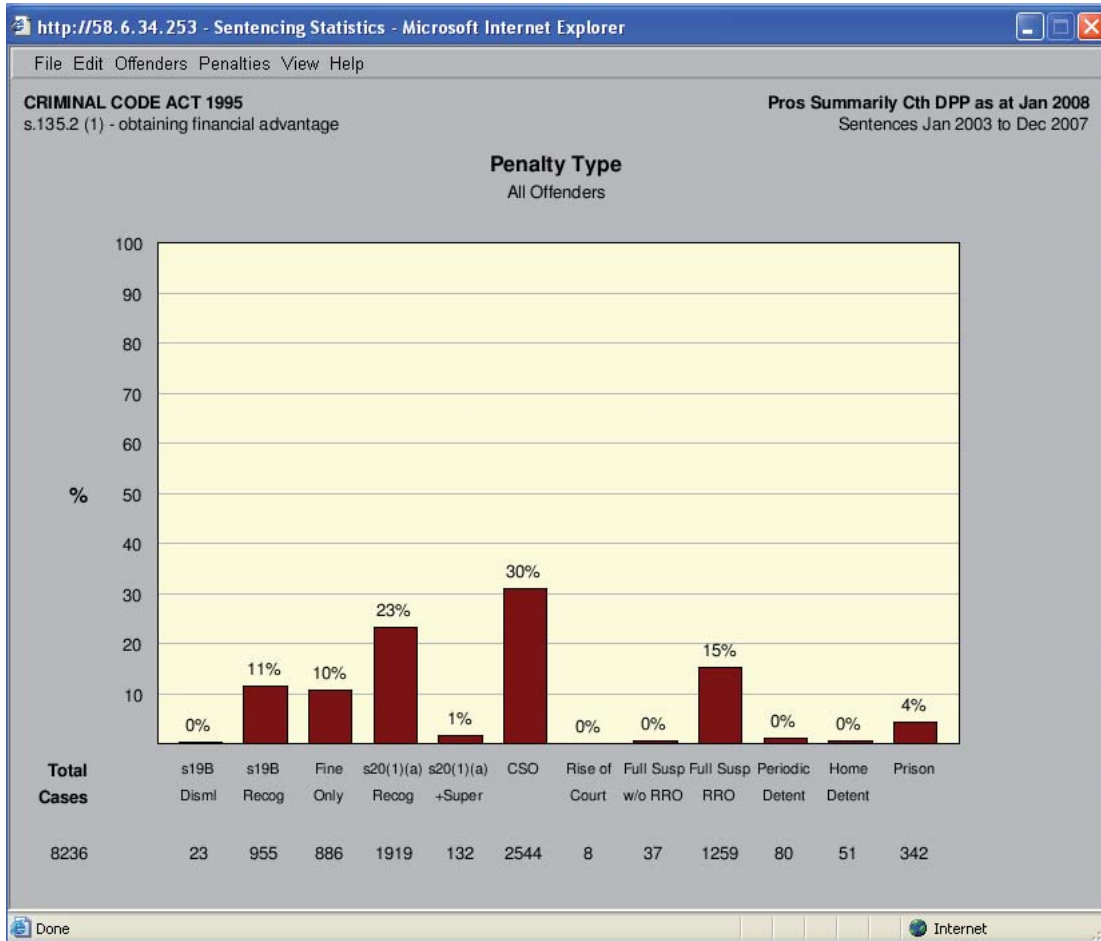


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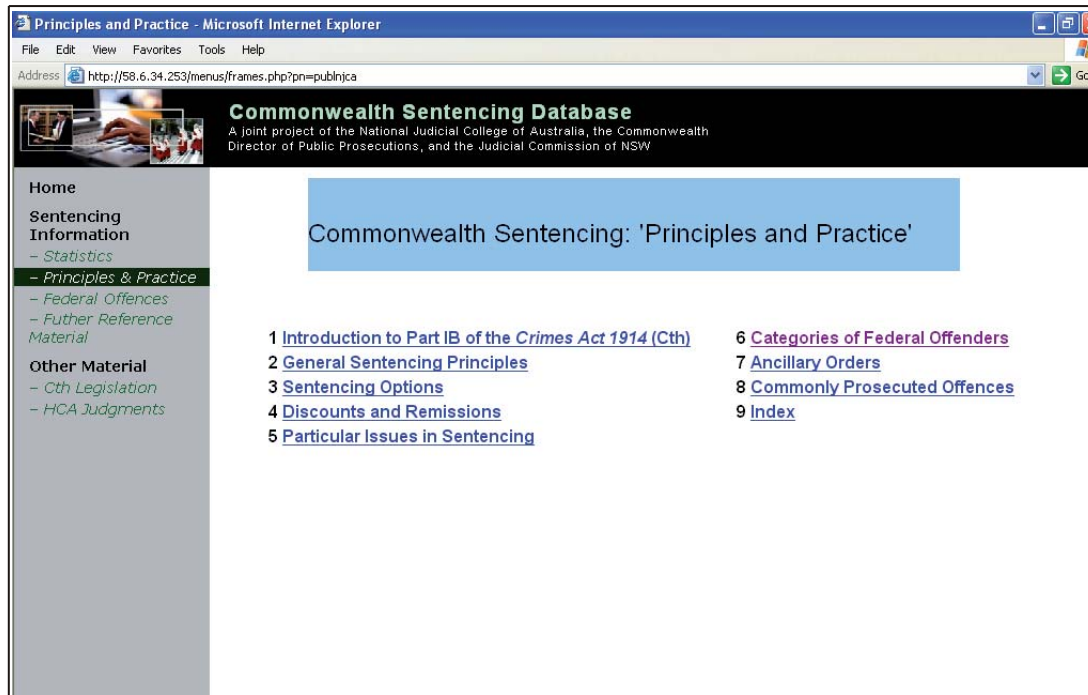
The Database is designed to provide judicial officers with reliable, accessible and up-to-date information on penalties imposed for breaches of Commonwealth laws. It is an Internet accessible computer database comprising sentencing statistics, guidance on the principles and practice followed by the courts in sentencing for Commonwealth offences and links to reference material such as legislation, caselaw and articles.

The Sentencing Statistics Component provides users with online access to statistical information in the form of graphs and tables on the range and frequency of penalties imposed by courts for Commonwealth criminal offences.



The statistics can be further interrogated by entering specific details of the offence and the offender. For example: age, prior record, plea, State/Territory or amount defaulted.

The Sentencing Principles and Practice component of the Database contains concise commentary on sentencing principles for Commonwealth criminal offences and is linked to relevant court reports and legislation.



How to access the Database

New South Wales judicial officers can access the Database via the Judicial Information Research System operated by the Judicial Commission of New South Wales.

Judicial officers elsewhere in Australia can access the Database via the website of the National Judicial College of Australia: www.njca.com.au

Staff of the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions can access the Database via the intranet operated by that Office.

The Database will also be made available through law society and law court libraries.

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