

<b>Ministry of Justice</b> <b>Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update</b>	<b>December</b> <b>2010</b>
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**(1) Actions due to be completed in December 2010**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
Develop options, working with the Department for Work and Pensions, to pay Work Programme providers to give employment support to offenders	Complete
Draft legislation to ensure that historical convictions for consensual gay sex with over-16s will be treated as spent and do not need to be disclosed	Complete
Consult on a programme of court closures and analyse responses	Complete
Develop options for public consultation on protection against aggressive bailiffs and to encourage more flexibility in bailiff collections	Complete
Finalise package of measures and agree way forward across departments to provide people with greater protection to prevent crime, apprehend criminals and to defend themselves against intruders	Not complete

**(2) Actions due to be started by end of December 2010**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
Consult through the Green Paper on rehabilitation and sentencing reform (end Feb 2011)	Work started
Develop proposals and phased implementation plan to streamline and reform the Criminal Justice System, to deliver a more efficient and cost effective system, working with the Home Office, Law Officers' Departments and criminal justice agencies and the judiciary (end Jul 2011)	Work started
Review fine enforcement processes to find opportunities to improve effectiveness and value for money (end Jan 2011)	Work started
Develop plans to centralise functions across civil, family and administrative courts, as part of the merger of the Tribunals Service and HM Courts Service (end Jan 2011)	Work started
Identify specific courts for closure and develop implementation plans to transfer work and dispose of assets (end Apr 2011)	Work started
Develop proposals for reform of family court services, following the interim report of the Family Justice Review (end Autumn 2011)	Work started
Design as many further pilots as possible to contract out rehabilitation, working with private and voluntary organisations to refine proposals (end Aug 2011)	Work ongoing
Support the Department of Health to rollout liaison and diversion services for mentally ill offenders (end Nov 2014)	Work ongoing
Develop proposals for Community Payback (end May 2011)	Work ongoing
Publish plans to increase community access to local criminal justice (end Mar 2011)	Work ongoing
Consult on the benefits of creating a unified HM Courts and Tribunals Service (end Feb 2011)	Work ongoing
Analyse consultation responses and launch new agency to create a unified HM Courts and Tribunals Service (end Apr 2011)	Work ongoing
Consult on Lord Justice Jackson's proposals for civil litigation funding and costs (end Feb 2011)	Work ongoing

Lead on a review of existing legislation, supported by other government departments, to identify unnecessary laws and options for repeal (end Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
Develop proposals for a competition strategy for all offender services (end Jan 2011)	Work ongoing
Consult on legal aid reform (end early 2011)	Work ongoing
Run a payment by results pilot in Peterborough (end Aug 2016)	Work ongoing
Prepare initial 'lessons learned' assessment of Peterborough pilot to inform the development of future pilots (end May 2011)	Work ongoing
Support the design and establish up to six pilots, with sufficient scale to provide statistically significant results, working with private and voluntary organisations to pay providers by results to rehabilitate offenders with drugs problems (end Sep 2011)	Work ongoing
Design and launch a pilot for a drugs recovery prison wing, which links up with other payment by results pilots (end Jun 2011)	Work ongoing
Introduce secondary legislation to implement the Prisoners' Earnings Act 1996 to allow prison governors to deduct from prisoners' earnings and transfer the money into the Victims' Fund (end Sep 2011)	Work ongoing
Develop proposals for Working Prisons and work with private sector and voluntary organisations to introduce more work for prisoners (end May 2011)	Work ongoing
Explore additional means of deducting prisoners' wages (end May 2011)	Work ongoing
Design and put in place governance arrangements to bring together those departments delivering criminal justice, building on arrangements in place (end Jan 2011)	Work ongoing
Develop options and funding for the greater use of video and other technology to improve the efficiency of the criminal courts (end Mar 2011)	Work ongoing
Develop proposals to extend the road traffic accident claims procedure (end Mar 2011)	Work ongoing
Develop proposals to publish detailed court data in an open and standardised format (end Jun 2011)	Work ongoing
Spread information about which sentences are most effective at cutting reoffending across the Criminal Justice System, working with the Home Office which is spreading information about which policing techniques are the most effective (end Jun 2011)	Work ongoing
Support the work of the Cabinet Office and Home Office to legislate through the Freedom Bill (end Feb 2011)	Work ongoing
Develop a draft Defamation Bill (end Mar 2011)	Work ongoing
Develop proposals and draft legislation to extend the Freedom of Information Act to more organisations (end Mar 2011)	Work ongoing
Develop options for the use of intelligence and sensitive material in judicial proceedings, contributing to a Cabinet Office Green Paper, to ensure that arrangements best serve the interests of justice and national security (end Jul 2011)	Work ongoing
Develop and implement a phased programme to restructure the National Offender Management Service (end Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
Implement changes to senior management structures in the National Offender Management Service (end Apr 2011)	Work ongoing
Establish and begin an arm's-length body review programme, which will determine which bodies should be retained, reformed or abolished under the Cabinet Office's Public Services Bill (end Dec 2011)	Work ongoing
Establish plans to take forward the announcement to abolish 10 of our arm's-length bodies (including the Youth Justice Board) (end Dec 2011)	Work ongoing
Implement plans to change the Legal Services Commission to an executive agency (end Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
Implement plans for the reform of all other arm's-length bodies (end Mar 2012)	Work ongoing

### (3) Explanation of missed deadlines

In December 2010, the Department missed the following deadlines:

<b>Deadline missed</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Finalise package of measures and agree way forward across departments to provide people with greater protection to prevent crime, apprehend criminals and to defend themselves against intruders	The discussion on the package of proposals is well advanced, but has not yet received formal clearance from Home Affairs Committee. This is expected to be completed by the end of January 2011.

The status of missed deadlines from previous reports is:

<b>Deadline missed</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Develop reform options for the sentencing framework that covers the full range of penalties and restorative measures in adult and youth sentencing (Oct 2010)	Complete	The Green Paper 'Breaking the cycle: effective punishment, rehabilitation and sentencing of offenders' was published on 7 December 2010.
Develop a Green Paper setting out the approach to reducing reoffending and improving rehabilitation (Oct 2010)		