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**Good practice in remand in custody**

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**Abstract**

Unsentenced prisoners constitute approximately 20% of the Australian prisoner population. Jurisdictions facing already high or increasing numbers of remandees are examining remand practices. A two year research project explored the major factors that influence the processes and rates of remand in custody and how these factors contribute to variations in custodial remand. This paper draws upon the results of the quantitative and qualitative analysis of data collected from the two participating jurisdictions of South Australia and Victoria and reported on by the authors along with Sue King, School of Social Work and Social Policy, University of South Australia. The study determined that good practice occurs in a context where the multiple goals of remand decision-making are acknowledged. The interests of individual defendants, victims and their communities must be recognised whilst the effectiveness of the justice system is maintained. Rick Sarre (Unisa)(attending) and David Bamford (Flinders)(not attending)