
**RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED REFORM (THE LAST TEN YEARS) TO
THE CRIMINAL LAW PROCESS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA: THE
JURY SYSTEM IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA
STUDENT PRE-VISIT RESOURCE**

In 2009, the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia prepared a discussion paper examining the selection, eligibility and exemption of jurors within the Western Australian justice system.

Open the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia paper entitled [Selection, Eligibility and Exemption of Jurors: Discussion Paper, Forward and Executive Summary, Project Number 99, 2009.](#)

Read the Executive Summary on pages ix to x and indicate whether the statements below are true or false.

1. Juries are empanelled in the majority of criminal cases. True/False
2. Prior to September 2009 more than 50% of persons summonsed to jury duty in WA were excused from jury service or failed to attend. True/False
3. The Commission found that juries in WA are made up of the unemployed and housewives. True/False
4. The Commission found that the burden of jury service for persons in the metropolitan area is greater than that for people in regional areas. True/False
5. The Commission proposes that the number of occupations which would make a person ineligible for jury duty be reduced. True/False
6. The Commission suggest that the capacity to postpone jury service is likely to result in better rates of participation in greater participation in jury service. True/False
7. The Commission identified that there was no legislation making it an offence for an employer or a person representing an employer terminating or threatening to terminate an employee if s/he had been summonsed to jury service. True/False
8. The Commission found that WA had the least generous system of juror allowances in Australia. True/False
9. The Commission recommended that jurors be reimbursed for child care expenses and any other carer expenses resulting from jury service. True/False
10. The Commission recommends a review of the disqualifying provisions of the *Jury Act* in order to ensure that the integrity of jury service and public confidence in the jury system is maintained. True/False



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