

TIMETABLE FOR REFORMS

When	Crime	Civil, Family & Immigration
November 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LSC to issue consultation paper on market stability measures 	
December 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LSC to announce detailed arrangements for revised magistrates' court standard fees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LSC to issue draft unified contract for final consultation, until the end of January
Late 2006 / early 2007		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCA to consult professional bodies on revisions to CLS regulations to implement the changes planned for April 2007

Legal Aid Reform: the Way Ahead

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<p>Early 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSC to publish consultation paper on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Local boundary areas – New working arrangements – Level of fixed fees for police station work at a local level • LSC to publish outcome from Market Stability consultation • LSC to publish VHCC consultation paper on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – New VHCC contract – Expressions of Interest criteria, and panel exclusion criteria. – Best Value Protocol • Consultation on new VHCC regulations (including amendment to CDS Funding Order), and new regulations for the Advocates' Graduated Fee Scheme in the Crown Court 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSC to issue further paper on fee scheme for mental health • LSC to issue further paper on fee scheme for immigration and asylum • LSC to issue revised fee scheme for child care work, with elements for further consultation over a limited period • LSC to issue revised fee scheme for family help – private work, with elements for further consultation over a limited period

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April 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of revised standard fees for magistrate's court work (larger conurbations) • Implementation of Market Stability Measures (subject to consultation) • Introduction on new arrangements for Advocates' Graduated Fee • Consultation on new regulations to establish the Litigators Fee Scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the Unified Contract to replace the existing General Civil and Not-for-Profit contracts • Introduce harmonised rates across the Family Proceedings Courts and county courts for private family representation • Introduce measures to provide more pre-proceeding Legal Help
Early Summer 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSC to publish outcome from Police Station consultation • LSC to publish consultation on Best Value Tendering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSC to consult on proposals for fixed fees for advocacy for solicitors and counsel in family cases, including full representation in family – private (for implementation in April 2008) • LSC to consult on criteria for setting TFF contract level from April 2008 • DCA to consult professional bodies on revisions to CLS regulations and LSC Funding Code to implement the changes planned for October 2007
Late Summer 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSC to publish consultation response on Best Value Tendering 	

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October 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of a new litigators GFS • Implement Police Station fixed fees, new working arrangements and revised boundary areas • Launch of the new VHCCC supplier panel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce replacement for Tailored Fixed Fee Scheme for civil and family controlled work • Introduce fee scheme for child care work, other than advocacy • Introduce fee scheme for family help -private work, up to Level 3 (excluding representation at the final contested hearing and than advocacy) • Introduce fee scheme for mental health • Introduce fee scheme for immigration and asylum
Late 2007		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCA to consult professional bodies on revisions to CLS regulations to implement the changes planned for April 2008
April 2008		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce fixed fees for advocacy for solicitors and counsel in family cases, including full representation in family – private
July 2008		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCA and LSC to report on possible changes to civil representation remuneration (Carter recommendation 4.30)
October 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rollout of Best Value Tendering 	

