Indigenous  | 2 008            | 236              | 1 451            | 1 588            | 412              | 70             | 21             | 720            | 6 505             |
| Non-Indigenous  | 7 267            | 3 930            | 4 040            | 2 215            | 1 443            | 469            | 160            | 155            | 19 679            |
| R — Standard population imprisonment rate (per 100 000) | 153.2            | 153.2            | 150.7            | 153.2            | 153.2            | 153.2          | 153.2          | 153.2          | 153.2             |
| pi — Study populations                                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                   |
| Indigenous  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                   |
| 17/18–20 years  | 6 541            | 1 460            | 9 773            | 3 246            | 1 241            | 914            | 196            | 2 581          | 25 952            |
| 20–24 years   | 14 176           | 3 183            | 13 521           | 7 446            | 2 941            | 1 931          | 452            | 6 193          | 49 843            |
| 25–29 years   | 10 653           | 2 519            | 10 840           | 5 956            | 2 252            | 1 407          | 358            | 5 525          | 39 510            |
| 30–34 years   | 9 371            | 2 191            | 10 036           | 5 050            | 2 066            | 1 065          | 350            | 4 948          | 35 077            |
| 35–39 years   | 10 188           | 2 335            | 10 074           | 5 172            | 2 005            | 1 145          | 340            | 4 771          | 36 030            |
| 40–44 years   | 8 599            | 1 955            | 8 189            | 4 373            | 1 709            | 1 055          | 293            | 3 750          | 29 923            |
| 45–54 years   | 13 724           | 2 914            | 12 196           | 6 665            | 2 634            | 1 852          | 404            | 5 366          | 45 755            |
| 55+ years   | 12 187           | 2 536            | 10 343           | 5 733            | 2 255            | 1 480          | 251            | 4 765          | 39 550            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>85 439</b>    | <b>19 093</b>    | <b>84 972</b>    | <b>43 641</b>    | <b>17 103</b>    | <b>10 849</b>  | <b>2 644</b>   | <b>37 899</b>  | <b>301 640</b>    |
| Non-Indigenous  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |                |                |                   |
| 17/18–20 years  | 180 194          | 143 317          | 166 645          | 57 300           | 41 754           | 12 395         | 10 539         | 3 843          | 615 987           |
| 20–24 years   | 463 309          | 374 430          | 287 625          | 146 914          | 107 652          | 29 445         | 29 191         | 11 655         | 1 450 221         |
| 25–29 years   | 472 093          | 368 995          | 280 354          | 141 421          | 98 380           | 26 809         | 28 387         | 13 087         | 1 429 526         |
| 30–34 years   | 476 046          | 367 820          | 280 322          | 141 251          | 97 734           | 27 610         | 25 614         | 13 245         | 1 429 642         |
| 35–39 years   | 499 251          | 397 916          | 305 448          | 156 460          | 110 513          | 32 650         | 26 098         | 13 360         | 1 541 696         |
| 40–44 years   | 480 492          | 376 440          | 294 009          | 153 356          | 111 738          | 32 838         | 24 159         | 12 563         | 1 485 595         |
| 45–54 years   | 941 244          | 715 564          | 568 926          | 295 145          | 223 777          | 70 680         | 46 916         | 24 254         | 2 886 506         |
| 55+ years   | 1 713 479        | 1 284 272        | 985 918          | 485 295          | 431 531          | 134 947        | 70 226         | 25 677         | 5 131 345         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>5 226 108</b> | <b>4 028 754</b> | <b>3 169 247</b> | <b>1 577 142</b> | <b>1 223 079</b> | <b>367 374</b> | <b>261 130</b> | <b>117 684</b> | <b>15 970 518</b> |



Table AA.13

Table AA.13 Age standardisation of data using the indirect method (a), (b)

| Variable  | NSW (c) | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT (c) | NT | Aust  |
|---|---------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|---------|----|-------|
| <b>Step 1: Calculate Ri</b>   |         |     |     |    |    |     |         |    |       |
| Ri — Standard population age-specific imprisonment rates (30 June 2001) |         |     |     |    |    |     |         |    |       |
| 17–20 years   |         |     |     |    |    |     |         |    | 124.6 |
| 18–20 years   |         |     |     |    |    |     |         |    | 179.4 |
| 20–24 years   |         |     |     |    |    |     |         |    | 359.4 |
| 25–29 years   |         |     |     |    |    |     |         |    | 345.2 |
| 30–34 years   |         |     |     |    |    |     |         |    | 271.8 |
| 35–39 years   |         |     |     |    |    |     |         |    | 193.6 |
| 40–44 years   |         |     |     |    |    |     |         |    | 131.6 |
| 45–54 years   |         |     |     |    |    |     |         |    | 77.3  |
| 55+ years   |         |     |     |    |    |     |         |    | 23.5  |

**Step 2: p i \* Ri**

|                |            |           |            |           |           |           |          |           |            |  |
|----------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|--|
| Indigenous     |            |           |            |           |           |           |          |           |            |  |
| 17/18–20 years | 11.7       | 2.6       | 12.2       | 5.8       | 2.2       | 1.6       | 0.4      | 4.6       | 46.6       |  |
| 20–24 years    | 51.0       | 11.4      | 48.6       | 26.8      | 10.6      | 6.9       | 1.6      | 22.3      | 179.2      |  |
| 25–29 years    | 36.8       | 8.7       | 37.4       | 20.6      | 7.8       | 4.9       | 1.2      | 19.1      | 136.4      |  |
| 30–34 years    | 25.5       | 6.0       | 27.3       | 13.7      | 5.6       | 2.9       | 1.0      | 13.4      | 95.3       |  |
| 35–39 years    | 19.7       | 4.5       | 19.5       | 10.0      | 3.9       | 2.2       | 0.7      | 9.2       | 69.8       |  |
| 40–44 years    | 11.3       | 2.6       | 10.8       | 5.8       | 2.2       | 1.4       | 0.4      | 4.9       | 39.4       |  |
| 45–54 years    | 10.6       | 2.3       | 9.4        | 5.2       | 2.0       | 1.4       | 0.3      | 4.1       | 35.4       |  |
| 55+ years      | 2.9        | 0.6       | 2.4        | 1.3       | 0.5       | 0.3       | 0.1      | 1.1       | 9.3        |  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>169</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>168</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>79</b> | <b>611</b> |  |

Table AA.13

Table AA.13 Age standardisation of data using the indirect method (a), (b)

| Variable       | NSW (c)      | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas        | ACT (c)    | NT         | Aust          |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Non-Indigenous |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |               |
| 17/18–20 years | 323.3        | 257.1        | 207.7        | 102.8        | 74.9         | 22.2       | 18.9       | 6.9        | 1 105.1       |
| 20–24 years    | 1 665.3      | 1 345.9      | 1 033.9      | 528.1        | 387.0        | 105.8      | 104.9      | 41.9       | 5 212.8       |
| 25–29 years    | 1 629.4      | 1 273.6      | 967.6        | 488.1        | 339.6        | 92.5       | 98.0       | 45.2       | 4 934.0       |
| 30–34 years    | 1 294.0      | 999.8        | 762.0        | 383.9        | 265.7        | 75.0       | 69.6       | 36.0       | 3 886.0       |
| 35–39 years    | 966.7        | 770.5        | 591.5        | 303.0        | 214.0        | 63.2       | 50.5       | 25.9       | 2 985.3       |
| 40–44 years    | 632.5        | 495.5        | 387.0        | 201.9        | 147.1        | 43.2       | 31.8       | 16.5       | 1 955.6       |
| 45–54 years    | 727.8        | 553.3        | 439.9        | 228.2        | 173.0        | 54.7       | 36.3       | 18.8       | 2 232.0       |
| 55+ years      | 402.5        | 301.6        | 231.6        | 114.0        | 101.4        | 31.7       | 16.5       | 6.0        | 1 205.2       |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>7 642</b> | <b>5 997</b> | <b>4 621</b> | <b>2 350</b> | <b>1 703</b> | <b>488</b> | <b>427</b> | <b>197</b> | <b>23 516</b> |

**Step 3:  $C/\sum pi*ri$** 

|                |      |     |     |      |      |     |     |     |      |
|----------------|------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Indigenous     | 11.9 | 6.1 | 8.7 | 17.8 | 11.8 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 9.1 | 10.6 |
| Non-Indigenous | 1.0  | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.9  | 0.8  | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.8  |

**Step 4: Result step 3\*R**

| Age standardised rate | Indigenous | Non-Indigenous | Rate ratio (d) |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
|                       | 1 815.6    | 935.8          | 1 304.2        |
|                       | 145.7      | 100.4          | 131.8          |
|                       | 12.5       | 9.3            | 9.9            |
|                       |            |                | 18.9           |
|                       |            |                | 3.4            |
|                       |            |                | 9.8            |
|                       |            |                | 563.2          |
|                       |            |                | 147.0          |
|                       |            |                | 57.3           |
|                       |            |                | 120.5          |
|                       |            |                | 11.6           |
|                       |            |                | 128.2          |
|                       |            |                | 12.7           |

(a) Rates are based on the indirect standardisation method, applying age-group imprisonment rates derived from Prison Census data.

(b) Rates are based on the daily average prisoner, periodic detainee or offender populations supplied by states and territories, calculated against adult population figures at December 2007 for people aged 17 years or over for Queensland and for people aged 18 or over in all other jurisdictions, reflecting the age at which people are remanded or sentenced to adult custody. (Source: ABS National Centre for Crime and Justice Statistics).

(c) NSW figures exclude ACT prisoners held in NSW prisons. ACT data are presented as total prisoners.

(d) The rate ratio is calculated by dividing the Indigenous age standardised rate by the non-Indigenous age standardised rate.

Source: ABS (unpublished), derived from *Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2007*, Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (unpublished) derived from *Experimental Projections Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population*, Cat. no. 3231.0; ABS (unpublished), derived from *Prisoners in Australia*, Cat. no. 4517.0; State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 8A.1; 2009 Report, table AA.28.