

Criminal Justice Bill 2011

Regulatory Impact Analysis

1. Summary RIA

Summary of Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA)	
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What policy objectives have been pursued? The main purpose of the Bill is to amend the criminal law to improve certain procedural matters and strengthen Garda investigative powers. The intention is that such improvements will assist in reducing the delays associated with the investigation and prosecution of complex crime, in particular white collar crime.	
What policy options have been considered? Please summarise the costs, benefits and impacts relating to each of the options below and indicate whether a preferred option has been identified. 1. Do nothing. 2. Introduce legislation to make more effective use of detention periods by allowing persons detained for questioning to be released and their detention suspended so that further investigations can be conducted during the suspension period. 3. Introduce legislation to provide for powers to require persons to produce documents and make statements, and new measures relating to how detailed information is to be provided to assist in the investigation and prosecution of complex crimes.	