



**Criminal Appeals route through
the consultation paper:
the CCRC**

All numbered questions and paragraphs below are hyperlinked to the relevant pages online.

The Law Commission published a [consultation paper](#) on Criminal Appeals on 27 February. Consultation runs until 27 June 2025. By our [terms of reference](#), our review aims at ensuring that appeals and their consequences are effectively, efficiently and appropriately resolved.

This short “route through” the consultation paper is aimed at those concerned with or involved in **the CCRC**. If you can and want to, we recommend that you read the full consultation paper. However, we do not expect or prefer that respondents to our consultation answer all 108 of our consultation questions; this route through is aimed at enabling those concerned in the CCRC to read parts of the paper of core relevance to them so that they can answer the consultation questions of most relevance to them.

Alternatively, you can read our 37-page [summary paper](#), of which summary consultation questions [19](#) and [20](#) will be of particular relevance to those involved in the CCRC.

How to respond

You can respond to any and all of the full consultation paper’s questions via our [online form](#) and navigate by chapter. You can also respond to our summary via its [form](#). Alternatively, you can email us with answers or queries at criminal.appeals@lawcommission.gov.uk.

Areas of most relevance to those concerned with or involved in the CCRC

Disclosing the content of jury deliberations to the CCRC (Chapter [8](#))

See [8.210 to 8.214](#) and [8.247 to 8.255](#) and Question [40](#).

CCRC references in cases of death, absence etc. (Chapter [11](#))

See [11.25 to 11.32](#) and [11.370 to 11.376](#) and Questions [54](#) and [70](#).

The ‘real possibility’ test for making CCRC references (Chapter [11](#))

See [11.39 to 11.180](#) and Questions [55](#), [56](#) and [57](#).

The CCRC’s investigatory powers (Chapter [11](#))

See [11.191 to 11.200](#) and [11.231 to 11.253](#) and Questions [58](#), [62](#) and [63](#).

References’ requirements for a first appeal and fresh evidence or argument (Chapter [11](#))

See [11.183 to 11.190](#) and [11.202 to 11.222](#) and Questions [59](#) and [60](#).

The CCRC’s discretion not to refer a case and to release information (Chapter [11](#))

See [11.224 to 11.229](#) and [11.255 to 11.262](#) and Questions [61](#) and [64](#).

The CCRC’s relationship with the Court of Appeal Criminal Division (Chapter [11](#))

See [11.264 to 11.265](#), [11.277 to 11.330](#) and [11.360 to 11.368](#) and Questions [65](#) and [69](#).

Inspection or regulation of the CCRC (Chapter [11](#))

See [11.331 to 11.357](#) and Questions [66](#), [67](#) and [68](#).

Reviews of systemic miscarriages of justice (Chapter [17](#) and Appendix [3](#))

See [17.3 to 17.71](#) and Question [104](#).

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