



How much consultation has gone into the Child Justice Bill?

Issue Paper May 1997

Broadly framed questions asking respondents for comment

Video commissioned

13 Workshops and briefings

Simplified questionnaire widely distributed

November 1997 international drafting conference

Discussion Paper December 1998

12 specific focus group workshops

State departments consulted

Briefings with representatives of NGOs

Briefings with those who supply legal aid

Briefings with members of various Portfolio Committees

Two-day conference

Examining social, political and anthropological factors influencing age of capacity

Consultation with children

Written comments from academics, practitioners and institutions

Final Report with draft Child Justice Bill July 2000

Research monograph detailing the cost implications of the draft Child Justice Bill

State Law Advisors make changes

Child Justice Bill introduced to Parliament August 2002

Written submissions on the Bill October 2002

Departmental Briefings and public hearings on the Bill February 2003

Portfolio Committee deliberations 2003

Child Justice Bill revised by Cabinet November 2007

Written submissions on the Bill January 2008

Public hearings on the Bill February 2008