

Home Affairs Select Committee - Call for written evidence - The New Landscape of Policing

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The Home Affairs Committee is holding an inquiry into the new landscape of policing, with the aim of assessing the extent to which the Government's proposals, as set out in Policing in the 21st Century, will enhance the efficiency, economy and effectiveness of the police. In particular, the Committee is interested in:

- What progress has the Government made so far, and what further steps should it take, in driving:

- a) More effective procurement in the police service

- b) The removal of unnecessary bureaucracy in the police service

- c) Greater collaboration between forces and other partners, from both the private and the public sectors?

- Which bodies should take on the functions of the National Policing Improvement Agency when it is phased out?

- What advantages/disadvantages would the new National Crime Agency, as proposed by the Government in Policing in the 21st Century, have over the existing Serious Organised Crime Agency?

- In addition to its principal focus on tackling organised crime, what other functions should the proposed new National Crime Agency undertake on behalf of police forces?

- What should be the governance and accountability arrangements for the proposed new National Crime Agency?

- Where in the proposed new landscape would the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre best sit?

- What should be the role of ACPO in the new landscape?

Organisations and individuals interested in making written submissions are invited to do so by Thursday 31st March 2011. Submissions must be no longer than 2,500 words. Further advice on making a submission can be found below.

Oral evidence sessions will be held and further announcements will be made in due course.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Written evidence should if possible be in Word or rich text format—not PDF format—and sent by e-mail to homeaffcom@parliament.uk. The use of colour and expensive-to-print material, e.g. photographs, should be avoided. The body of the e-mail must include a contact name, telephone number and postal address. The e-mail should also make clear who the submission is from.

Submissions must address the terms of reference. They should be in the format of a self-contained memorandum. Paragraphs should be numbered for ease of reference, and the document must include an executive summary.

Submissions should be original work, not previously published or circulated elsewhere, though previously published work can be referred to in a submission and submitted as supplementary material. Once submitted, your submission becomes the property of the Committee and no public use should be made of it unless you have first obtained permission from the Clerk of the Committee. Please bear in mind that the Committee is not able to investigate individual cases.

The Committee normally, though not always, chooses to publish the written evidence it receives, either by printing the evidence, publishing it on the internet or making it publicly available through the Parliamentary Archives. If there is any information you believe to be sensitive you should highlight it and explain what harm you believe would result from its disclosure; the Committee will take this into account in deciding whether to publish or further disclose the evidence.

For data protection purposes, it would be helpful if individuals wishing to submit written evidence send their contact details in a covering letter or e-mail. You should be aware that there may be circumstances in which the House of Commons will be required to communicate information to third parties on request, in order to comply with its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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