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**INQUIRY INTO HIGH LEVEL OF FIRST NATIONS
PEOPLE IN CUSTODY AND OVERSIGHT AND REVIEW OF
DEATHS IN CUSTODY**

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Overpolicing of Aboriginal communities is an ongoing problem, and leads to high levels of unnecessary contact with the criminal justice system. Aboriginal young people are targeted for just hanging out in parks or in shopping centres and face serious penalties for offences which their non-Aboriginal peers would receive only a warning. All of this contributes to overrepresentation of First Nations people in prisons.