



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA – COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

59th Parliament

Inquiry into Victoria's Justice System

On 3 June 2020 the Legislative Council agreed to the following motion:

That this House requires the Legal and Social Issues Committee to inquire into, consider and report, by no later than 28 February 2022, on various issues associated with the operation of Victoria's justice system, including, but not limited to —

- (1) an analysis of factors influencing Victoria's growing remand and prison populations;
- (2) strategies to reduce rates of criminal recidivism;
- (3) an examination of how to ensure that judges and magistrates have appropriate knowledge and expertise when sentencing and dealing with offenders, including an understanding of recidivism and the causes of crime; and
- (4) the consideration of judicial appointment processes in other jurisdictions, specifically noting the particular skill-set necessary for judges and magistrates overseeing specialist courts.