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To:
Subject: RE: Inquiry into the high level of First Nations people in custody and oversight and review of deaths in custody
Date: Tuesday, 19 January 2021 4:38:23 PM
Attachments:

Dear Ms Dunn,

I refer to your email and the letter dated 15 December 2020 from the Chair of the Select Committee to the Chief Justice .

I note a letter in similar terms was also sent to the Chief Judge of the District Court, the Chief Magistrate and the Judicial Commission.

On behalf of the Chief Justice and using the numbering in your letter:

1. No, not to my knowledge.
2. The Judicial Commission of NSW's work is designed to enhance public confidence in the judiciary by promoting the highest standards of judicial behaviour and decision making. The Judicial Commission provides a continuing education and training program for NSW judicial officers. This includes the Commission's Ngarra Yura Program, established in 1992 in response to the final recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody that judicial officers should receive instruction and education on matters relating to Aboriginal customs, culture, traditions and society. The Ngarra Yura Program aims to increase awareness among judicial officers about contemporary Aboriginal social and cultural issues, and their effect on Aboriginal people in the justice system. The Ngarra Yura Program is delivered through three main strategies: judicial visits to Aboriginal communities in NSW; conferences, workshops and seminars; publications. Judges also receive training and instruction from a variety of other institutions. See Appendix III (Other Judicial Activity) of the Court's Annual Report.
3. The Supreme Court does not have the data to answer this question. This question is best directed to the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.
4. See relevant judgments published on Caselaw.
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I would be most grateful if you could inform the Committee Chair of the Chief Justice's reply.

Yours sincerely,

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