

Capacities indicators on access to justice illustrate well the inherent dangers of single, imperfect indicators creating perverse incentives. Although the ‘conviction rate’ is often seen as a touchstone of criminal justice effectiveness, there may be ways to reformulate and improve on what is currently measured. For example, only those convictions that are based on due process should contribute to the recognition of stronger judicial capacity. Similarly, rather than looking simply at convictions per recorded crime, a focus on the ratio of *defendants* convicted to the *total perpetrators of crime* (measurable through a carefully constructed victimisation survey) would offer due recognition both that many crimes go unrecorded and that crimes often have multiple perpetrators – the conviction of all of whom is desirable.

