Main Features

Imprisonment rate annual change:
Queensland  ↑  1.3%
Australia   ↑  0.6%

Proportion of unsentenced prisoners annual change:
Queensland  ↑  1.3 percentage points
Australia   ↓  1.4 percentage points

Proportion of female prisoners annual change:
Queensland  ↑  0.5 percentage points
Australia   ↑  1.3 percentage point

Commentary

Note: data contained in this brief should be read with reference to the explanatory notes provided in ABS Cat. No. 4571.0

- Of the prisoners with a sentence (those sentenced to a specified term), the median aggregate sentence length for prisoners in Queensland was 2.5 years, a decrease from 3.0 years in 2005. The median aggregate sentence in Australia as a whole was 3.0 years, the same as in 2005. (Note: if indeterminate sentences were included in calculating the median, it would be higher, particularly in Queensland, where the proportion of indeterminate sentences was higher.)

- In 2006, 60.4% of prisoners in Queensland had an episode of prior known adult imprisonment. This proportion has decreased from 66.5% in 2005 and has fallen overall since 1996. Similarly, the proportion for Australia has decreased from 60.4% in 2005 to 56.9% in 2006, which also represents a decrease since 1996.