

Australian Institute of Criminology – Listing of current research projects

Project No.	Project Name	Project Description	Most recent report
0001	Homicide Monitoring	The National Homicide Monitoring Program (NHMP) is an ongoing collection of homicide data from each of Australia's eight states and territories that commenced on 1 July 1989. The NHMP is based on data collected on 77 variables relating to each incident, victim and offender of homicide. State and territory police services supply offence reports and data is augmented by information gleaned from the National Coronial Information System.	The most recent report published for this project was <i>Homicide in Australia: 2006-07 National Homicide Monitoring Program annual report</i> which was released in January 2009. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications
0001A	Intimate Partner Homicide	Research to contribute to reductions in intimate partner homicide, including risk factors, indigenous issues and child homicide. Project is complete, final report is being reviewed by law enforcement and funding body, and will be sent to independent peer review in early 2011.	No report released.
0003	Armed Robbery Monitoring	Program to monitor, on a national basis, the number and type of armed robberies across Australia. The NARMP provides a forum for police and industry stakeholders to overview a low incident but high cost crime in a consolidated manner and to consider new preventive measures.	The most recent report published for this project was <i>Armed robbery in Australia: 2007 National Armed Robbery Monitoring Program annual report</i> which was released in July 2010. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications
0004	Deaths in Custody Monitoring	National monitoring program that analyses deaths occurring in custodial settings, such as prisons and juvenile detention, as well as police custody and related operations, such as sieges and motor vehicle pursuits. The purpose of monitoring deaths in custody is to provide accurate, regular information that will contribute to policy and programs that aim to reduce deaths in custody and to increase public understanding of the issues.	The most recent report published for this project was <i>Deaths in custody in Australia: National Deaths in Custody Program 2007</i> which was released in May 2009. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications
0015	DUMA	The Drug Use Monitoring in Australia (DUMA) program involves the quarterly collection of information on drug use and crime from police detainees in selected police stations and watch-houses across Australia. Since its inception in 1999, the number of sites at which the program operates has increased from four to eight and as such, it is the only nationwide survey of detainees in Australia conducted on a routine basis.	The most recent report published for this project was <i>Drug use monitoring in Australia: 2008 annual report on drug use among police detainees</i> which was released in February 2010. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications
0026	National Police Custody survey	The survey is run approximately every five years to investigate the extent and nature of police custody incidents over a one-month period, in order to identify flows into and out of police custody; who goes into custody and why; and to provide comparisons of these flows over time. The survey reflects an ongoing commitment by all police services in Australia to a key recommendation made by the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC 1991) to monitor the extent and nature of police custody incidents.	The previous report, for the 2002 survey, was released in June 2005. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications

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0028	Australian Crime: Facts & Figures	A consolidated summary of current and past facts and figures on aspects of the crime and criminal justice system.	The most recent report published for this project was <i>Australian crime: Facts and figures 2009</i> which was released in March 2010. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications
0040	Cybercrime	Research relating to cybercrime, originally commissioned as a fixed duration project by Australian Federal Police, now an ongoing program that includes the preparation of a range of publications and presentations to examine risks of cybercrime and appropriate prevention initiatives	The most recent report published for this project was <i>Cloud computing: Challenges and future directions</i> which was released in October 2010. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications
0044	Crime Reduction Matters publication series	A series of good practice briefs and tip sheets directed at assisting crime prevention practitioners to keep up to date with new research knowledge and evidence about good practice. The series has been discontinued, with the topic now included in the Research in Practice series?	The most recent report published for this project was <i>Strategies to combat graffiti</i> which was released in January 2010. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications
0095 & 0152	Juveniles in Detention & Young People contact with the criminal justice system	The national Juveniles in Detention Monitoring Program was established to contribute to the evidence base on juvenile detention in Australia, with a particular focus on Indigenous juveniles. The report also contributes to existing knowledge about the numbers and rates of Indigenous young people placed into detention, a concern first highlighted by the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC).	The most recent report published for this project was <i>Police-referred restorative justice for juveniles in Australia</i> which was released in August 2010. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications
0105	UN Transnational Crime	Research on transnational and organised crime for UNODC and other agencies including participation in meetings and conferences	N/A
0132	Australasian Consumer Fraud Taskforce (ACFT)	AIC is a member of the Taskforce and Chair of the Research Sub-Group which includes the conduct of an annual online survey of scams and other scam-related research	The most recent report published for this project was <i>Consumer fraud in Australia: costs, rates and awareness of the risks in 2008</i> which was released in October 2009. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications
0133	ABACUS	National survey of Australian Businesses to assess computer security risks and responses, and preparation of publications based on data collected. Project complete, final reports under review	The most recent report published for this project was <i>The Australian Business Assessment of Computer User Security: a national survey</i> which was released in June 2009. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications
0134	Commonwealth	Ongoing annual collection and analysis of data for Government on the fraud	This is a confidential report provided for

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	Fraud	experiences of Commonwealth agencies pursuant to the Cth Fraud Control Guidelines 2002	government.
0140	Anti-Money Laundering	A series of projects extending over 4 years (2007-2011) to examine aspects of Australia's anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regulatory regime including surveys of businesses, consultations with stakeholders and desk-based reviews and analysis of published research	The most recent report published for this project was <i>Money laundering and terrorism financing risks posed by alternative remittance in Australia</i> which was released in April 2010. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications
0142	Trafficking in persons	In late 2007, the Australian Institute of Criminology commenced a four-year research program on trafficking in persons. The program contributes to the effectiveness of the Australian and international response to trafficking in persons by conducting research in areas where gaps in knowledge have been identified with the aim of building a stronger evidence base. Research projects in this program have covered the following issues: data monitoring; environmental scans on vulnerabilities, protections and incidence of trafficking in the Asia-Pacific region; labour trafficking; trafficking of children; community awareness and attitudes; sex worker migration and vulnerabilities to trafficking; organised crime and trafficking in persons and trafficking for the purpose of organ removal, among others.	The most recent report published for this project was <i>Labour trafficking</i> which was released in November 2010. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications
0151	Advance Fee Fraud	Survey of the victims of advance fee fraud conducted in conjunction with Victoria Police and the University of Melbourne. Project complete, final report under review	No report released.
0160	Impact of policing strategies in the management of licensed premises	A collaborative project between the AIC and ACT Police directed at identifying, implementing and assessing best practice strategies for the prevention and reduction of alcohol related violence in and around licensed premises in Canberra.	No report released.
0161	Environmental crime	Literature review requested by AIC Board that reviewed the types of environmental crime risks that exist and how they affect Australia. One Research paper 'Environmental Crime in Australia' was released on 14/10/2010 with further papers currently being written.	<i>Environmental crime in Australia</i> was released in October 2010. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications
0167	Welfare Fraud	Desk-based research and consultations to identify the nature and extent of welfare fraud affecting Centrelink and relevant prevention strategies. Project complete, final reports due to enter peer review process in November and December 2010.	No report released.
0168	Crime prevention technical assistance	A program of research and evaluation work directed towards improving the evidence base for effective crime prevention intervention and promoting the wider implementation of good practice in interventions.	No report released.

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0171	Criminal Economy	Confidential research into the economic size of crime in Australia	N/A
0192	International Student Victimization	A number of incidents of violence and suspected racism toward international students have been reported in the media in recent times. In response to this the Australian Government recognised the need for better data on crimes against international students and tasked the AIC with researching this issue. The study involves matching police case records and immigration data in order to determine victimisation rates for all Student visa holders who were lawfully in Australia at any time between 1 July 2004 and 18 May 2010, with a country of citizenship recorded as India, Peoples Republic of China, Republic of Korea (South Korea), United States of America or Malaysia. First report is currently being drafted.	No report released.
0200	Cold Case Homicide	Complex statistical modelling to profile homicide offenders, for use by Police in investigating unresolved (cold case) homicide cases	N/A
0202	Measuring Severity of Crime	Statistical modelling to estimate the level, patterns and trends in the severity of crime in Australia, to inform, inter alia, criminal justice sentencing policies and practices	N/A
0185	National Crime Prevention Framework	Project to develop a draft national crime prevention framework on behalf of the Australia and New Zealand Crime Prevention Senior Officers' Group. Project complete, final report under review.	No report released.
0144	Research on violence and child abuse in indigenous communities	A suite of research programs and briefing reports that aim to contribute to the national understanding around issues of violence and child abuse in Indigenous communities. Topics within this program include - perceptions of safety in Indigenous communities; non-disclosure of violent victimisation; risk factors for violent offending; risk factors for violent victimisation; perpetrators of offences against children; crime prevention programs targeting violence.	The most recent report published for this project was <i>Community safety in Australian Indigenous communities: Service providers' perceptions</i> which was released in October 2010. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications
0145	National Cannabis prevention and information centre	National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre to develop resources and educational activities to inform criminal justice professionals and the community about the criminal justice dimensions of cannabis use in Australia.	The most recent report published for this project was <i>Tackling cannabis markets in residential settings</i> which was released by the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre in October 2010. This report is available at http://ncpic.org.au/ncpic/publications/aic-bulletins/
0157	Good Practice Guidelines for CCTV	Development of a set of good practice guidelines to support agencies considering implementation of Closed Circuit Television systems for crime prevention purposes. Complete, final report provided to funder.	The most recent report published for this project was <i>Using CCTV to reduce antisocial behaviour</i> released in November 2009. This report, along

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0174	Sexual Assault Reform	An evaluation of whether the ACT Department of Justice and Community Safety's Sexual Assault Reform Program (SARP) is meeting its objectives. These objectives include improvements in the processes and support for victims, reduction in attrition through the criminal justice system, and improvements in coordination and collaboration among SARP agencies.	No report released.
0175	NDLERF-Policing alcohol and substance misuse	Funded by the National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund (NDLERF), this research examines the extent, and implications for policing, of alcohol and illicit drug use by Indigenous people in metropolitan areas. The project will identify good policing practice to help prevent and to minimise the harms resulting from alcohol misuse and illicit drug use and produce guidelines on the implementation of good practice.	No report released.
0176	AJJA - Recidivism of Juvenile Outcomes	Development of improved rules for measuring recidivism in juveniles and research into related issues. For example, what makes juveniles different? What trends are evident in juvenile justice? Project is complete, final report under review	No report released.
0179	Evaluation of the Homeless and Special Circumstances Court Diversion Program	An evaluation of the effectiveness of the QLD Homelessness and Special Circumstance Court Diversion Program, a program that seeks to provide alternative sentencing outcomes and access to services for special and disadvantaged populations which come in contact with the QLD justice system. The evaluation is examining effectiveness, efficiency and performance questions associated with the court.	No report released.
0180	Research Support for National Security - Firearms trafficking	Assessment of patterns in the trafficking of firearms into Australia conducted in conjunction with AFP and ACC	No report released.
0191	Geographic Analysis of Crime	The objective of this project is to develop the national capacity to use an understanding of the geography of crime to inform tactical law enforcement and strategic crime prevention policy	No report released.
0195	Performance framework for night patrol services	Development of a performance and reporting framework for community patrol services in Northern Territory Indigenous communities.	No report released.
0196	Review of Community Safety	Process review of the Northern Territory Department of Justice's Community Safety Planning program for remote Indigenous communities	No report released.

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	Planning program		
0197	Evaluation of ACE	Evaluation of the Northern Territory Department of Justice's Australian Classification Education / Strong Choices program which provides awareness and information to Indigenous Australians about the Australian media classification system, exposure of young people to pornography and other potentially harmful media images and promotes the development of strong choices about the use of media.	No report released.
0198	Development of a community safety instrument and methodology	Re-development of the AIC's community safety survey instrument and methodology for use by FaHCSIA in the Community Impact Study of remote Northern Territory Indigenous communities. Project is complete, final report under review	No report released.
0199	First Response Police Officers working alone	The South Australian Police Association has commissioned the AIC to undertake a review of the literature examining the efficacy of the use of single person police patrols particularly in rural and remote areas.	No report released.
B002	Firearms Theft Monitoring Program	National monitoring program on the nature and extent of firearms theft in Australia	The most recent report published for this project was <i>Firearm theft in Australia 2007-08</i> released in January 2010. This report, along with all AIC publications, is available at www.aic.gov.au/publications
B155	Strategies to Reduce Crime against the person in Victoria	This project involved analysis of assault data in Victoria to inform the Committee on Drugs and Crime Prevention.	The AIC's contribution to this inquiry was published in <i>Inquiry into strategies to reduce assaults in public places in Victoria</i> released in September 2010. The report is available at http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/dcpc/article/1129

Criminology Research Council – Listing of current grants

Grant Number and Title	Start/ End dates	Investigators/ Organisation
Grant 24/07-08: Analysis of supervision skills of juvenile justice workers	Start Date 1/08/2008 End Date 1/08/2011	A/Prof Chris Trotter & Prof Gill McIvor Monash University
Grant 10/08-09: Oral language competence and interpersonal violence: exploring links in incarcerated young males	Start Date 10/03/2009 End Date 10/05/2011	Dr Pamela Snow & Prof Martine Powell Monash University
Grant 26/08-09: Developing successful diversionary schemes for youth from remote Aboriginal communities	Start Date 12/06/2009 End Date 12/06/2012	Dr Kate Senior, Dr Richard Chenhall, Mr William Ivory, Dr Tricia Nagel Menzies School of Health Research
Grant 38/08-09: 'Sudanese refugees' experiences with the QLD criminal justice system	Start Date 27/01/2009 End Date 30/10/10	Dr Garry Coventry, Dr Glenn Dawes, Dr Stephen Moston & Dr Darren Palmer James Cook University
Grant 02/09-10: Assessing the therapeutic climate of prisons	Start Date 29/03/2010 End Date 29/03/2011	A/Prof Andrew Day, Dr Sharon Casey, Dr James Vess Deakin University
Grant 11/09-10: Sentencing of Indigenous offenders in the Lower Courts: a study of three Australian jurisdictions	Start Date 6/05/2010 End Date 6/05/2011	Dr Samantha Jeffries, Dr Christine Bond QLD University of Technology
Grant 13/09-10: Child sexual abuse and subsequent offending and victimisation: a 45 year follow-up study	Start Date 6/04/2010 End Date 6/04/2011	Prof James Ogloff, E/Prof Paul Mullen, Ms Margaret Cutajar Monash University
Grant 38/09-10: Addressing the 'crime problem' of the Northern Territory Intervention: alternate paths to regulating minor driving offences in remote communities.	Start Date 18/06/2010 End Date 18/06/2011	Dr Thalia Anthony, Dr Harry Blagg University of Technology
Grant 50/09-10: Amphetamine use among detainees at the East watch house: what is the impact on crime?	Start Date 26/05/2010 End Date 26/11/2010	Mrs Natalie Gately, De Catherine McGregor, Ms Jenny Kessell, Prof Steve Allsop, Dr Anthony Gunnell, Dr Celia Wilkinson Edith Cowan University