2012 HSC - Aboriginal Studies Start here. The programs have not may Sample 1 Question 16(b) decrease the rate but is very at slowly. The program cit One indigenous program known as circle sentencing has played a role in the decrease, of mate imprisonment rates. The Wiradyuri and the Lakota, Pine Ridge reserve both have this program. 8. The circle sentencing involves elders indigenous elders, a mangerstrate magistrate and the police. For this to work, the offender has to admit to the crime and it has to be their first offense. From this point the magistrate, police and elders will come up with a suitable punishment for the offender. The punishment is usually the community work. The problem with this program is there are not many places you can a go if you needed circle sentencing. There are below 10 circle sentencing places in Australia. With better outcomes, there will need to be more.