



Special Public Bill Committee on the Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill [HL]

Call for Evidence

The House of Lords has established a Special Public Bill Committee on the Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill. The long title of the Bill is “to give effect to Law Commission recommendations relating to commencement of enactments relating to sentencing law and to make provision for pre-consolidation amendments of sentencing law.”

Special Public Bill Committees are empowered to take written and oral evidence on a Bill before considering it. **The Committee would therefore welcome your views on the provisions contained within the Bill, and any other matters that would be considered to be relevant to the subject matter as defined by the long title.**

The Committee have seen the November 2018 report of the Law Commission on these matters ([Law Com No 382](#)) and so references may be made in your evidence to that report. The Committee will be considering legislation in this field in general terms and, as such, will not be investigating individual cases.

Written evidence should be submitted online using the written submission form available at: www.parliament.uk/sentencing-pca-bill-submission-form. This page also provides guidance on submitting evidence.

The call for evidence deadline is 2 July 2019.

Short submissions are preferred. A submission longer than six pages should include a one-page summary. Paragraphs should be numbered. All submissions made through the written submission form will be acknowledged automatically by email.

Evidence which is accepted by the Committee may be published online at any stage; when it is so published it becomes subject to parliamentary copyright and is protected by parliamentary privilege. Submissions which have been previously published will not be accepted as evidence.

Once you have received acknowledgement that the evidence has been accepted you will receive a further email, and at this point you may publicise or publish your evidence yourself. In doing so you must indicate that it was prepared for the Committee, and you should be aware that your publication or re-publication of your evidence may not be protected by parliamentary privilege.

Personal contact details will be removed from evidence before publication, but will be retained by the Committee Office and used for specific purposes relating to the Committee’s work, for instance to seek additional information.

Persons who submit written evidence, and others, may be invited to give oral evidence. Oral evidence is usually given in public at Westminster and broadcast online; transcripts are also

taken and published online. Persons invited to give oral evidence will be notified separately of the procedure to be followed and the topics likely to be discussed.

Substantive communications to the Committee about the inquiry should be addressed through the clerk of the Committee, whether or not they are intended to constitute formal evidence to the Committee.

This is a public call for evidence. Please bring it to the attention of other groups and individuals who may not have received a copy direct.

You can follow the progress of the inquiry at: www.parliament.uk/sentencing-pca-bill-cmttee.

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