NSW Recorded Crime Statistics January-December 2007 -2010 for the rate of Indigenous Persons of Interest, who were residents of Kempsey or Gunnedah, who proceeded against* for each of the 17 major offences and other selected offences for the years 2007-2010.

17 MAJOR OFFENCES	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009	2010	2010	2010
	KEMPSEY	GUNNEDAH	NSW	KEMPSEY	GUNNEDAH	NSW	KEMPSEY	GUNNEDAH	NSW	KEMPSEY	GUNNEDAH	NSW
	**Rates per 100 000 population		**Rates per 100 000 population			**Rates per 100 000 population			**Rates per 100 000 population			
Murder			5			9			8			12
Assault – domestic violence related	3 167	1 469	1 794	4 785	2 413	1 768	3 659	2 204	1 878	2 744	1 049	1 766
Assault – non-domestic violence related	3 589	1 679	1 780	2 041	1 889	1 698	3 167	1 364	1 749	1 970	2 728	1 569
Sexual assault	141	105	48	422	210	63	141		64	70		52
Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	211		63			76	70		71	70		61
Robbery without a weapon	563		191	141	105	246	422		199	141	210	189
Robbery with a firearm	70		22			16	70		13	70		23
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	352		104		105	119	352		73			82
Break and enter dwelling	1 689	630	854	1 478	944	833	4 574	315	800	1 478	1 049	785
Break and enter non-dwelling	2 463	420	566	3 519	525	557	3 519	839	452	141	105	400
Motor vehicle theft	563		476	2 111	630	424	2 815	1 154	423	422	734	357
Steal from motor vehicle	281		347	352	105	333	199		221		105	216
Steal from retail store	1 337		850	985	315	902	199	210	915	844	839	955
Steal from dwelling	141		141	211	105	141	211		147	493	210	119

17 MAJOR OFFENCES	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009	2010	2010	2010
	KEMPSEY	GUNNEDAH	NSW	KEMPSEY	GUNNEDAH	NSW	KEMPSE Y	GUNNEDAH	NSW	KEMPSEY	GUNNEDAH	NSW
Steal from person	70		76	281	105	105	704		108	141	105	86
Fraud	211		153	985		206	281		143		105	165
Malicious damage to property	3 096	1 259	1 778	4 363	1 574	1 810	2 111	839	1 741	2 181	1 889	1 632
TOTAL 17 MAJOR OFFENCES	17 944	5 562	9 248	21 674	9 025	9 306	22 494	6 925	9 005	10 765	9 128	8 469
OTHER SELECTED OFFENCES												
Possession or use of cannabis	633		612	563	210	656	845	840	647	563	944	661
Possession or use of other drugs including cocaine, narcotics, amphetamines and ecstacy			177	141		228	211	210	228		105	206
Offensive conduct	985	1 784	684	1 408	1 364	679	774	1 364	669	141	2 204	661
Offensive language	1 689	315	861	1 126	1 259	909	1 056	525	826	1 337	1 049	757
Breach AVO	1 970	525	885	1 759	1 679	950	2 252	1 679	1 094	2 533	1 994	1 064
Breach bail conditions	633	420	1 638	1 056	2 518	1 863	1 900	2 518	1 731	1 759	2 309	1 815
Resist or hinder officer	1 970	420	858	1 759	1 049	928	1 126	1 049	921	563	735	815
TOTAL ALL OFFENCES	25 824	9 026	14 963	29 486	17 104	15 519	30 658	15 110	15 121	17 661	18 468	14 448

^{*}Data sourced from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (unpublished data).

Please note that because the Indigenous populations of Kempsey and Gunnedah are small, the rate calculations are very sensitive to small changes in population sizes and the number of incidents recorded. Typically, the policy of the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research is to exclude rate calculations for populations lower than 3000.

Therefore, extreme care should be taken when interpreting these data. The crime data is calculated as the rate per 100,000 population and because the Indigenous populations of Kempsey and Gunnedah are small, the rate calculations are very sensitive to small changes.

^{**}For the rate calculations, population data for suburbs in NSW for the year 2006 were obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The research is focussed on the towns of Gunnedah and Kempsey, represented by the ABS 'Urban Centre Locality' data, as distinct from their respective Shires. However, BOCSAR crime data is collected according to state suburb. For Gunnedah, the BOCSAR state suburb data related to the same area as the ABS urban centre locality data. However, the town of Kempsey is made up of several suburbs and, as such, no direct comparison could be made between ABS and BOCSAR data. Therefore, to approximate the ABS urban centre/locality area for the town of Kempsey with a population of 8,137 of whom 1,394 (17.1 per cent) are Indigenous, we combined state BOCSAR suburb data from Kempsey, South Kempsey and West Kempsey that covers a slightly larger area with a population of 8 780, 1 421 (16.1 per cent) of whom are Indigenous.

^ Persons of interest (POIs) are suspected offenders recorded by police in connection with a criminal incident. Some POIs are formally proceeded against to court and some are not. The POIs included in the table above have all been proceeded against. POIs are not a count of unique offenders. Where an individual is involved in multiple criminal incidents throughout the year they will appear as a POI multiple times. Correspondingly, no person of interest information will be recorded for criminal incidents in which there is no known suspect. This is very common among incidents of property crime which have a low clear up rate.

^^ Includes proceeded against to court by way of Court Attendance Notice or proceeded against other than to court by way of Youth Justice Conference, Caution Young Offenders Act, Cannabis Caution, Other Drug Caution, Criminal Infringement Notice, Infringement Notice or Warning, Legal Process Not Further Classified.

APPENDIX 2

*NSW Recorded Average Crime Statistics January-December 2007 -2010 for the rate of Indigenous Persons of Interest^, who were residents of Kempsey or Gunnedah, who proceeded against^^ for each of the 17 major offences and other selected offences for the years 2007-2010.

17 MAJOR OFFENCES	2007 - 2010	2007 - 2010	2007 - 2010			
	KEMPSEY	GUNNEDAH	NSW			
	**Rates per 100 000 population					
Murder			9			
Assault – domestic violence related	3 589	1 784	1 802			
Assault – non-domestic violence related	2 692	1 915	1 699			
Sexual assault	194	79	57			
Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	88		68			
Robbery without a weapon	317	79	206			
Robbery with a firearm	53		19			
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	176	26	95			
Break and enter dwelling	2 305	735	818			
Break and enter non-dwelling	2 411	472	494			
Motor vehicle theft	1 478	630	420			
Steal from motor vehicle	208	53	279			
Steal from retail store	841	341	906			
Steal from dwelling	264	79	137			
Steal from person	211	53	94			
Fraud	369	26	167			
Malicious damage to property	2 938	1 390	1 740			
TOTAL 17 MAJOR OFFENCES	18 134	7 662	9 010			
OTHER SELECTED OFFENCES						
Possession or use of cannabis	651	499	644			
Possession or use of other drugs including cocaine,	88	79	210			
narcotics, amphetamines and ecstacy						
Offensive conduct	827	1 679	673			
Offensive language	1 302	787	838			
Breach AVO	2 129	1 469	998			
Breach bail conditions	1 337	1 941	1 761			
Resist or hinder officer	1 355	813	881			
TOTAL ALL OFFENCES	25 823	14 929	15 015			

*Data sourced from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (unpublished data).

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