

## **REVIEW OF MURDER DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE**

To review the various elements of murder<sup>1</sup>, including the defences and partial defences to it, and the relationship between the law of murder and the law relating to homicide (in particular manslaughter). The review will make recommendations that:

- take account of the continuing existence of the mandatory life sentence for murder;
- provide coherent and clear offences which protect individuals and society;
- enable those convicted to be appropriately punished; and
- be fair and non-discriminatory in accordance with ECHR and Human Rights Act

The process used will be open, inclusive and evidence based:

- a review structure that will look to include key stakeholders;
- consultation with the public, criminal justice practitioners, academics, those who work with victims families, parliamentarians, faith groups;
- looking at evidence from research and from the experiences of other countries in reforming their law.

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