

Key changes to the law



Powers of investigation

- Video recording of interviews will be implemented in phases, starting with suspects of certain rape offences and suspects with mental disabilities
- The bail regime will be strengthened, including giving the court the discretion to deny bail for bailable offences carrying jail terms



Court procedures

- To protect victims of sexual offences, defence lawyers will not be allowed to ask questions about their sexual history without the court's permission
- Deferred prosecution agreements will be introduced, under which corporations are spared prosecution in exchange for complying with conditions, such as assisting in the prosecution of culpable individuals



Sentencing

- Offenders who have served a past jail term of three months or less, or a past reformatory training stint, will be eligible for community sentences
- The minimum detention period for reformatory training will be reduced from 18 months to six or 12 months