

Errata – Report on Government Services 2008

The following amendments were made to the 2008 Report since it was released in January 2008.

Chapter 6 — Police services — Deaths in police custody

Text (page 6.56) and table 6.3 (page 6.57) relating to deaths in police custody and custody-related operations have been corrected. The revised text and table are reproduced below.

Nationally, there were 22 deaths in police custody and custody-related operations in 2006. This total comprised 14 non-Indigenous deaths, 6 Indigenous deaths and 2 deaths in NSW for which indigenous status has not been determined. Across jurisdictions, there is a wide variation in the number of deaths (table 6.3).

Table 6.3 **Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations^a**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Non-Indigenous deaths									
2002	12	7	4	2	–	1	–	–	26
2003	11	4	7	3	2	–	1	–	28
2004	8	4	5	2	2	–	1	–	22
2005	2	5	4	–	1	–	–	–	12
2006	6	3	1	2	1	–	1	–	14
Indigenous deaths									
2002	4	–	–	1	1	–	–	5	11
2003	1	–	2	4	–	–	–	1	8
2004	2	1	2	1	–	–	–	1	7
2005	1	–	1	6	–	–	–	–	8
2006	–	1	1	2	1	–	–	1	6
Total Indigenous deaths 2002-2006^b	8	2	6	14	2	–	–	8	40
Total deaths									
2002	16	7	4	3	1	1	0	5	37
2003	12	4	9	7	2	0	1	1	36
2004	10	5	7	3	2	0	1	1	29
2005	3	5	5	6	1	0	0	0	20
2006	8	4	2	4	2	0	1	1	22
Total 2002-2006	49	25	27	23	8	1	3	8	144

^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 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). ^b In 2006, two deaths occurred in NSW for which Indigenous status has not been determined. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIC (various years), Deaths in Custody, Australia; table 6A.43.

Attachment 6 — Police services

Data relating to deaths in police custody in 2006 for Victoria have been corrected. The allocation of deaths between the indigenous and non-indigenous categories was incorrect and has been revised. The revisions affect the following attachment table:

- Table 6A.43 – The 2006 data for Victoria for non-indigenous deaths in custody and for indigenous deaths in custody.

The revised table is reproduced below.

Table 6A.43

Table 6A.43 **Number of deaths in police custody and custody-related operations, 2002 to 2006 (a)**

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations									
2002	12	7	4	2	–	1	–	–	26
2003	11	4	7	3	2	–	1	–	28
2004	8	4	5	2	2	–	1	–	22
2005	2	5	4	–	1	–	–	–	12
2006	6	3	1	2	1	–	1	–	14
Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations									
2002	4	–	–	1	1	–	–	5	11
2003	1	–	2	4	–	–	–	1	8
2004	2	1	2	1	–	–	–	1	7
2005	1	–	1	6	–	–	–	–	8
2006	–	1	1	2	1	–	–	1	6
Total deaths in police custody and custody-related operations (b)									
2002	16	7	4	3	1	1	0	5	37
2003	12	4	9	7	2	0	1	1	36
2004	10	5	7	3	2	0	1	1	29
2005	3	5	5	6	1	0	0	0	20
2006	8	4	2	4	2	0	1	1	22
Total number of deaths 2002 to 2006									
Non-Indigenous	39	23	21	9	6	1	3	–	102
Indigenous	8	2	6	14	2	–	–	8	40
All people	49	25	27	23	8	1	3	8	144

(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) In 2006, two deaths occurred in NSW for which Indigenous status has not been determined.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: *Australian Institute of Criminology 2007, Australian Deaths in Custody and Custody-related Police Operations 2006*, AIC, Canberra.