Issues Paper on Cyber-crime affecting personal safety, privacy and reputation including cyber-bullying

Closing date for submissions: 19 January 2015

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With this issues paper, the Commission is seeking views in relation to the following:

1. Whether the harassment offence in section 10 of the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997 should be amended to incorporate a specific reference to cyber-harassment, including indirect cyber-harassment;

2. Whether there should be an offence that involves a single serious interference, through cyber technology, with another person’s privacy;

3. Whether current law on hate crime adequately addresses activity that uses cyber technology and social media;

4. Whether current penalties for offences which can apply to cyber-harassment and related behaviour are adequate;

5. The adequacy of civil law remedies to protect against cyber-harassment and to safeguard the right to privacy.