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EDITORIAL

This issue of the Australian Criminology Information Bulletin contains the second in a series of articles on innovative information systems now being developed for Australian criminal justice agencies. The earlier article (Volume 1, Number 5, December 1990) outlined the Justice Information System of the South Australian Government. The article on Pages 2 & 3 of this issue looks at the Sentencing Information System which has been developed by the Judicial Commission of New South Wales.

Also in this issue, there are two items that relate to and follow on from the work of the National Committee on Violence:

- (a) The establishment of the National Violence Monitoring Unit: and
- (b) The publication of a new work on violence in Australia: Australian Violence: Contemporary Perspectives.

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THE NATIONAL VIOLENCE MONITORING UNIT

In December 1990, the Minister for Justice, Senator the Hon Michael Tate, announced the Commonwealth Government's response to the report of the National Committee on Violence, which was originally established in response to widespread concern about recent levels of violence in Australian society. The Committee's report: Violence: Directions For Australia, was published in February 1990.

The Commonwealth response consisted of two main elements. One centred on the issue of violence against children, through a vigorous education campaign with direct delivery of support through an expanded network of Family Skills Training Centres. The other was the establishment of a monitoring unit for two years from January 1991, within the Australian Institute of Criminology.

One of the main functions of the Monitoring Unit is to act as a "clearing house" for information, thus enabling State and Territory bodies to obtain relevant information easily and to avoid unnecessary experimentation and costly duplication of effort. The Unit is currently in the process of establishing a computerised data base giving details about projects addressing different aspects of violence. This material will be available to Federal, State and Territory governments and to non-government organisations with

an interest in the field. Already the "clearing house" proposal has aroused considerable interest from people involved in projects and programs to do with violence.

The Unit will also be organising conferences, training seminars and "skill-sharing" workshops on a variety of related topics. The first of these will be an Implementation Forum in Canberra on 6 and 7 April 1991, to enable those with responsibility for the implementation of the National Committee on Violence recommendations to examine progress to date and to discuss strategies and priorities for the year ahead.

Further information can be obtained by writing to the Violence Monitoring Unit at the Australian Institute of Criminology or by telephoning Dr Jo Herlihy at the Unit, Her telephone number is (06) 274 0218.

NEW VIOLENCE PUBLICATION— AUSTRALIAN VIOLENCE: CONTEMPORARY **PERSPECTIVES**

The recent publication by the Australian Institute of Criminology of Australian Violence: Contemporary Perspectives, edited by Duncan Chappell, Peter Grabosky, and Heather Strang, had its origins in the work of the National Committee on Violence.

In October 1989, the Australian Institute of Criminology convened a National Conference on Violence on behalf of the Committee. A number of papers presented at the Conference are published in Australian Violence: Contemporary Perspectives. The volume also includes an annotated bibliography on violence in Australia, Librarians and researchers should note that proceedings from the Conference will not be separately published. The majority of papers are published in this volume and a further seven papers were published in Volume 1, Number 4 April/May 1990 of Criminology Australia.

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SENTENCING INFORMATION SYSTEM OF NEW SOUTH WALES

INTRODUCTION

In determining sentences, the New South Wales magistracy and judiciary have reference to the penalties prescribed by statute, the doctrines and principles of sentencing enunciated by the Court of Criminal Appeal and the High Court of Australia, and other decisions on sentencing. In addition, they may have reference to text books or learned articles on the subject of sentencing, and to any relevant statistics which may be available. They will apply this information to the circumstances of the particular offence having regard also to the idiosyncratic features of the offender. In this regard the prior criminal history of the offender has always been a relevant consideration in sentencing and in many cases the sentencer will be assisted by the provision of presentence, medical or other, reports.

The weight of evidence presented during the course of the trial and during the sentencing hearing will constitute the primary data upon which the judge must deliberate when considering the penalty to impose in a particular case.

Ultimately, the sentencing judge must pursue the ideal of even-handedness by giving full weight to the collective wisdom of other sentencing judges. The collective wisdom of the judges is revealed in the general pattern of sentences which are relevant to the case at hand.

The need for better information on sentencing practice in Australia has been recognised for some time. In New South Wales a significant step was made in 1969 when the Bureau of Crime Statistics was established. This was the first governmental criminal justice agency in Australia to collect and disseminate information on crime statistics.

While the Bureau produced, and continues to produce, policy relevant reports of a general nature, the need to provide judicial officers with more directly relevant and timely information has continued to exist. Also, disparity in sentencing has continued to be an issue of concern.

In 1986, the Judicial Commission of New South Wales was established by the New South Wales Government as an independent statutory authority. Its principal functions, which are set out in the *Judicial Officers Act 1986* (NSW), relate to sentencing, judicial education and complaints against judicial officers. The Commission is chaired by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

The terms of the Commission's sentencing function are set out in section 8(1) of the Act. It states as follows:

The Commission may, for the purposes of assisting courts to achieve consistency in imposing sentences -

- (a) monitor or assist in monitoring sentences imposed by courts; and
- (b) disseminate information and reports on sentences imposed by courts.

Thus, this government agency is dedicated to assisting courts achieve consistency in sentencing. Sub-section (2) of section 8 is also significant because it provides that the courts' sentencing discretion should not be restricted by the Commission's statutory mandate. The Commission should assist courts by providing

information, and not restrict or otherwise interfere with courts by imposing guidelines which they were bound to follow. In this way the independence of the judiciary, and the integrity of the Common Law system of justice, is preserved.

THE SYSTEM

The Sentencing Information System, a system of four computerised databases, has been designed to provide judicial officers of New South Wales with both legally and statistically relevant information on sentencing. In addition, the system is designed to give access to up-to-date information on legal and practical constraints which apply to the exercise of judicial sentencing discretion.

Gradually, all judges and magistrates will have access to the system through computer terminals installed in court chambers. These terminals will be linked to the Judicial Commission's central computer database.

At present, the central computer contains two databases, with two others in the planning stage. The first is the *Penalty Statistics* database, which provides up-to-date information upon the range and frequency distribution of penalties imposed in past cases. The second is the *Sentencing Law* database, which provides the sentencer with information upon relevant sentencing options as well as any statutory constraints involved in the use of such options. In addition, this database contains examples of the forms of order which may be appropriate for selected dispositions.

Work on a third database, containing both reported and unreported judgments of the Court of Criminal Appeal, has commenced. This database will bring to light many cases and principles which, although relevant, are often overlooked because of the difficulty of locating unreported sentencing decisions. This database is designed in a way which will allow sentencers and members of the legal profession to obtain information on similar cases.

A fourth database, providing details of relevant sentencing programs or facilities, is also planned. Courts then will be in a better position to determine not only what sentencing or social welfare resources may be available in a particular case, but also determine whether there are any practical restrictions in the use of those resources. For example, the sentencing judge may wish to know whether the offender before the court could be placed into a drug or alcohol rehabilitation program. He or she may wish to know, for example, whether there is a particular type of program in the area, the criteria for entry into that program, and finally whether there is a vacant position available within that program. Work on this component of the Sentencing Information System (S.I.S.) has yet to be commenced.

In the implementation stage, after detailed user requirements had been established for the S.I.S. (initially comprising the *Penalty Statistics* and *Sentencing Law* databases only), tenders were invited for the supply of computer hardware and software. A contract was awarded to NEC Information Systems Australia Pty Ltd for a central UNIX-based mini computer, to be located at the Judicial Commission's premises.

The first phase of implementation involves piloting the *Penalty Statistics* and *Sentencing Law* databases. A pilot site has been installed at each of two District Court locations: one at Parramatta and the other at the Downing Centre, Sydney. The design of the *Court of Criminal Appeal Judgments* database is also underway during this initial phase.

The second phase will involve testing the System at additional court locations, and piloting the third and fourth databases. In the third phase the S.I.S. will progressively be made available to other courts in New South Wales and this should be achieved by the end of 1993.

PENALTY STATISTICS

This database contains statistical data on sentences imposed in the courts of summary jurisdiction (the Local Court) and the higher courts (the District and Supreme Courts) covering the preceding period of two years.

As new data are added to the system, data which are more than two years old are removed, so that sentencers have available to them the most recent statistics. However, where there are five or fewer cases for a particular offence in the database, old decisions will be retained. This ensures that statistics on unusual cases are not discarded.

It is anticipated that the sentencing judge or magistrate will consult the system when desiring to discover what range or statistical distribution of penalties were imposed by fellow judges or magistrates in past cases of a particular kind.

The advantage of the system over traditional statistics goes beyond the convenience of being able to retrieve the most recent information at a push of a button, for it also allows users of the system to tailor or tune their statistical inquiries to the circumstances of their particular case.

After choosing the Penalty Statistics component of the S.I.S., the user specifies the relevant jurisdiction (Higher or Local Court) and 'enters' the Act and section number of the legislation relating to the principal offence in respect of which information is sought.

The user must then indicate whether the person being sentenced for a particular offence is to have other admitted offences taken into account, whether the offender is an individual or a corporation, and whether there is only one or a number of principal offences to be considered.

No particular skills are demanded, as each entry is made by a single keystroke, and a novice user is guided through each step by prompt and help messages situated at the foot of each screen. The user may now wish to enter certain further information in order to cut down on those superfluous variables which would otherwise hinder rather than help the inquiry. For example there is provision for specifying the plea, age, prior criminal record and bail or bond status of the offender. These factors are ones which the judiciary itself selected as being the most important for the purpose of determining sentence.

Ultimately the statistics generated reflect only those cases which contain the particular features that are selected. If relevant to the inquiry, for example in a burglary case, property values may be specified, and in drug cases there are provisions for entering both the type of drug and the value of the drug. Again, statistics will be presented for only those cases which contain the variables selected.

A user of the System may obtain a statistical distribution of the total number of selected cases in a bar chart which will also indicate the number and percentage use of the various dispositions. Thus, for any given offence and for the chosen variables, the chart will display the percentage use of various custodial and non-custodial dispositions.

It is also possible to analyse the statistics in even greater detail, by focusing upon particular sentencing options (e.g. minimum terms, fines, licence disqualifications). For example, a judge having already made up his mind, may not so much be interested in deciding whether to impose a term of imprisonment but rather with determining the length of the term of imprisonment he wishes to impose. The S.I.S. enables the judge to analyse the distribution of past prison sentences for any given offence, and use this information as an aid in deciding what sentence to impose for the case at hand.

CONCLUSION

The Sentencing Information System, the first of its kind in Australia, is being developed on the basis that consistency of approach is an essential element of sentencing practice, and that information provided to courts should be timely and relevant. By 1993, it is anticipated that the System will reach into every courtroom that exercises criminal jurisdiction in New South Wales.

For further information on the S.I.S. contact:

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FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY

CONFERENCE PROGRAM OUTLINE

The following are intended dates and locations for the Australian Institute of Criminology's 1991 Conferences:

- 6-8 May 1991 Sex Industry & Public Policy Canberra
- 4-6 June 1991 National Overview on Crime Prevention Adelaide
- . 29-31 July 1991 Courtroom Innovations Sydney
- 20-22 August 1991 Fraud Conference Gold Coast
- . 23-25 September 1991 Topic to be advised
- . 12-14 November 1991 Asia Pacific Police Technology Exhibition and Conference (APPTEC '91) National Convention Centre, Canberra
- 26-28 November 1991 Local Government and Crime Prevention Melbourne
- 2-6 December 1991 The Window of Opportunity - First National Congress : An Intersectoral Approach to Drug Related Problems in Our Society Adelaide
- 12-14 February 1992 Role of Education, Training & Employment in the Criminal Justice System Perth

For information about the Institute's 1991 Conference Program, please contact:

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The Conference Unit of the Institute is always keen to hear from people interested in participating in, or speaking at, Institute Conferences. If you would like to be involved in any of the above events, kept informed of planning for them, or have any suggestions for Institute conferences that would address issues of national importance in the criminal justice or related areas, please contact the Conference Unit.

OTHER AUSTRALIAN

- 24 April, 1991 Custodial Issues In Juvenile Justice (an evening seminar).
- Law School Assembly Hall, Institute of Criminology, University of Sydney, Faculty of Law, Level 4 173-175 Phillip St, Sydney, NSW 2000. For further inquiries, contact: Fiona Wright, telephone (02) 225 9239, or fax (02) 221 5635.

Note: The Institute of Criminology at the University of Sydney's Faculty of Law has two further seminars planned, the formats of which are still to be confirmed: 24 July - Aboriginal Deaths in Custody 30 October - AIDS in Prison

- . 2-5 July, 1991 Living With Drugs -Responsibly, Queensland's State Conference on Alcohol and Drugs. Brisbane. Contact: Alcohol and Drug Foundation - Queensland, P.O. Box 320, Spring Hill, QLD 4004. Telephone (07) 832 3798, or Fax (07) 832 2527.
- . 1-4 September, 1991 Fourth Asian-Pacific Special and Law Librarians' Conference. National Convention Centre Canberra. Contact: Gail Hawke, Capital Conference P/L. Telephone (06) 285 2048 Fax (06) 285 2334
- . 2-6 September, 1991 Australian Crime Prevention Council Biennial Conference. Wollongong, NSW. Theme: Crime Prevention: Community Fear or Community Safety. Contact: The Secretary, ACPC Conference Committee, GPO Box 231, Sydney, NSW 2001.
- . 8-12 September, 1991 27th Australian Legal Convention. Adelaide. Contact: The Conference Secretary, c/- The Law Society of South Australia, GPO Box 2066, Adelaide, SA 5001. Fax (08) 231 1929.
- . 15-19 September, 1991 Law In Asia Regional Links. 12th LAWASIA Conference. Perth. Contact: Ms Jenny Dyer, 12th LAWASIA Conference, GPO Box M973, Perth WA 6001. Telephone: (09) 322 2666, or Fax (09) 322 1417
- . 2-4 October, 1991 Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology. Annual Criminology Conference. University of Melbourne, Melbourne. Themes include: Crime: Old and New; Ethical Issues; and Reform of the Criminal Justice System. Contact: Kathy Laster or Christine Alder, Department of Criminology, University of Melbourne, Parkville, VIC 3052. Telephone: (03) 344 6801, or Fax (03) 344 7894.

INTERNATIONAL (from UNCJIN)

- 22-25 May, 1991 5th International Conference on Penal Abolition. Bloomington, Indiana, USA
- . 3-12 June, 1991 International Seminar on the Prevention of Urban Crime. Aix-En-Provence, France
- 19-22 June, 1991 Enterprise Crime Conference, Shanghai, China
- 23-28 June 1991 Sixth European Conference of the International Society for Research on Aggression. Jerusalem, Israel
- 26-29 June, 1991 International Conference on Law and Society. Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 1-4 July, 1991 First International Congress on Prejudice, Discrimination and Conflict. Jerusalem, Israel
- 24-27 July, 1991 Biennial British Criminology Conference. York, England
- 22-25 August, 1991 Third Annual Meeting of the Human Behaviour and Evolution Society. Hamilton, Canada
- 25-30 August, 1991 Seventh International Symposium on Victimology. Rio de Janeiro, Brasil
- 25 August 4 September, 1991 NATO Advanced Study Institute Program on Crime and Disorder. Tuscany, Italy
- . 13-16 November, 1991 Fifth International Conference on Drug Policy Reform (Drug Policy Foundation). Washington, DC, USA
- 21-23 November, 1991 National Conference on Corrections and Higher Education. Columbus, Ohio, USA

 24-29 November, 1991 International Conference on Democracy and Democratization in the Third World. Cairo, Egypt.

This information is provided by courtesy of UNCJIN. For more detailed information about any of the listed events, check in the relevant section of UNCJIN, or contact the J.V. Barry Library at the Australian Institute of Criminology.

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- 12-18 May, 1991 International Institute for the Sociology of Law. 7th International Institute on Victimology. Onate, Guipuzcoa, Spain. Contact: Prof Emilio Viano, Department of Justice, Law and Society, The American University, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington DC 20016-8043, USA.
- . 16-20 July, 1991 OICJ 5th Annual International Symposium on Criminal Justice Issues. Barcelona, Spain. Theme: New Perspectives of Europe 1992: Illicit Drugs, and Organised Crime.
- . 5-9 August, 1991 Equality in the Administration of Criminal Justice: Gender, Race and Class. Edinburgh, Scotland. A conference for the Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, 130 Albert Street, Suite 1519, Ottawa, Ontario, KIA OL6, Canada.
- 27 November-3 December, 1991 International Police Association. World Congress.
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NAIPIC is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Community Services and Health and is intended to establish a cohesive national network to meet the HIV/AIDS information needs of staff throughout the prison system in Australia.

The listing includes:

- (a) National and State HIV/AIDS community organisations, with addresses and phone and fax numbers.
- (b) Bibliographic information on HIV/AIDS in prisons.

For further information about NAIPIC and the listing, contact:

Ms Judi Fortuin,

NAIPIC,

c/- NSW Department of Corrective Services,

GPO Box 31,

Sydney, NSW 2001. Telephone: (02) 289 1094 Fax (02) 02) 289 1010

2. AIDS DAILY SUMMARY

Last year we indicated that the AIDS Daily Summary Database was available via UNCJIN. Australian users now have a more direct way of accessing the Database: via ILANET and OTC DIALCOM.

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