

The law reform process

IDEA FOR LAW REFORM

These may come from Cabinet, government departments, lobby groups, Members of Parliament, private citizens, etc.

EITHER



The idea for a Bill gains enough support for Government to consider it directly.



The Minister responsible for the Law Commission may refer the idea to the Law Commission for consideration.



RESEARCH

The Commission will conduct extensive research into the area of law and will consult key stakeholders.



PUBLISH ISSUES PAPER (HAVE YOUR SAY)

The Commission will publish an Issues Paper containing background information and questions for people to consider. The Commission asks the public to submit their opinions on the Issues Paper.



PUBLISH FINAL REPORT

The Commission makes final recommendations in a Report which the Minister tables in the House of Representatives and the Commission publishes on its website.

GOVERNMENT RESPONDS TO THE LAW COMMISSION REPORT

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The Law Commission's Role