

Third Programme of Law Reform 2008-2014

The Commission's [Third Programme of Law Reform 2008-2014](#) contains 37 law reform projects, grouped under 9 major headings, which the Commission will examine over the next 7 years. These include:

- The Legal System and Public Law
- The Law Relating to Juries
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Law of Evidence
- Documentary Evidence and Technology
- Expert Evidence
- Criminal Law
- The Law of Sexual Offences
- The Victim and the Criminal Justice System
- Land Law and Property
- eConveyancing Road Map
- Family Law
- Legal Aspects of Family Relationships
- Domestic Violence
- Specific Groups in a Changing Society
- Children and the Law
- Legal Aspects of New and Emerging Members of Irish Society (Reunification Procedures and Citizenship)
- Technology, Innovation and the Individual
- Legal Aspects of Bioethics
- Commercial Law
- Insurance Contracts
- International Law
- Civil Law Aspects of the Law of Missing Persons.

The Commission prepared the Third Programme of Law Reform after an extensive consultation process over the past year. The Commission received more than 200 verbal and written submissions suggesting over 400 areas of law for inclusion in the Third Programme. In deciding what to include in the Programme, the Commission applied a number of selection criteria: the selected projects must meet a real community need, especially by filling a gap in the law, including the need to modernise an outdated law; that the projects were suitable for analysis by the legal expertise available in the Commission, supplemented by appropriate consultation with other professionals and interested parties; that the programme should include a mix of projects, so that the Commission's resources are not tied up in one project; and that the projects should not overlap with the work of other bodies engaged in law reform activities. Applying these criteria, the Commission concluded it would be feasible to include 37 law reform projects in the Third Programme of Law Reform.