

# Recommendations

## Recommendation 1

**7.116** The committee recommends that the Commonwealth take a leading role in identifying the data required to implement a justice reinvestment approach and establish a national approach to the data collection of justice indicators.

## Recommendation 2

**7.117** The committee recommends that the Commonwealth make a commitment to sharing relevant data held by Commonwealth line agencies with justice reinvestment initiatives in other jurisdictions.

## Recommendation 3

**7.120** The committee recommends that the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments recognise the importance of long term, sustainable funding for programs including adequate provision for robust evaluation.

## Recommendation 4

**7.123** The committee recommends that the Commonwealth consider the establishment of a justice reinvestment clearinghouse to compile, disseminate, and promote research and program evaluation in all communities.

## Recommendation 5

**8.49** The committee recommends that the Commonwealth adopt a leadership role in supporting the implementation of justice reinvestment, through the Council of Australian Governments.

## Recommendation 6

**8.50** The committee recommends that the Commonwealth commit to the establishment of a trial of justice reinvestment in Australia in conjunction with the relevant states and territories, using a place-based approach, and that at least one remote Indigenous community be included as a site.

**8.51** Further, the committee recommends that any trial actively involve local communities in the process, is conducted on the basis of rigorous justice mapping over a minimum time frame beyond the electoral cycle and be subject to a robust evaluation process.

## Recommendation 7

**8.52** The committee recommends that the Commonwealth provide funding for the trial of justice reinvestment in Australia.

## **Recommendation 8**

**8.53** The committee recommends that the Commonwealth, through the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, promote the establishment of an independent central coordinating body for justice reinvestment with the following roles:

- provision of advice as to methodology regarding justice reinvestment;
- identification of the national, consistent data required for effective implementation of justice reinvestment;
- development of options for policy and initiatives to reduce levels of incarceration and identify potential savings for corrections budgets;
- assistance with justice mapping for identification of place-based communities and identification of existing services and gaps in services required to reduce crime;
- brokering agreements between stakeholders;
- independent evaluation of programs and savings; and
- monitoring reinvestment of savings in high stakes communities.

## **Recommendation 9**

**8.55** The committee recommends that the Commonwealth refer to the Council of Australian Government the establishment of justice targets for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as part of the Closing the Gap initiative, directed to reducing the imprisonment rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.