

JUSTICE AND LEGISLATIVE REFORM CABINET COMMITTEE

Terms of reference

April 2018

Membership	
Premier	Hon Steven Marshall MP (standing invitation to attend)
Deputy Premier	Hon Vickie Chapman MP (Chair)
Treasurer	Hon Rob Lucas MLC (standing invitation to attend)
Minister for Human Services	Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services	Hon Corey Wingard MP (Deputy Chair)
Minister for Environment and Water Cabinet Secretary	Hon David Speirs MP (standing invitation to attend)

Objectives

To drive the development and implementation of the Government's commitment to major reforms in the justice portfolio and to scrutinise, from a whole-of-government perspective, the legislative and regulatory implications of major initiatives.

To monitor the status of key commitments and initiatives in the areas of justice and legislative reform, including monitoring the performance of key agencies and the outcomes achieved by those agencies.

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The Committee will meet its objectives by:

1. Developing and scrutinising proposals related to the reform of the State's justice system, including law enforcement, crime reduction and the corrections system
2. Providing scrutiny and oversight, from a whole-of-government perspective, in relation to the wider legislative implications of major initiatives, projects and reforms, including by assessing the regulatory costs and benefits of proposals
3. Examining the intergovernmental implications of initiatives that require significant legislative and regulatory reform, including the relationship between state reforms and national reform initiatives in the areas of law enforcement, justice reform and crime reduction
4. Calling accountable Ministers and Chief Executives to appear before the Committee to provide updates on the status and delivery of key commitments, policies and projects
5. Instructing the Officials' group to undertake work as required to progress matters and support deliberations of the Committee
6. Scrutinising and overseeing, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, any strategic and cross portfolio projects, reforms and policy issues that have a direct bearing on the responsibilities exercised by the Committee
7. Considering any other related matter referred to it by Cabinet.

The Committee will apply one of the following decisions to submissions it considers:

- approved to proceed to Cabinet
- approved to proceed to Cabinet as amended
- not approved to proceed to Cabinet.

The Criminal Justice Sector Reform Council chaired by the Attorney General will operate as a sub-committee of the Justice and Legislative Reform Cabinet Committee. Referral of any matters between the two bodies will be at the discretion of the Attorney-General.

Operational matters

Meetings

The Committee will meet at the discretion of the Chair.

Ministers, including Assistant Ministers, and officials who are not designated Committee members may attend on approval of the Chair to assist in deliberations of individual proposals, noting Committee outcomes remain the prerogative of Committee members only. The Premier and the Treasurer have discretion to nominate a senior official to attend Committee meetings on their behalf and actively participate in deliberations.

Quorum will consist of the Chair plus one other member or their formal nominated representative.

Secretariat

The secretariat function supporting the Committee will be provided by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

Officials' group

At the discretion of the Chair, a network of senior officials from relevant agencies will be established to support the deliberations and work of the Committee. The Committee will determine and approve the objectives and work plan of the group.

Agenda

The Chair may approve a range of strategic and cross portfolio items, consistent with the terms of reference, for the Committee's discussion and consideration. Matters falling within the Committee's terms of reference can also be referred to it by the Cabinet Secretary through the forward agenda process.

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