



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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