1. Criminal offences are divided into two main classes: indictable offences, which are more serious crimes, and summary offences of a more minor nature.
2. An indictable offence is ordinarily prosecuted before a judge and jury. In some circumstances, offences declared to be indictable may be dealt with summarily in a Magistrates Court, generally at the election of the accused.
3. Former Senior Judge Administrator, the Honourable Martin Moynihan AO QC, has been appointed to conduct this review and to report on the working of the Queensland Courts in the civil and criminal jurisdictions with a view to making more effective use of public resources. The Terms of Reference require the reviewer to report on:
* monetary limits for the civil jurisdiction;
* summary disposition of indictable offences;
* reform of the committals proceedings process;
* sentencing discounts for an early plea; and
* case conferencing.
1. Cabinet noted the Terms of Reference for the review of the criminal and civil justice system in Queensland and the release of the discussion paper *Reform of the Committal Proceedings Process*.
2. *Attachments*
* [Terms of Reference for the review of the criminal and civil justice system in Queensland](attachments/Review%20of%20Criminal%20and%20Civil%20Justice%20-%20Terms%20of%20Reference.pdf)
* [*Reform of the Committal Proceedings Process*](attachments/Review%20of%20Criminal%20and%20Civil%20Justice%20-%20Committals%20Process.pdf)