

Role of the Research Branch (R-05, 1989)

This report presents a general strategy for the development of the research function in the Correctional Service of Canada, and proposes a particular role and mandate for the Research Branch in the Communications and Corporate Development Sector. It outlines a process for the development and approval of an annual national research plan, suggests a mechanism for periodic review of progress and revision of priorities if necessary, and describes a multifaceted approach for the effective communication and dissemination of research findings.

In defining applied corrections research, the report states that all research conducted should be relevant in an operational sense. It should also clearly relate to some policy issue, either current or emerging, that is responsive to regional and national needs. All research must reflect the best possible standards of scientific rigour and be communicated in a language understandable to its total readership.