

**Department of Justice
2010-11 Statement of Mandate**

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1. Message from the Minister and Deputy Minister

It is with pride that we present the 2010-2011 Statement of Mandate for the Nova Scotia Department of Justice. This statement, which demonstrates a new approach to planning for the coming fiscal year, outlines our department's mandate, our vision through a strategic priority lens, and outcome measures which we believe capture the essence of our progress.

The administration of justice requires consistent, evidence-based, decision making that leads to sustainable and meaningful outcomes for Nova Scotians. This year, our focus will be to promote justice related initiatives that enable the department to succeed in its vision for a justice system that is both affordable and sustainable. By making communities safer, we will continue to demonstrate to Nova Scotians that they have a justice system that is adaptive and is informed by the contributions of our partners. At the same time, we will continue to effectively administer all of our justice programs and initiatives with full fiscal responsibility and accountability.

2010-2011 will bring opportunities to improve our facilities infrastructure to better serve the needs of justice stakeholders, including plans for the construction of a new correctional facility within the province. We will improve operational effectiveness by continually assessing and improving on the outcomes of our existing programs and services. Training opportunities, better use of technology and improved service delivery are but three ways we anticipate becoming a better justice system.

To further boost public confidence in our justice system, we are redesigning our approach to crime prevention which will improve the overall safety of Nova Scotian communities. We understand that prevention, intervention and enforcement are the three foundational pillars to a comprehensive and successful approach to crime prevention and we will build on the success of our previous efforts. This year, we will also coordinate Government's response to the Domestic Violence Prevention Committee's report and develop an action plan to make the homes and communities of women and families safer.

As we enter the new fiscal year with prudent optimism, we will continue to rely on the outstanding contributions that staff within the department, as well as our justice partners, make in order to create a safer Nova Scotia.

Ross Landry
Minister

Marian F. Tyson
Deputy Minister

2. **Mandate**

The Department of Justice is responsible for the administration of justice-related programs, services and initiatives. To accomplish its mandate, the department provides services through six divisions: Public Safety; Court Services; Correctional Services; Legal Services; Policy & Information Management; and Finance & Administration.

3. **Vision**

Nova Scotia is a place where people and their rights are respected. The Department of Justice will provide leadership in partnership with others to build a province where:

The justice system is properly administered and cost effective

We want our justice system to be recognized as the most properly administered and cost effective in Canada.

There is public confidence in the justice system

We want the public to value the rule of law and trust our system by being open and accountable for our actions. We know that confidence in the system will make a significant impact on the social and economic well being of Nova Scotians.

People are and feel safe and secure

We will strengthen our relationships with our community based partners to collectively develop and promote safer community strategies so that people are and feel safe.

People make constructive choices

We want Nova Scotia to be known as a place where rights are respected and protected and where disputes find resolution in a principled and timely manner.

4. **Mission**

The Department of Justice is committed to the fair and effective administration of justice and to excellence in service to the people of Nova Scotia.

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| Cost-effective justice services, including corrections, courts, policing, the Nova Scotia Medical Examiner Services, legal aid and public prosecution. | (1) Annual provincial costs of providing justice services (<i>excludes federal and municipal contributions</i>). | Between 2001-2002 and 2008-2009, the provincial cost of providing justice in Nova Scotia has been increasing. Spending amounted to \$141,135,699 in 2008-2009, which represents a 10.7% increase over the year before (\$127,465,964). Average rate of growth in spending between 2001-2002 to 2008-2009 was 7.050% During the base year period, growth in spending was 4.9% ^r (2000-2001 to 2004-2005). r=revised | Adopt a realistic approach to managing the growing cost of providing justice services in Nova Scotia. The department is tracking data associated with these indicators and will work to establish a target once more trend data is available. | Adopt a realistic approach to managing growing costs of programs and services. | Effectively manage daily operations of the justice system through a number of core business areas as outlined in this plan and act on priorities identified under this strategic direction. |
| | (2) Per-capita costs of providing justice services (cost per Nova Scotian). (<i>figures exclude federal and municipal contributions.</i>) | The provincial per capita cost (or the cost per Nova Scotian) of providing justice services in Nova Scotia has been increasing since 2001-2002. Per capita costs amounted to \$150.22 in 2008-2009, which is up from the base year (\$102.23 ^r for 2004-2005). r=revised | | | |

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| Leveraging of funds through partnerships with the federal government. | (3) Federal funds leveraged by the department. This measure indicates the amount of federal funds leveraged by the department for justice initiatives, including youth criminal justice, legal aid, court services (excluding judiciary) and gun control. | In 2008-2009, the department received \$12,187,570 in federal funds for justice initiatives, which is a 3% increase over the 2004-2005 base year (\$11,829,716). While there were no further cuts to federal funding in 2008-2009 over the previous year, neither were there any increases to offset the effects of inflation. For both youth criminal justice and Legal Aid, federal funding does not include any incremental increases over the life of the federal-provincial agreements. While provincial expenditures continue to increase, the federal percentage of our youth criminal justice and Legal Aid budgets will therefore decrease. | Our target is to maintain/increase efforts to leverage federal funds. | To ensure sufficient funds are received from the federal government to adequately and effectively implement federally-partnered justice initiatives. | The department will continue to lobby the federal government for increased funding, particularly in the area of policing. |
| Effective legal services. | (4) Client satisfaction with legal services. In this case, clients consist of government departments and agencies that rely on the department's legal services staff. | Results from a 2006 survey indicate a very high level of satisfaction with the work performed by the Legal Services Division (100%). Thirty-three per cent (33%) of those surveyed indicated they were very satisfied, while 67% indicated they were satisfied. This result is consistent with other client surveys done in the past. | The target for this measure is to maintain client satisfaction. | Maximize the number of clients reporting they are very satisfied with work performed. | Legal Services is undergoing an organizational redesign to further improve delivery of legal services to its clients. Another client survey will be conducted with results available in Spring 2010. |

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| <p>Fair and accessible criminal, civil and family court justice system.</p> | <p>(5 a) Case processing times in criminal courts – average amount of time it takes to process adult cases in criminal court from first to last appearance.</p> <p>A new industry standard for case processing times has been introduced by Statistics Canada. The definition of a court case now includes all charges against the same person having overlapping court dates.</p> | <p align="center">Average number of days to process</p> <p>ADULTS</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Nova Scotia</th> <th>Canada</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2008-09</td> <td>206</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007-08</td> <td>193</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006-07</td> <td>197</td> <td>237</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2000-01 (base)</td> <td>213^r</td> <td>173</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In 2006-2007, Nova Scotia had the fifth lowest average elapsed time in adult court in Canada. Between 2007-2008 and 2008-2009, adult case processing times increased by 13 days. Comparable Canadian data will be available for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 from Statistics Canada in July, 2010.</p> | Year | Nova Scotia | Canada | 2008-09 | 206 | | 2007-08 | 193 | | 2006-07 | 197 | 237 | 2000-01 (base) | 213 ^r | 173 | <p>For adult cases, the target was to meet and/or fall below the Canadian average elapsed time to complete an adult case in criminal court in any given year. In 2006-2007, Nova Scotia was below the national average.</p> | <p>To ensure that all available efficiencies in case processing are identified and realized while ensuring due process.</p> | <p>The department continues to work with justice partners to determine what is causing delays in case processing and how this can best be addressed, e.g. the development of policy recommendations, procedural changes, targets, etc.</p> |
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| | <p>(5 b) Case processing times in criminal courts – average amount of time it takes to process youth cases in criminal court from first to last appearance.</p> <p>A new industry standard for case processing times has been introduced by Statistics Canada. The definition of a court case now includes all charges against the same person having overlapping court dates.</p> | <p align="center">Average number of days to process</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th align="left" colspan="2">YOUTH</th> </tr> <tr> <th align="left">Year</th> <th align="left">Nova Scotia</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2008-09</td> <td align="center">142</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007-08</td> <td align="center">128</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006-07 (base)</td> <td align="center">137^r</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The average elapsed time from the accused's first appearance in youth court until the final disposition increased in 2008-2009. In 2007-2008, the average time elapsed was 128 days and in 2008-2009 it had increased to 142 days. This represents an increase of 14 days (10%). For youth case processing times, Nova Scotia excludes restorative justice and bench warrants when calculating the time it takes to process a youth from first hearing to disposition. Restorative justice is excluded because on average it takes over 200 days for an offender to successfully complete the program and this can artificially inflate the overall processing times. Bench warrants are excluded because, once issued by the Court, the Court cannot control how long it takes to have that warrant executed. Official criminal court case processing times for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 will be released in July 2010 by Statistics Canada.</p> <p>r=revised</p> | YOUTH | | Year | Nova Scotia | 2008-09 | 142 | 2007-08 | 128 | 2006-07 (base) | 137 ^r | <p>For youth cases, we have set a target of 98 days elapsed time to complete a youth case in criminal court in any given year.</p> | <p>To ensure that all available efficiencies in case processing are identified and realized while ensuring due process.</p> | <p>The department continues to work with justice partners to determine what is causing delays in case processing and how this can best be addressed, e.g. the development of policy recommendations, procedural changes, targets, etc. To meet our target of 98 days elapsed time in youth case processing, we are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) addressing the issue of disclosure, 2) ensuring timely completion of pre-sentence reports, 3) as part of our crime prevention activities, contracting with non-government agencies on a pilot basis to contact youth prior to their first appearance to ensure they are prepared to attend court, and 4) working with local justice partners to identify the causes of delay and develop solutions. <p>In addition, we have implemented a serious offence policy requiring all youth charged with a serious offence to appear in court within 7 days.</p> |
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| | 6) Average amount of time it takes to process family and civil cases from case initiation to first disposition. | <p>Nova Scotia is participating in a national civil court survey with the Statistics Canada. Case processing times for fiscal 2006-07 and 2007-08 are presented below:</p> <p align="center">Case processing times</p> <p>FAMILY</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Number of Months</u></th> <th><u>2007-08</u></th> <th><u>2008-09</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Under 3 months</td> <td>50%</td> <td>47%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Between 3-6 months</td> <td>20%</td> <td>21%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Between 6-12 months</td> <td>15%</td> <td>16%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Between 12-24 months</td> <td>10%</td> <td>11%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over 24 months</td> <td>4%</td> <td>5%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>CIVIL</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Number of Months</u></th> <th><u>2007-08</u></th> <th><u>2008-09</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Under 3 months</td> <td>36%</td> <td>35%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Between 3-6 months</td> <td>17%</td> <td>15%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Between 6-12 months</td> <td>14%</td> <td>14%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Between 12-24 months</td> <td>17%</td> <td>17%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over 24 months</td> <td>17%</td> <td>19%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | <u>Number of Months</u> | <u>2007-08</u> | <u>2008-09</u> | Under 3 months | 50% | 47% | Between 3-6 months | 20% | 21% | Between 6-12 months | 15% | 16% | Between 12-24 months | 10% | 11% | Over 24 months | 4% | 5% | <u>Number of Months</u> | <u>2007-08</u> | <u>2008-09</u> | Under 3 months | 36% | 35% | Between 3-6 months | 17% | 15% | Between 6-12 months | 14% | 14% | Between 12-24 months | 17% | 17% | Over 24 months | 17% | 19% | A target has not been set. | To ensure all available efficiencies in case processing are identified and realized while ensuring procedural due process. | Strategic actions can be assigned when a target is set. |
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| Improved knowledge of and confidence in the justice system. | (7) Public knowledge of the justice system. | <p>The Atlantic Quarterly Survey, since Spring 2005 (base year), provides an indication of the public's knowledge of the justice system on an annual basis. The percentage of Nova Scotians who consider themselves to be at least somewhat familiar with the justice system is stable in 2009 compared with 2005 (57% and 54% respectively). We are therefore on target.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td align="center"><u>2005</u></td> <td align="center"><u>2009</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td align="center" colspan="2">(base year)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Very familiar</td> <td align="center">9%</td> <td align="center">9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somewhat familiar</td> <td align="center">45%</td> <td align="center">48%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not very familiar</td> <td align="center">34%</td> <td align="center">36%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not familiar at all</td> <td align="center">12%</td> <td align="center">6%</td> </tr> </table> | | <u>2005</u> | <u>2009</u> | | (base year) | | Very familiar | 9% | 9% | Somewhat familiar | 45% | 48% | Not very familiar | 34% | 36% | Not familiar at all | 12% | 6% | The goal is to maintain/increase public knowledge of the justice system, primarily through our crime prevention and reduction activities. | Maximize the number of people who indicate they are familiar with the justice system. | Initiatives outlined in this plan will see even closer cooperation between our justice partners and the larger social systems to both respond to crime and the conditions that create crime. The department will continue to develop and implement its crime prevention multi-media initiatives in 2010-2011 to engage and inform the public about crime prevention. These efforts should help to build knowledge of and public confidence in the justice system. |
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| Safer communities | <p>(9 a) Overall crime rate is a key indicator of social and economic well-being within a society. It indicates how many criminal incidents have been reported to the police for violent, property and other offences, excluding <i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences.</p> <p>In 2008, Statistics Canada expanded the violent crime rate to include a number of offences which were previously considered to be “other <i>Criminal Code</i>” offences, but target and impact individual victims.</p> <p>The non-violent crime rate has also been expanded and now includes property crimes as well as “other <i>Criminal Code</i>” offences which do not fall under the violent crime category.</p> | <p>The crime rate increased steadily between 2001 and 2004. However, it has decreased for the past four years. In 2008, decreases were reported for total violent crimes and total non-violent crimes. Crime rate figures for Nova Scotia and Canada are outlined below (per 100,000 population):</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2008</td> <td>2001 (base year)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total <i>Criminal Code</i> rate (excl traffic)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nova Scotia: 6,956</td> <td>NS: 7,725^f</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canada: 6,588</td> <td>Canada: 7,587^f</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total violent crime rate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nova Scotia: 1,689</td> <td>NS: 1,944^f</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canada: 1,326</td> <td>Canada: 1,473^f</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total non-violent crime rate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nova Scotia: 5,266</td> <td>NS: 5,781^f</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canada: 5,262</td> <td>Canada: 6,113^f</td> </tr> </table> <p>^f revised by Statistics Canada to reflect the new definition of violent crime and non-violent crime.</p> | 2008 | 2001 (base year) | Total <i>Criminal Code</i> rate (excl traffic) | | Nova Scotia: 6,956 | NS: 7,725 ^f | Canada: 6,588 | Canada: 7,587 ^f | Total violent crime rate | | Nova Scotia: 1,689 | NS: 1,944 ^f | Canada: 1,326 | Canada: 1,473 ^f | Total non-violent crime rate | | Nova Scotia: 5,266 | NS: 5,781 ^f | Canada: 5,262 | Canada: 6,113 ^f | Reduce crime in Nova Scotia. In 2008, Nova Scotia was above the national average for the total crime rate, total violent crime rate and total non-violent crime rate. | Reduce crime rates below the national average. Crime rate statistics are influenced by many factors such as reporting by the public to police and police practices. While the target is to reduce crime rates, increased police resources and public confidence could result in more crimes coming to the attention of police, which will impact the official crime rate. | Numerous efforts are underway to ensure safer, stronger communities, including initiatives to prevent crime, implementation of the recommendations of the external audit of adult offender correctional facilities, implementation of electronic supervision of select high-risk young offenders in HRM, and a focus on enhancing the Justice response to family and intimate partner violence. |
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| | <p>(9 b) The Crime Severity Index is a new tool developed by Statistics Canada to complement the crime rate. While the crime rate measures the volume of crime coming to the attention of the police, the Crime Severity Index measures the severity of police-reported crime. It measures change in the overall seriousness of crime from one year to the next, as well as relative differences in the seriousness of crime across the country. The Index is standardized to “100” for Canada (a system similar to the Consumer Price Index), using 2006 as a base year. Three severity indices have been created: one for overall police-reported crime (including all offences), one for violent crime (including only crimes against the person), and one for non-violent crime.</p> | <p>Overall crime severity in Nova Scotia dropped 9% last year, following a 9% decline in 2007. In 2008, decreases were reported for total violent crime severity (-5%) and total non-violent crime severity (-11%). Overall crime severity has decreased by approximately 22% since peaking in 2004. Crime severity indices for each category for Nova Scotia and Canada are outlined below:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2008</td> <td>2001 (base year)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total <i>Criminal Code</i> rate (excl traffic)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nova Scotia: 83.6</td> <td>NS: 92.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canada: 90.0</td> <td>Canada: 105.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total violent crime rate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nova Scotia: 87.6</td> <td>NS: 94.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canada: 94.6</td> <td>Canada: 97.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total non-violent crime rate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nova Scotia: 82.1</td> <td>NS: 91.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canada: 88.2</td> <td>Canada: 108.4</td> </tr> </table> | 2008 | 2001 (base year) | Total <i>Criminal Code</i> rate (excl traffic) | | Nova Scotia: 83.6 | NS: 92.5 | Canada: 90.0 | Canada: 105.3 | Total violent crime rate | | Nova Scotia: 87.6 | NS: 94.2 | Canada: 94.6 | Canada: 97.2 | Total non-violent crime rate | | Nova Scotia: 82.1 | NS: 91.9 | Canada: 88.2 | Canada: 108.4 | <p>Reduce crime severity in Nova Scotia. In 2008, Nova Scotia was below the national average on all three indices of crime severity: the overall crime severity index, violent crime severity index and non-violent severity crime index.</p> | <p>Maintain crime severity below the national average.</p> | <p>Numerous efforts are underway to ensure safer, stronger communities, including initiatives for crime prevention, implementation of the recommendations of the external audit of adult offender correctional facilities, implementation of electronic supervision of select high-risk young offenders in HRM, and a focus on enhancing the Justice response to family and intimate partner violence.</p> |
| 2008 | 2001 (base year) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | (9 c) Rate of youth crime. | <p>In 2008, the rate of youth accused of crime declined 7%, the second consecutive annual decline. Youth accused rates in Nova Scotia continue to be higher than the national average for all major crime categories. Youth crime rate figures for Nova Scotia and Canada are outlined below (per 100,000 population):</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2008</td> <td>2007</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><i>Total Criminal Code offences (excl traffic)</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nova Scotia: 9,778</td> <td>NS: 10,562^f</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canada: 6,454</td> <td>Canada: 6,783^f</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><i>Total crimes of violence</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nova Scotia: 2,755</td> <td>NS: 3,040^f</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canada: 1,887</td> <td>Canada: 1,950^f</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><i>Total non-violent crimes</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nova Scotia: 7,024</td> <td>NS: 7,522^f</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canada: 4,567</td> <td>Canada: 4,833^f</td> </tr> </table> <p>^f revised by Statistics Canada to reflect the new definition of violent crime and non-violent crime.</p> | 2008 | 2007 | <i>Total Criminal Code offences (excl traffic)</i> | | Nova Scotia: 9,778 | NS: 10,562 ^f | Canada: 6,454 | Canada: 6,783 ^f | <i>Total crimes of violence</i> | | Nova Scotia: 2,755 | NS: 3,040 ^f | Canada: 1,887 | Canada: 1,950 ^f | <i>Total non-violent crimes</i> | | Nova Scotia: 7,024 | NS: 7,522 ^f | Canada: 4,567 | Canada: 4,833 ^f | Reduce youth crime in Nova Scotia. | Reduce rates below the national average. Crime rate statistics are influenced by many factors such as reporting by the public to police and police practices. While the target is to reduce crime rates, increased police resources and public confidence could result in more crimes coming to the attention of police, which will impact the official crime rate. | The departments of Community Services, Health, Education, Health Promotion and Protection and Justice are working together to improve services to children, youth and their families. In 2010-2011, Justice will continue to collaborate on the implementation of projects under the child and youth strategy. In addition, the department will continue with its implementation of initiatives for crime prevention, including expansion of the youth bail supervision program and implementation of electronic supervision of select high risk youth in HRM. |
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| | <p>(10) Public perception of safety in the home.</p> | <p>The Atlantic Quarterly Survey, conducted annually since Spring 2005 (base year), provides an indication of the public's perception of safety in the home. The percentage of Nova Scotians who feel safe in their in their homes when home alone at night increased between 2005 and 2009. Overall results follow:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th align="center"><u>2005</u></th> <th align="center"><u>2009</u></th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th align="center">(base year)</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not at all worried</td> <td align="center">49%</td> <td align="center">54%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not very worried</td> <td align="center">27%</td> <td align="center">32%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somewhat worried</td> <td align="center">21%</td> <td align="center">12%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Very worried</td> <td align="center">2%</td> <td align="center">2%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | <u>2005</u> | <u>2009</u> | | (base year) | | Not at all worried | 49% | 54% | Not very worried | 27% | 32% | Somewhat worried | 21% | 12% | Very worried | 2% | 2% | <p>The target is to maintain/increase perceptions of safety in the home.</p> | <p>Maximize the number of people who indicate they feel safe at home at night.</p> | <p>Numerous initiatives outlined in this plan are underway to ensure safer, stronger communities. Many of them will see even closer cooperation between our justice partners and the larger social systems in both responding to crime and the conditions that create crime. The combination of these efforts with our crime prevention multi-media campaign in 2010-2011 should not only increase public safety, but also help Nova Scotians to feel safer in their homes, neighbourhoods and communities.</p> |
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| | <p>(11) Public perception of safety in the neighbourhood.</p> | <p>The Atlantic Quarterly Survey, conducted annually since Spring 2005 (base year), provides an indication of the public's perception of safety in the neighbourhood. The percentage of Nova Scotians who feel safe in their neighbourhoods when walking alone after dark is stable in 2009 compared with 2005. Overall results follow:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th align="center"><u>2005</u></th> <th align="center"><u>2009</u></th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th align="center">(base year)</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Feel very/reasonably safe</td> <td align="center">74%</td> <td align="center">75%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feel somewhat unsafe</td> <td align="center">13%</td> <td align="center">14%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feel very unsafe</td> <td align="center">5%</td> <td align="center">4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Do not walk alone</td> <td align="center">7%</td> <td align="center">7%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | <u>2005</u> | <u>2009</u> | | (base year) | | Feel very/reasonably safe | 74% | 75% | Feel somewhat unsafe | 13% | 14% | Feel very unsafe | 5% | 4% | Do not walk alone | 7% | 7% | <p>The target is to maintain/increase perceptions of safety in the neighbourhood.</p> | <p>Maximize the number of people who indicate they feel safe while walking alone after dark.</p> | |
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| | <p>(12) Major incidents within correctional facilities.</p> <p>‘Major incidents’ has been defined as follows:</p> <p>a) purposeful damage to property in excess of \$5,000;</p> <p>b) an unnatural death;</p> <p>c) an aggravated assault committed by an offender against another person resulting in a hospital admission; or</p> <p>d) a disturbance of four or more offenders, over a protracted period of 60 minutes or longer, and a) necessitating the hold or call back of staff, with an expenditure of more than \$1000, or b) exceeding the resource capacity of the facility, requiring emergency police services to respond to the identified threat.</p> | <p>Five major incidents in a correctional facility were reported in 2008-2009 (one incident was reported in 2005-2006 (base year)). In 2008-2009, the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility reported one unnatural death and four assaults by an offender against another offender that required hospitalization.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Year</u></th> <th><u>Incidents</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2005-06 (base year)</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006-07</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007-08</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008-09</td> <td>5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Incidents</u> | 2005-06 (base year) | 1 | 2006-07 | 6 | 2007-08 | 3 | 2008-09 | 5 | <p>Our goal is to have no major incidents in any of our facilities.</p> | <p>No major incidents.</p> | <p>Ongoing efforts to enhance facilities design and operation, staff training and offender supports.</p> |
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| | <p>(13 a) This measure tracks Correctional Services information on the number of:</p> <p>a) escapes from correctional facilities;</p> <p>b) escapes from correctional facility staff while being escorted in the community, eg. to and from a doctor's appointment; and</p> <p>c) wrongful or improper releases from a correctional facility, ie. errors by correctional facility staff resulting in the release of an offender from custody due to a misinterpretation of a warrant or as a result of warrants not being forwarded to the facility prior to the offender's release from custody.</p> | <p>Escapes from facilities/staff: 2004-2005: 6 (base year) 2008-2009: 2</p> <p>Wrongful releases: 2007-2008: 7 (base year) 2008-2009: 4</p> | <p>Our goal is to have no escapes or wrongful releases in any of these areas.</p> | <p>No escapes or wrongful releases.</p> | <p>Ongoing efforts to enhance facilities design and operation, and staff training.</p> |

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| | <p>(13 b) This measure tracks Sheriffs Services information on the number of:</p> <p>a) escapes from courts; b) escapes from Sheriffs Services staff while the offender is being transported, eg. between court and a correctional facility or between police custody and a correctional facility; and c) wrongful or improper releases from Sheriffs Services staff custody, ie. errors by court staff or sheriffs resulting in the release of an offender from custody due to a misinterpretation of a warrant or as a result of warrants not being forwarded to the court prior to the offender's release from custody.</p> | <p>Escapes from sheriffs' custody: 2004-2005: 0 (base year) 2008-2009: 2</p> | <p>Our goal is to have no escapes or wrongful releases in any of these areas.</p> | <p>No escapes or wrongful releases.</p> | <p>Efforts that will be made in 2009-2010 to improve security to include use of force training, Sheriff escort training, high-security leg irons and handcuffs, a review of the prisoner transport study, and exploring renovations to facilities.</p> |

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| Offender accountability | (14) Conditional sentence breaches are an indicator of offender accountability | <p>Conditional Sentence Orders (CSO) Breached</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td align="center">2008-09</td> <td align="center">2005-06 (base year)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CSOs</td> <td align="center">814</td> <td align="center">802</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CSOs Breached</td> <td align="center">175</td> <td align="center">238</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CSOs Terminated</td> <td align="center">79</td> <td align="center">110</td> </tr> </table> <p>Conditional sentence breaches can result in termination, meaning the balance of the sentence is served in a custodial facility. It is important to note that one person can receive more than one order and one order can be breached many times. Both breaches and terminations may be related to an order issued by the court that year or in a previous year.</p> | | 2008-09 | 2005-06 (base year) | CSOs | 814 | 802 | CSOs Breached | 175 | 238 | CSOs Terminated | 79 | 110 | The identification of an appropriate target for conditional sentence breaches is under review. The number of breaches is a function of a variety of factors including: the number of orders in effect in any given year (which is not the same as the number of new orders issued during that year), the enforcement tools used by staff, e.g. electronic supervision, and the choices made by offenders to comply with the conditions ordered by the court. | The target is to increase offender accountability. Initiatives such as electronic supervision may actually lead to an increase in reported breaches | Once the target review is complete, strategic actions can then be identified. |
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| Reduction in youth and adults who re-offend (recidivism). | (16) Percent of incarcerated adult offenders who re-offend. | <p>Coming to an accurate and appropriate definition of recidivism is complex. Staff continue to participate in a recidivism working group with Statistics Canada, which is working to develop an acceptable definition of recidivism. As part of the crime prevention and reduction strategy, Nova Scotia has committed to working on the development of benchmark data on recidivism, which would include the development of a definition of recidivism, as well as determining the various sources of recidivism data in the province and whether there are additional measures.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Year</u></th> <th><u>Persons Admitted</u></th> <th><u>% with at least one previous incarceration</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2003-04 (base year)</td> <td>1,690</td> <td>68%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2004-05</td> <td>1,778</td> <td>60%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2005-06</td> <td>1,694</td> <td>61%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006-07</td> <td>1,920</td> <td>59%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007-08</td> <td>2,102</td> <td>62%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008-09</td> <td>1,693</td> <td>69%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Persons Admitted</u> | <u>% with at least one previous incarceration</u> | 2003-04 (base year) | 1,690 | 68% | 2004-05 | 1,778 | 60% | 2005-06 | 1,694 | 61% | 2006-07 | 1,920 | 59% | 2007-08 | 2,102 | 62% | 2008-09 | 1,693 | 69% | To continue with the development of benchmark data on recidivism in Nova Scotia. We will be refining the benchmark data we have developed for youth court and restorative justice, and focusing on the development of benchmark data for corrections. | To define recidivism in keeping with a national standard. | We will continue to implement our project plan to produce benchmark recidivism statistics, by refining the benchmark data now developed for youth court and restorative justice and developing benchmark data for corrections. We will also continue reintegration programming and planning through the Correctional Services Division, and continue collaborating with other government departments on implementing projects under the child and youth strategy (led by the Department of Community Services), as well as implementation of crime prevention initiatives. |
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| | (17) Percent of incarcerated young offenders who re-offend | <p>Coming to an accurate and appropriate definition of recidivism is complex. Staff continue to participate in a recidivism working group with Statistics Canada, which is working to develop an acceptable definition of recidivism. As part of the crime prevention and reduction strategy, Nova Scotia has committed to working on the development of benchmark data on recidivism, which would include the development of a definition of recidivism, as well as determining the various sources of recidivism data in the province and whether there are additional measures.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Year</u></th> <th><u>Persons Admitted</u></th> <th><u>% with at least one previous incarceration</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2003-04 (base year)</td> <td>125</td> <td>58%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2004-05</td> <td>103</td> <td>67%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2005-06</td> <td>146</td> <td>65%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006-07</td> <td>153</td> <td>64%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007-08</td> <td>122</td> <td>61%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008-09</td> <td>130</td> <td>63%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Persons Admitted</u> | <u>% with at least one previous incarceration</u> | 2003-04 (base year) | 125 | 58% | 2004-05 | 103 | 67% | 2005-06 | 146 | 65% | 2006-07 | 153 | 64% | 2007-08 | 122 | 61% | 2008-09 | 130 | 63% | To continue with the development of benchmark data on recidivism in Nova Scotia. We will be refining the benchmark data we have developed for youth court and restorative justice, and focusing on the development of benchmark data for corrections.n | To define recidivism in keeping with a national standard. | We will continue to implement our project plan to produce benchmark recidivism statistics, by refining the benchmark data now developed for youth court and restorative justice and developing benchmark data for corrections. We will also continue reintegration programming and planning through the Correctional Services Division, and continue collaborating with other government departments on implementing projects under the child and youth strategy (led by the Department of Community Services), as well as implementation of crime prevention initiatives. |
| <u>Year</u> | <u>Persons Admitted</u> | <u>% with at least one previous incarceration</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2003-04 (base year) | 125 | 58% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2004-05 | 103 | 67% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Effective use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. | (18) Percent of family cases that reach consent order through conciliation. | The department's Court Services Division is currently working to accurately capture this data. Once a data capture system is established, the department will report on this measure. A consent order is any order issued by the court that has been mutually agreed to by the two parties without an actual court hearing. It is an indicator of the effective use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. | The identification of an appropriate target is still under review by the department, as there is a wide variety of reasons why family cases may not reach resolution. | Once the target review is complete, a target will be set. | We will be developing and introducing enhanced data collection for the conciliation process in Family Division. We will also continue to develop support and educational opportunities for clients to inform their decision making and encourage constructive choices. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

6. Budget Context

| Justice | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2009-2010 Estimate | 2009-2010 Forecast | 2010-2011 Estimate |
| Program & Service Area | (\$ thousands) | (\$ thousands) | (\$ thousands) |
| Gross Departmental Expense | | | |
| Administration | 26,862 | 25,973 | 26,345 |
| Nova Scotia Legal Aid | 21,419 | 21,969 | 22,039 |
| Court Services | 57,874 | 58,023 | 61,802 |
| Correctional Services | 57,713 | 58,778 | 60,017 |
| Public Trustee | 2,081 | 2,014 | 2,174 |
| Fatality Inquiry Act | 3,332 | 3,619 | 3,621 |
| Public Safety | 112,209 | 108,385 | 113,489 |
| Total Gross Department Expenses | 281,490 | 278,761 | 289,487 |
| | | | |
| Additional Information: | | | |
| Ordinary Revenue | (1,428) | (1,428) | (1,578) |
| Fees and Other Charges | (19,128) | (19,593) | (19,540) |
| Ordinary Recoveries | (97,726) | (96,749) | (95,573) |
| TCA Purchase Requirements | | | |
| Provincial Funded Staff (FTEs) | 1,568 | 1,493 | 1,602 |