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Introduction

What is your name?

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Exercise of court's discretion when sentencing

Clause 1 outlines the purposes and principles of sentencing. It sets out the factors that the court must have regard to for the purposes of sentencing, which are: the punishment of offenders; for the protection of the public; the reduction of crime by deterrence; the rehabilitation of offenders; and, the making of reparations by offenders to persons affected by their offences. Do you agree with the purposes of sentencing as outlined above?

Yes

Please provide information to support your answer here::

Clause 1 also defines the principles of sentencing as proportionate, fair and transparent. Do you agree with these being set as the principles of sentencing?

Yes

Please provide information to support your answer here::

Do you have anything further to add on Clause 1 of the Bill?

Yes

Please provide any further information relating to Clause 1 here::

The right to a speedy trial should be a fundamental principle of sentencing.

No offender or victim should have their entire life stolen and destroyed..... due to inhumane court delays.

Clause 2 imposes a duty to follow guidance relevant to the case when sentencing an offender, unless it would be contrary to the interests of justice to do so and to give reasons in relation to sentencing. Do you support the objectives of this clause?

Yes

Please provide information to support your answer here::

Do you have anything further to add on Clause 2 of the Bill?

No

Please provide information to support your answer here::

Part 1 - Exercise of court's discretion when sentencing - Do you have anything further to add on Part 1 of the Bill?

No

Please provide information to support your answer here::

General

Do you have comments on Clauses 46 to 49 of the Bill?

Yes

Please provide information to support your answer here::

Interpretation, should come at the beginning of the Bill.

Short Title

Do you have any comments on Clause 51 of the Bill?

Not Answered

Please provide any other comments or views you have here::

I'm not a fan of the grammatical structure, of attaching dangling sentences by a semicolon. But perhaps that's how Bills are written, and I have no experience.