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Follow up Response

**Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement —  
National Deaths in Custody Program**

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## Indigenous deaths in prison custody by age group and gender

**CHAIR:** From the data in the Deaths in Custody Report 2017/18, table B1 reports rates of Indigenous Deaths in prison custody by Gender and also separately by Age Group for all Indigenous prisoners.

Noting that there are significant different deaths rates between males and females in custody and also in different age groups for Indigenous Australians in society in general – is there data available for Indigenous Deaths in Custody by both Age Group and Gender?

For example, what is the death rate for Indigenous Males in prison custody for per 100

- Less than 25
- 25-39
- 40-54
- +55

**Table 1: Indigenous deaths in prison custody by age group and gender, 2017–18<sup>a</sup>**

	Male		Female	
	n	rate	n	rate
Less than 25	3	0.13	0	0.00
25–39	4	0.07	1	0.14
40–54	6	0.27	0	0.00
55+	2	0.62	0	0.00
Total	15	0.14	1	0.08

a: Rates have been calculated using ABS (2018) population estimates

Note: Rates per 100 relevant prisoners

Source: AIC NDICP 2017–18 [computer file]

## References

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