

# Crime and deterrence bibliography

The study referred to in my [column](#) is Wai-Yin Wan, Steve Moffatt, Craig Jones and Don Weatherburn (2012) which can be downloaded from <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/>.

## *Sources*

The estimates of the costs of imprisonment come from [http://www.pc.gov.au/\\_data/assets/excel\\_doc/0020/114941/25-government-services-2012-chapter8-attachment.xls](http://www.pc.gov.au/_data/assets/excel_doc/0020/114941/25-government-services-2012-chapter8-attachment.xls). The costs of the criminal justice system as a whole are summarized in: [http://www.aic.gov.au/en/publications/current%20series/facts/1-20/2011/7\\_resources.aspx](http://www.aic.gov.au/en/publications/current%20series/facts/1-20/2011/7_resources.aspx). The estimates of the social costs of crime I used come from <http://www.aic.gov.au/en/publications/current%20series/cfi/41-60/cfi050.aspx>. The gold standard in measuring the social costs of crime is David Anderson, “The aggregate burden of crime”, a version of which can be found at [www7.esc.edu/vvernon/AggregateBurden\\_Anderson99.pdf](http://www7.esc.edu/vvernon/AggregateBurden_Anderson99.pdf).

Data on indigenous imprisonment is at <http://www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/indigenous/key-indicators-2011>. Estimates of indigenous imprisonment rates pre-1960 are from Finnane and Richards (2010) and Broadhurst (1987). My statement about the proximate determinants of high indigenous imprisonment rates is based on Snowball and Weatherburn (2007).

## *Further reading*

There are two books I regard as ‘must reads’ in this area. The first is Mark Kleiman, *When Brute Force Fails: How to Have Less Crime and Less Punishment*, Princeton University Press, 2010. The second is David M. Kennedy, *Deterrence and Crime Prevention: Reconsidering the Prospect of Sanction*, Routledge Studies in Crime and Economics, 2010.

As with Wan, Moffatt, Jones and Weatherburn (2012), these books draw on the literature on the economics of crime. A recent survey of that literature can be found in Robson (2012); more introductory explanations of the area can be found in Winter (2008), chapter 10 of Brueckner (2011) and (with many fascinating twists) chapter 16 of O’Flaherty (2005).

The concept of ‘target efficiency’ in policy evaluation comes from Harvard professor Richard Zeckhauser and is well explained in Schuck and Zeckhauser (2010). It is applied to assessing the costs and benefits of criminal justice programs in Kleiman (2010) pages 119-121.

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