

## ***Cost of crime estimates, Cost-Benefit Analysis and the economics of crime prevention***

A key role of cost of crime estimates is to act as benefit measures in Cost-Benefit Analysis of criminal justice interventions and projects: (R. O. Zerbe, D. D. Dively 1994). The Home Office estimates of (S. Brand, R. Price 2000), for example, were used as the basis for evaluation guidelines supplied to analysts exploring the impact of the interventions comprising the Crime Reduction Programme in the UK: for the guidelines see (S. Dhiri, S. Brand 1999): for an application see (R. Bowles, R. Pradiptyo 2004). The application of CBA, and the closely-related tool of Cost Effectiveness Analysis, has been more thoroughly developed in other policy areas including health (Gold and others 1996), education, transport and the environment.

Other applications can be found in works in the US including application to the analysis of policing (J. Horowitz, E. Zedlewski 2006) and in the well-known analysis of criminal justice interventions in the State of Washington (S. Aos *et al.* 2001; S. Aos *et al.* 2007).

(W. S. Barnett 2007)

Reducing offending risk in children and young people

(A. Grogan-Kaylor, M. D. Otis 2003)

Having considered the methodology for estimating the costs of crime and some of the areas of application of the methodology there are some important outstanding issues that have not as yet been fully resolved.