

CSAC responds as follows:

- **As there were complex issues regarding program and system comparability across jurisdictions, the statistical information regarding Indigenous offenders and correctional programs sought at the time of the research was unable to be provided. The Corrections Services Administrators' Council (CSAC) is continuing to develop national indicators in this complex area.**
- **CSAC is also in the process of developing a national reporting framework for offence related programs and is continuing to work on establishing a set of common data requirements.**
- **CSAC has established an Indigenous Issues Working Group, which identifies and prioritises national issues affecting Indigenous people's contact and experience with corrective services, coordinates and promotes jurisdictional debate and engagement on Indigenous corrective services issues, and facilitates jurisdictional collaboration in the development, implementation and review of initiatives.**
- **The Indigenous Issues Working Group has developed an Indigenous Strategic Framework, endorsed by CSAC and Correctional Services Ministers in 2016, which identifies common challenges and principles for the management of Indigenous offenders in Australia and New Zealand. The Framework will assist policy and project officers, as well as Administrators, to design, develop and implement programs and services that are responsive to the needs of Indigenous persons in the criminal justice system.**