



Justice Ministry Home Office

Policy statement
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Statement of purpose

The Justice Ministry is responsible for:

- the administration of criminal & civil justice
- criminal & civil justice policy
- cross-government legal service provision
- constitutional affairs
- legislative reform
- land registration

Policy areas

Future and ongoing policy areas that the ministry is focusing on include:

- Civil law codification
The grounding of civil law is unclear and needs clarification. A basis for civil law needs to be established (in conjunction with criminal law codification) and basic rules of procedure need to be written.
- Criminal law codification
The grounding of criminal law is similarly unclear and needs clarification. A basis for criminal law also needs to be established (in conjunction with civil law codification) and basic rules of procedure need to be written. Police powers need to be established and a statutory basis for the police service established.
- Immigration procedure codification
Immigration procedure needs to be clarified, consolidated and put on a statutory basis. Policy clarification is needed.
- Courts reform
Civil and criminal court systems need to be established, with enforcement procedures.



Positive action

Green (consultation) papers need to be issued to cover the following subjects:

- Civil & criminal law basis & grounding (policy)
- Civil & criminal law procedure (procedure)
- Police powers (procedure)
- Statutory basis of the police service (procedure)
- Immigration (policy & procedure)
- Statutory basis of civil & criminal courts (procedure)
- Civil & criminal court sentence enforcement (procedure)

Policy areas are those which require policy-formulating discussion and formal agreement before further action by way of procedure.

Procedure areas are those where policy is clear or uncontroversial.

Implementation of policy statement

Green papers will be drafted and published for consultation over the next six weeks. All green papers are aimed to be published by mid-September.

Responses to green papers will be collated and discussed (through formal channels where necessary). White papers will be issued before the end of the year.

It may be possible for the process to be expedited in some areas. Further statements will be made in due course, as consultation progresses.

