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Dear Ms Brady,

The Joint Committee on Public Petitions and the Ombudsmen is still considering Petition No: P00033-21 from Mr Cormac McKay titled; "Call for a Citizens Assembly on the Irish Justice system; Policing, Crime and Rehabilitation".

In order to prepare this petition to be brought before the Joint Committee for its further consideration, I would be grateful if you could provide a response advising of the views of the Irish Penal Reform Trust in relation to the petitioner's concerns with emphasis on "the effectiveness or otherwise of the reform of the justice system", within 14 days of date of issue of this letter.

The remit of the Joint Committee on Public Petitions and the Ombudsmen is to examine Public Petitions on matters of general public concern or interest in relation to their legislative powers or an issue of public policy. The Joint Committee can propose recommendations thereby helping to drive improvements to the quality and standards of the public services being delivered.

I am enclosing for your information the text of the petition as provided by the petitioner. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note the Joint Committee on Public Petitions and the Ombudsmen may decide to publish your reply on the Committees website.

Yours sincerely,

[Alex Alino](#)

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Mr Alex Alino  
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Joint Committee on Public Petitions and the Ombudsmen  
14 February 2024

**Petitions Text**

“There is a proposed citizens assembly on drugs this should be expanded to encompass the entire justice system Policing Crime and rehabilitation in the Republic of Ireland”.