



Terms of Reference

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Inquiry into Access to and Interaction with the Justice System By People with an Intellectual Disability and Their Families and Carers

That pursuant to the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, the Law Reform Committee is required to inquire into, consider and report no later than 30 March 2012* on access to and interaction with the justice system by people with an intellectual disability and their families and carers, including:

- (a) key issues and themes, including but not limited to:
 - (i) participants' knowledge of their rights;
 - (ii) availability of appropriate services and supports;
 - (iii) dealings with the police; and
 - (iv) the operation of the courts;
- (b) measures within Australia and internationally to improve access to, and interaction with, the justice system, including but not limited to measures that seek to:
 - (i) break down barriers to the justice system and enhance participation;
 - (ii) deliver just and equitable outcomes;
 - (iii) facilitate collaborative and co-ordinated approaches across government departments and agencies; and
 - (iv) provide responses that address the circumstances of the offender and offence concerned.
- (c) consideration as to whether the findings of the inquiry have broader application to people with a disability other than an intellectual disability, for example those with an acquired brain injury or neurological condition leading to cognitive disability.**

* The reporting date was extended to 30 November 2012 by resolution of the Legislative Assembly on 28 March 2012. The reporting date was further extended to 5 March 2013 by resolution of the Legislative Assembly on 12 December 2012.

** Paragraph (c) was inserted by resolution of the Legislative Assembly on 30 June 2011.