

Review

Selected socio-economic costs of crime committed by members of criminal groups

Background and objectives:

- The aim of the report is to describe selected socio-economic costs of crime committed by members of criminal groups (i.e. adult gang-criminal groups and outlaw motorcycle clubs). This is obtained by looking at the costs of the Police, the Prosecution Service (*Anklagemyndigheden*), the courts of justice and the Danish Prison and Probation Service (*Kriminalforsorgen*). Costs of victims of property crimes are also included.

Research design:

- The data consists of 3,593 men who were recorded in the PID as members of criminal groups between June 2009 and the turn of the year 2016/2017.
- The PID data is combined with information from Statistics Denmark.
- A criminal group (i.e. outlaw motorcycle clubs and adult gang-criminal group) is defined as an organised group that carries out serious crime.
- Further information, including information on the cost of programmes and charges, investigations, convictions and incarceration, were obtained by the Ministry of Justice through consultations of its authorities.
- The report is restricted to costs of crime committed by gang members and outlaw bikers in 2016.

Findings:

- The cost of victims of offences against property amounts to about DKK 5 million. This only includes the estimated insurance costs and does not include potential cost of treatment or loss of earnings.
- The costs associated with the exit programmes of the Police and the Prison and Probation Service are estimated at DKK 19.5 million.
- The costs associated with punitive action by the Police, the Prosecution Service, the courts and the Prison and Probation Service total DKK 290 million. The police's costs of charges and investigations total DKK 69 million. The Prosecution Service estimates its costs at DKK 24.3 million while the courts spent DKK 10.7 million and the Prison and Probation Service spent DKK 186 million in 2016 on punitive actions against persons recorded as members of criminal groups.
- Total costs amounted to DKK 314.8 million in 2016.

