

CORRECTIONAL SERVICE CANADA

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<p>By March 31, 2018</p> <p>CSC needs to confirm to the Committee that it has successfully implemented the Criminal Risk Index.</p>	<p>The Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) has improved procedures to provide offenders with opportunities to complete Correctional Programs prior to conditional release eligibility dates.</p> <p>In the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year, staff were provided Criminal Risk Index (CRI) introductory training. In November 2017, required CRI modifications were made within CSC's Offender Management System. In December 2017, CRI implementation training was provided to staff.</p> <p>In January and February 2018, revised CSC policies were promulgated and the CRI was successfully implemented for the assignment of offenders to correctional programs.</p>

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<p>By March 31, 2018</p> <p>CSC needs to confirm to the Committee that it has successfully integrated structured guidance for Aboriginal social history in staff induction and continuous development training, and has implemented measures to ensure that staff follows this guidance.</p>	<p>The Correctional Service of Canada’s (CSC) Aboriginal Initiatives Directorate and Reintegration Operations Division worked in collaboration to ensure that Aboriginal Social History (ASH) components were integrated into the updated Parole Officer Induction Training. In addition, the Parole Officer Continuous Development Training for 2017-2018 included a full day, in-person course on ASH to provide more structural guidance to staff.</p> <p>CSC has also updated and revised its case management Commissioner’s Directives to provide more functional ASH guidance to staff. This revision included the addition of instructional messaging on how to utilize and implement ASH in several case management areas. These changes were promulgated in January 2018. Additionally, as part of the enhancement of its policy suite, CSC has promulgated a tool for ASH that guides staff through ASH considerations and analysis.</p> <p>In 2017, training sessions on ASH were also delivered at all seven male Aboriginal Intervention Centres (AIC) across Canada, to the Parole Board of Canada and to staff members working with the Inuit portfolio.</p> <p>In June 2017, a new mandatory field was also added to the Offender Management System on the Assessment for Decision screen for Indigenous offenders. This addition was to ensure appropriate consideration of ASH in the decision-making process.</p>