

BACKLOGS, DELAYS AND RESOURCES OF THE JUDICIARY

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THE LATIMER HOUSE PRINCIPLES

Principle IV - An independent, impartial, honest and competent judiciary is integral to upholding the rule of law, engendering public confidence and dispensing justice.

Adequate Resources

- ❑ *Adequate resources should be provided for the judiciary to operate effectively without any undue constraints, which may hamper the independence sought.*

The Legal Profession

- ❑ *An independent, effective and competent legal profession is fundamental to the upholding of the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary.*
- ❑ *Promote and assert the independence of the courts*
- ❑ *Help to create public awareness of legal issues*

INSTITUTIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN COMMONWEALTH JUDICIARIES

JUDICIAL MODEL

EXECUTIVE MODEL

**INDEPENDENT
COMMISSION MODEL**

PARTNERSHIP MODEL

**LIMITED AUTONOMY
MODEL**

**EXECUTIVE GUARDIAN
MODEL**

**LIMITED AUTONOMY AND
COMMISSION MODEL**

Judicial independence is not the right of individual judges but a constitutional right of every citizen”



SERVICE ORIENTED



PUBLIC AWARENESS



ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS



COMMUNICATION



THE LATIMER HOUSE DIALOGUES



The Latimer House Dialogues enable all three arms of government to:

- ☐ engage in dialogue, raise awareness and build consensus on the roles played by each arm of government;
- ☐ sustain a culture of mutual respect and understanding their respective mandates;
- ☐ affirm that the predominance of one arm of government in disregard of the power and independence of the other is an affront to the rule of law.



Key Outcome: Adopted recommendations as a road map for strengthening the rule of law and separation of powers.