1. On 28 June 2013, the Minister for Health announced a review of the *Mental Health Act 2000* to better support mental health strategies and community needs.
2. An initial round of public consultation was undertaken in July-August 2013 to identify areas for improvements in the Act.
3. Based on stakeholder feedback, and analysis and research undertaken for the review, it has been concluded that the Act is an overly complex and inconsistent piece of legislation that is difficult to administer and understand.
4. The review has identified a large number of areas for improvement in the Act to the extent that the repeal and replacement of the Act is proposed.
5. The Discussion Paper makes over 200 recommendations for improvements in the legislation in six areas:
   * Strengthened Support for Patients;
   * Improved Health Service Delivery;
   * Strengthened Community Protection;
   * A Simpler and Fairer Act;
   * Improved Legal Processes; and
   * Greater Value in Health Services.
6. The review has received strong stakeholder interest. The Discussion Paper will be placed on the 'Get Involved' website and forwarded to all stakeholders who made a submission to the review or otherwise expressed an interest in being involved in the consultation process. A range of meetings and workshops will be convened during the consultation period in a similar way to those held in the first round of public consultation.
7. Cabinet approved approve the public release of a Discussion Paper for the Review of the *Mental Health Act 2000*.
8. *Attachments*
   * [Discussion Paper on the Review of the *Mental Health Act 2000*](Attachments/DiscussionPaper.pdf)