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Repeal of the three strikes law

13. Cabinet has approved the Three Strikes Legislation Repeal Bill for introduction. The Bill, as introduced, does not provide retrospective arrangements for offenders sentenced under the three strikes law. As such, there will not be any impacts on victims of these offenders.
14. Officials are working with your office and PMO on the timing of public announcements about the repeal and the introduction of the Bill. This is currently scheduled for 9 November (but may change).
15. Officials have met with Dr McGregor and had ongoing discussions with Court Services for Victim managers and advisors throughout the development of the repeal legislation, including considering options for proactively contacting victims of strike offenders to inform them of the repeal.
16. Given the lack of retrospective provisions (and subsequent lack of impact on victims) it was decided that there would be little benefit in contacting victims ahead of public announcements. If there are changes to the repeal legislation that might create impacts on victims, this approach can and will be reconsidered. Any communications directly to victims would be developed in close consultation with Court Services for Victim managers and advisors.

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