

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY

Question No. 324

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

It is mentioned that the National Juveniles in Detention Monitoring Program is the only source of national data relating to juvenile justice in Australia. Is the AIC aware of any sources of this sort of data available at the state level?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Drawing on information collected by the states and territories, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare is currently undertaking a project to develop a Juvenile Justice National Minimum Data Set, which aims to capture information about young people involved in juvenile justice systems in Australia.

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Question No. 325

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Regarding the sexual assault project funded by the Office for the Status of Women, how much funding is being received from the OSW for the project and how much does this funding represent in terms of the proportion of the total funding of the project?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The Office for the Status of Women is providing full funding for the project. The amounts are:

- \$138,528 (ex GST) - 2002/03
- \$121,500 (ex GST) - 2003/04
- \$170,000 (ex GST) - 2004/05

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Question No. 326

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

- a) Is an interim report available? If yes, please provide.
- b) When will the completed report be available?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

a) and b) Three reports from this project have been published by the Office for the Status of Women. These are available at:

<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/reports/2004-10-decisions.html>

<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/reports/2003-06-review.html>

<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/reports/2003-06-recidivism.html>

The AIC has published one Trends and Issues papers from this study. It is available at:

<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tandi2/tandi288.html>

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Question No. 327

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Please provide a copy of the report on the International Violence against Women Survey.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

A copy of the report on the International Violence Against Women Survey (IVAWS) is available at:

<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/rpp/56/index.html>

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Question No. 328

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Have any recommendations been made by the report? If yes, what were they, how have they been implemented and have they been successful? If not, why not?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The IVAWS report did not make specific recommendations. It did however provide a discussion of the implications of the findings in terms of preventing violence against women (see page 112-117). In summary, the analyses of the responses of the women who participated in the IVAWS suggest a number of avenues for policy in terms of intervention and prevention of violence against women. Future efforts could include:

- early interventions to reduce risks and harms associated with childhood abuse, and the prevention of intergenerational transmission of violence;
- targeting young persons with education on how to build healthy relationships;
- increasing assistance to women to escape conflict situations. This could include: increasing community awareness of the issue, information for women on their rights and available support, as well as a greater availability of support services;
- emphasising that violence is recognised and responded to as a crime; and
- innovations in the criminal justice system such as specialised courts for domestic/family violence.

The AIC is a research agency and does not implement programs.

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Question No. 329

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Was report on the International Violence against Women Survey provided funding by the Office for the Status of Women and, if so, to what extent was it funded by the Office for the Status of Women?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Yes. They provided \$395,454.54 (excl of GST) to the AIC.

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Question No. 330

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

- a) Regarding the report on the International Violence against Women Survey, why were the age categories of 18-69 chosen for the collection of information regarding violence against women?
- b) Does the report contain information about violence against women that falls outside of the age category 18-69?
- c) If not, are you aware of any information or reports on violence against women that fall outside of that age categories?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- a) The age categories of 18-69 years were pre-determined by the International Committee overseeing the implementation of the survey in the various countries. Consistency in age-categories for all countries participating in the IVAWS allows for comparative analyses to be undertaken at a later date on the issue of violence against women.
- b) and c) The report contains information on women's experiences of childhood violence, that is, violence experienced prior to the age of 16 years. The report does not contain information about violence against women over the age of 69. The AIC has undertaken research on victimisation of older Australians (see the answer to Questions 338 and 339 for details).