

The Development of Probation and Non-Custodial Measures in Thailand



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Outline

- Structural Development of the Thai Probation System
- Evolution of Probation Cornerstone: Adjustment of Section 56

Structural Development



Early Development of the Thai Probation System

1952

- Firstly applied to juvenile offenders only
- By Juvenile detention center

1956

- Extended to adult criminal cases
- Section 56-58 of the Penal Code 1956

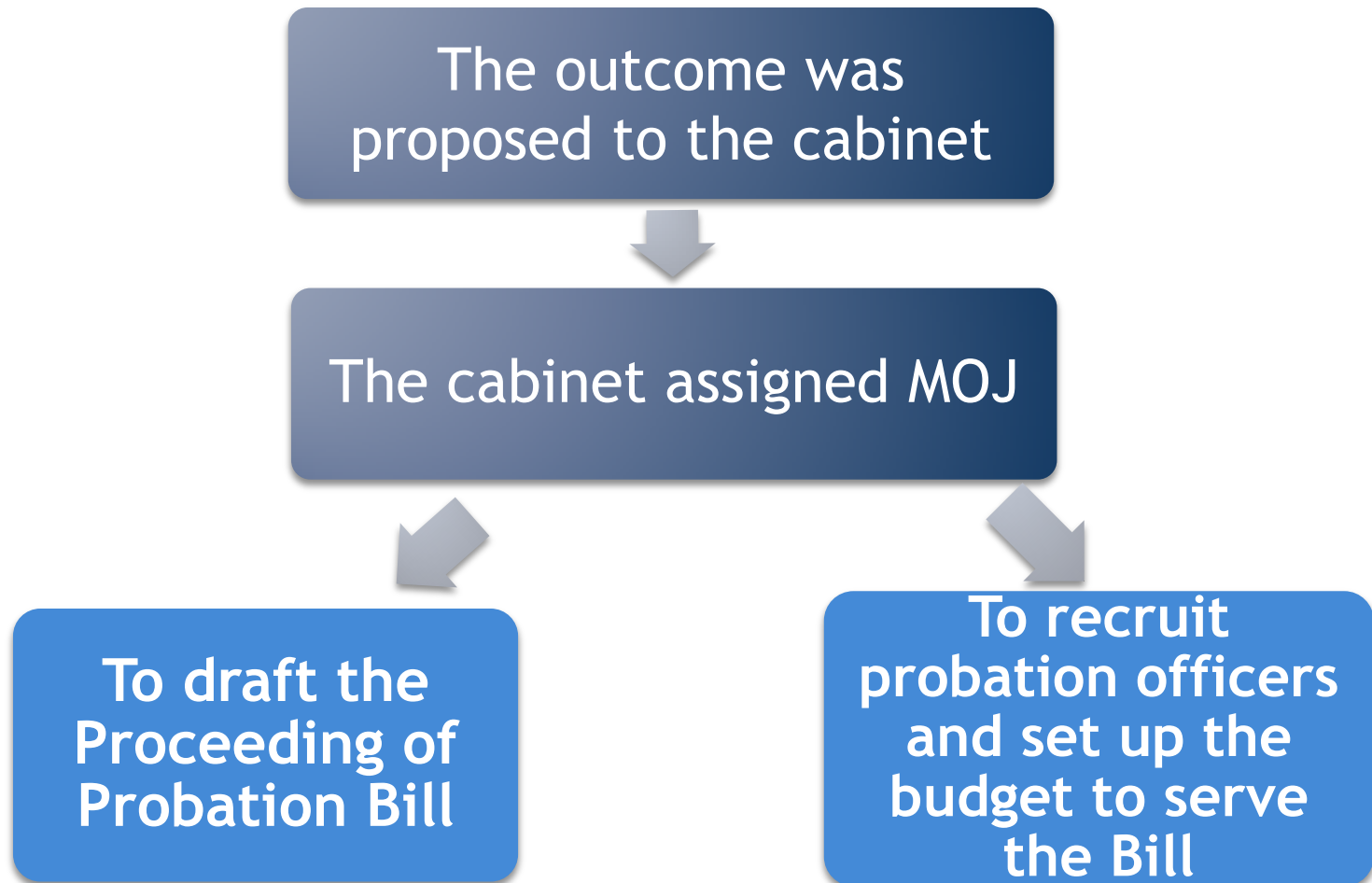
1976

- The attempt to put probation into practice
- The Conference on Alternatives to Imprisonment

Probation was not being ordered due to a lack of responsible agency

Early Development of the Thai Probation System

1976 - Attempt to Put Probation into Practice



Early Development of the Thai Probation System

1979

- The Proceedings of Probation Act
- The First Probation Office

1992

- Upgraded to the Department of Probation

The Act prescribes:

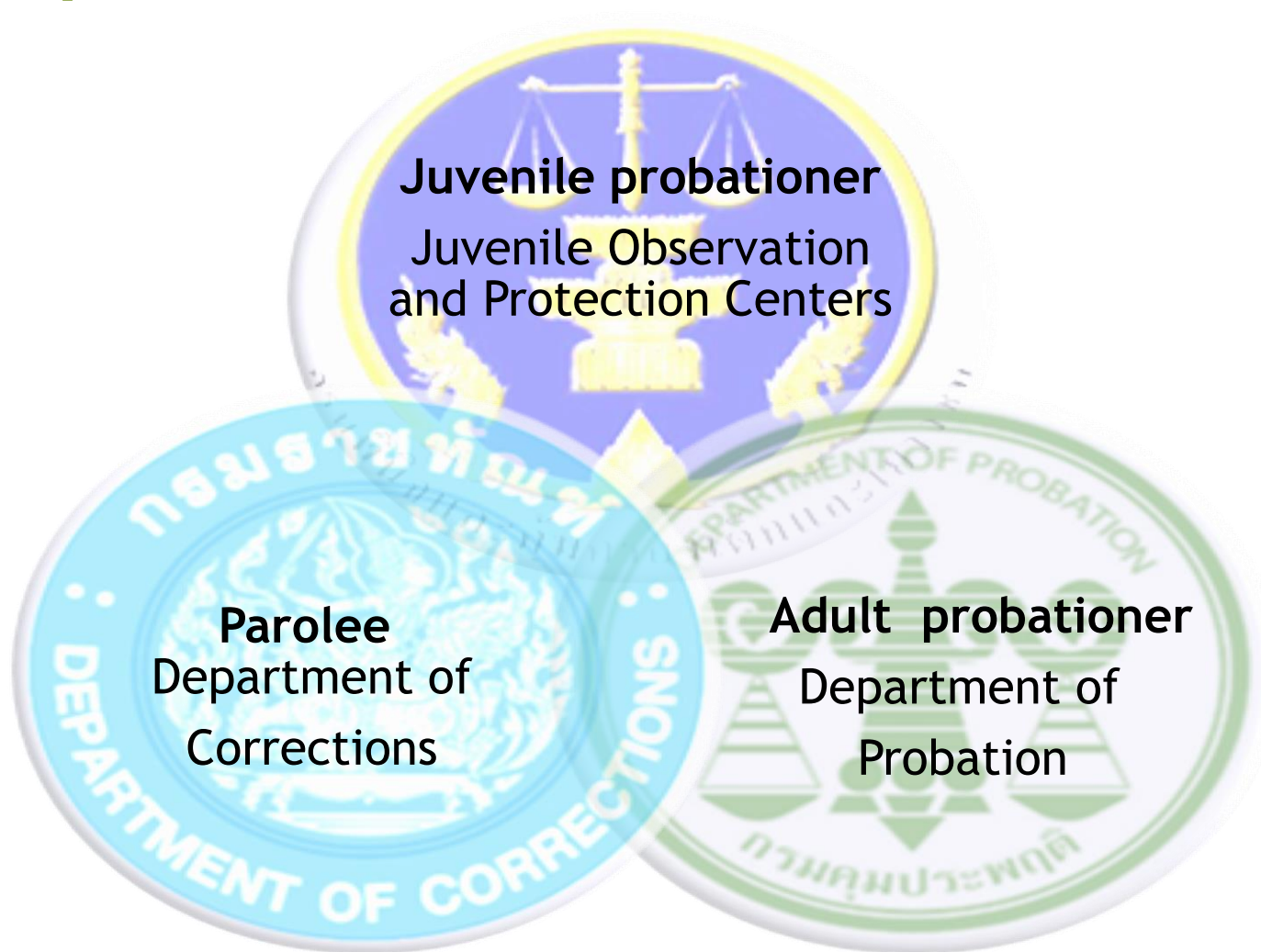
- Probation procedures
- Power and duty of the POs

1992 - Upgraded to the Department of Probation



- To meet with rising number of caseloads
- To increase the efficiency of service
- Separated from the court
- Client: Adult Probationers

Duplication of the Probation Services



2001- Reorganizing Probation Services

- The cabinet resolution of 10th July 2001



Juvenile
Probationer



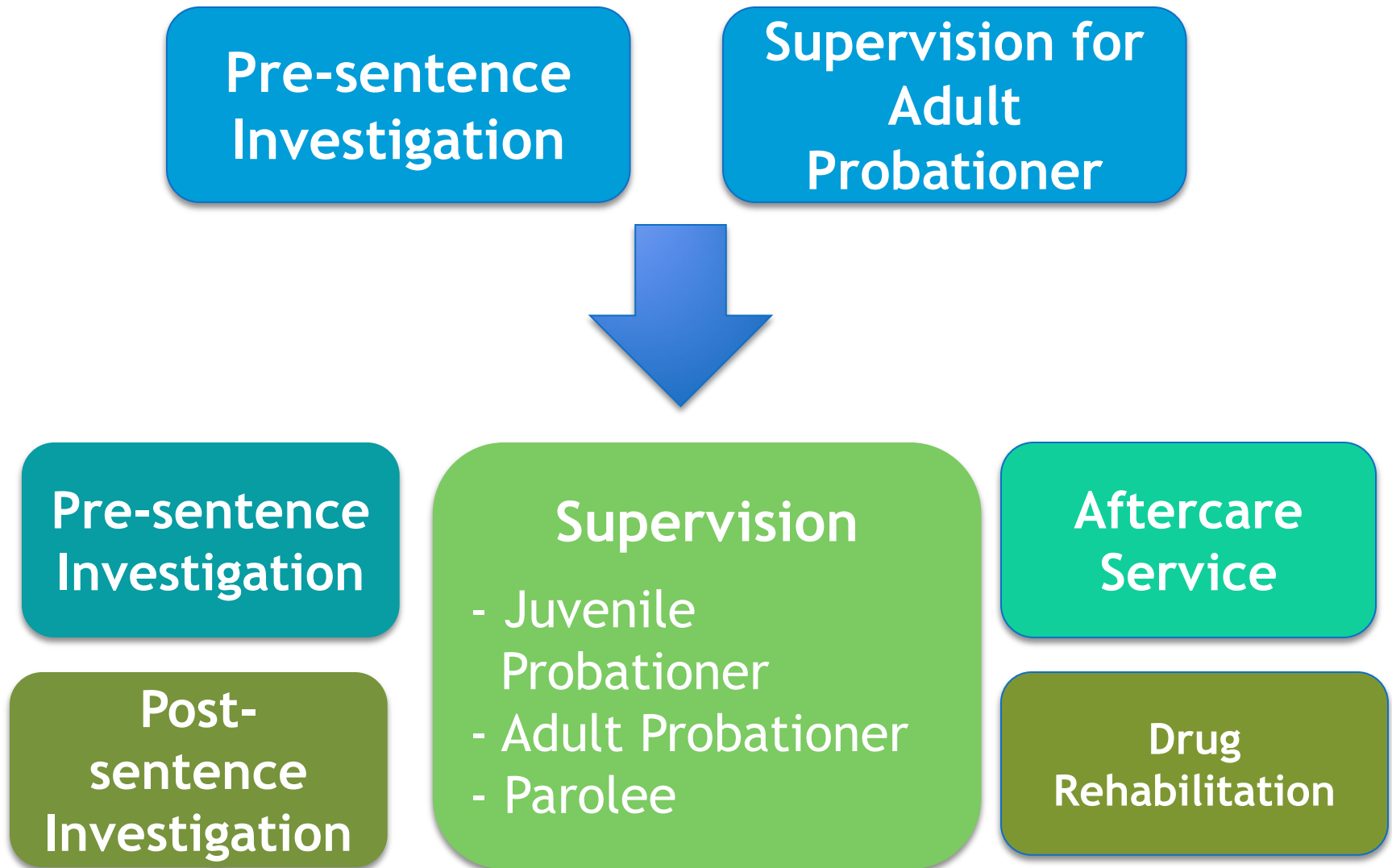
Adult Probationer

Aftercare Service
Drug Rehabilitation

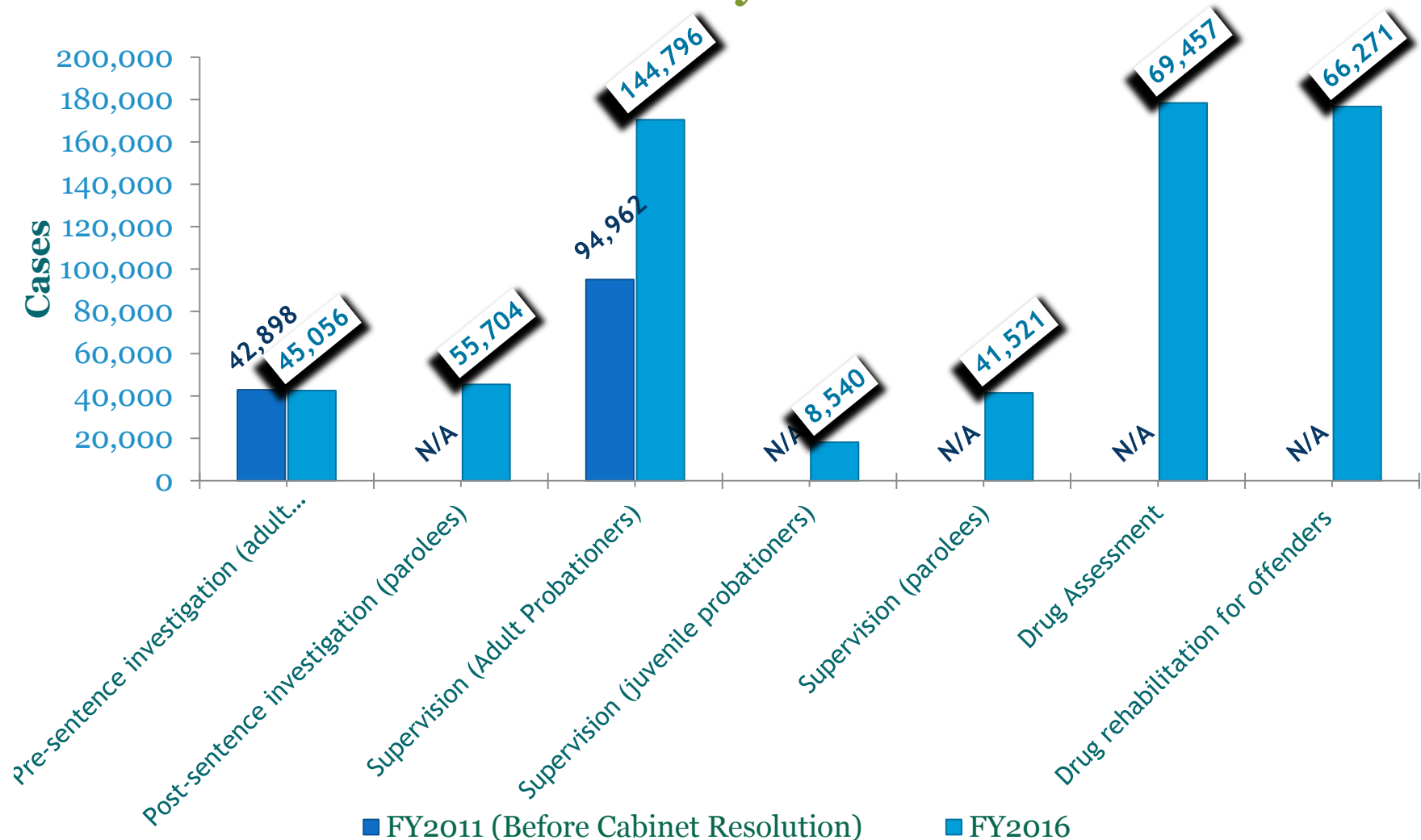


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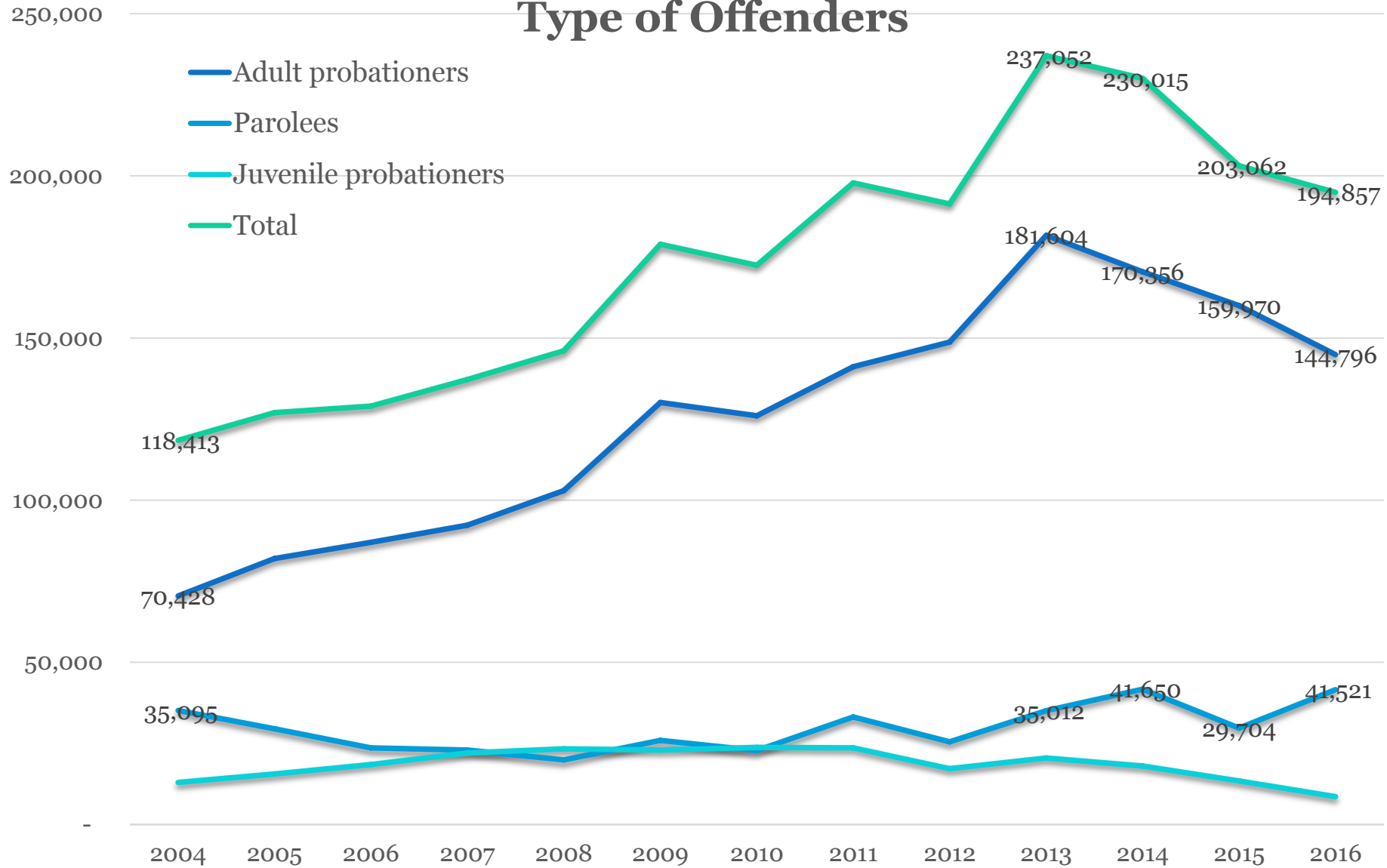
Cabinet Resolution of 10th July 2001



Comparison of cases before Cabinet resolution and Fiscal year 2016



Type of Offenders



Evolution of Probation Cornerstone:

Adjustment of Section 56



The Amendments of the Penal Code

Section 56

1956

Imprisonment **only**

2 years

Never been
Imprisoned*

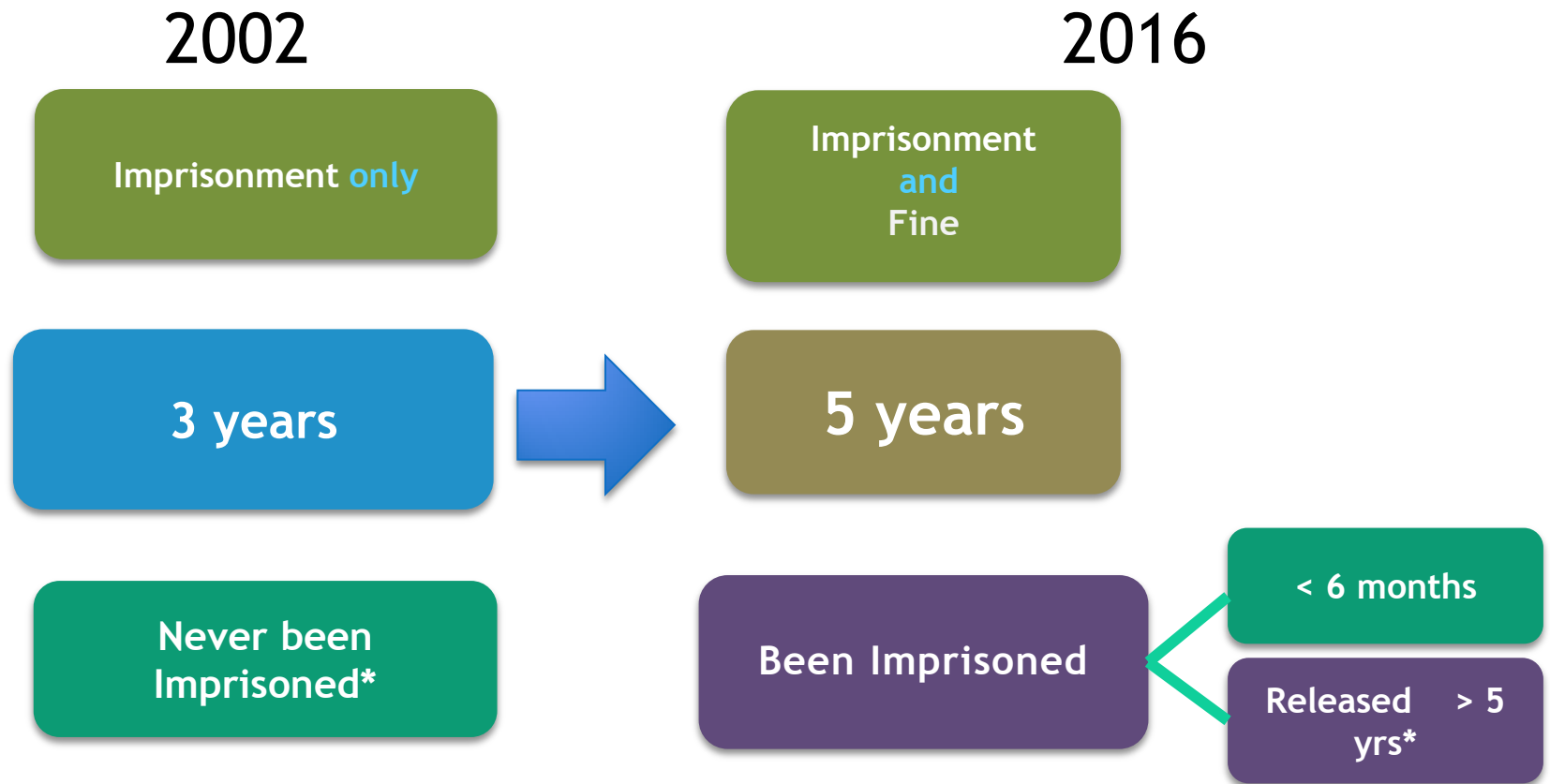
1989

Add
court to
discretion to impose
probation condition
based on PO report



The Amendments of the Penal Code

Section 56



The Amendments of the Penal Code

Section 56

1. Fine is eligible for sentence suspension
2. Imprisonment term Eligible: 5 years
3. Types of eligible offenders Eligible: Imprisoned
4. Factors Considered by the Court: Remorse & Repair
5. 5 New Probation Conditions

The Amendment of the Penal Code

The Penal Code 1979

Type of
Community
Service
only w/
consent



Amendment 2016

Type of
Community
Service
w/o consent

Area
Restriction



Restoration

The Amendment of the Penal Code

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Probation Plan





Thank you

