

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Criminal Justice System Review







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- Review criminal justice system and sentencing reforms over the past decade.
- Identify and examine systemic problems that make the system less efficient and seek ways to ensure just outcomes for those disproportionately impacted by the CJS.
- Enhance public safety, provide value for money and ensure that the system reflects core Canadian values.



CJS Review: Discussion Points

(1) Core principles of the CJS

(2) Efficiency in the CJS

(3) Sentencing

(4) Impacts of the CJS on vulnerable populations







(1) Core Principles of the CJS

- In what ways does the CJS reflect Canadian values?
- What changes are required to ensure that the purposes and principles of the CJS reflect Canadian values?

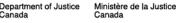




(2) Efficiency in the CJS

 Can we improve efficiencies and make better use of existing resources:

- at the investigative and pre-trial stage?
- during trial?
- post trial, including within the corrections system?
- reintegration into society?





(3) Sentencing

- How can sentencing laws and their application be improved to ensure just results for the offender, the victim and for society?
- How do we properly balance sentencing principles such as deterrence, denunciation, rehabilitation and reparation and acknowledgement of the harm done?





(4) Impacts of the CJS on Vulnerable Populations

- What areas of the CJS have the greatest impact on vulnerable members of Canadian society, as victims or as accused?
- What changes can be made so that just outcomes at all stages are provided to those disproportionately involved in the CJS?







Opportunities for Improvement

 Where should efforts be focussed in order to better address the causes and consequences of crime?

What should be the priorities for improving the CJS?







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