



HM Government: Policy Review

Presentation by the Prime Minister to the Liaison Committee

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The Policy Review is taking a broad look at the challenges for the UK in the next 10 years and beyond



Cabinet level working groups

Seminars of junior ministers

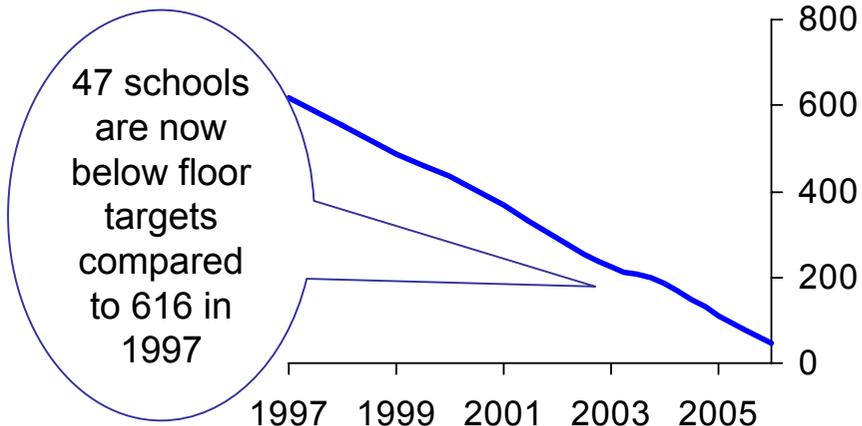
Papers from across Whitehall

Public engagement process

Substantial improvements have been made in key public services, but new challenges are emerging

There are many fewer failing schools

Number of schools with less than 25% pupils achieving 5 GCSEs at A*-C



Citizens expect ever more from public services

Which aspects of public service reform are in most need of improvement?



A range of pressures will require a new role for the State

The Government should confront these challenges by building on the reform successes since 1997 and embracing the opportunities of the 21st Century

Emerging conclusions

Empower the consumer

Engage citizens to support culture change

Prevention and early intervention

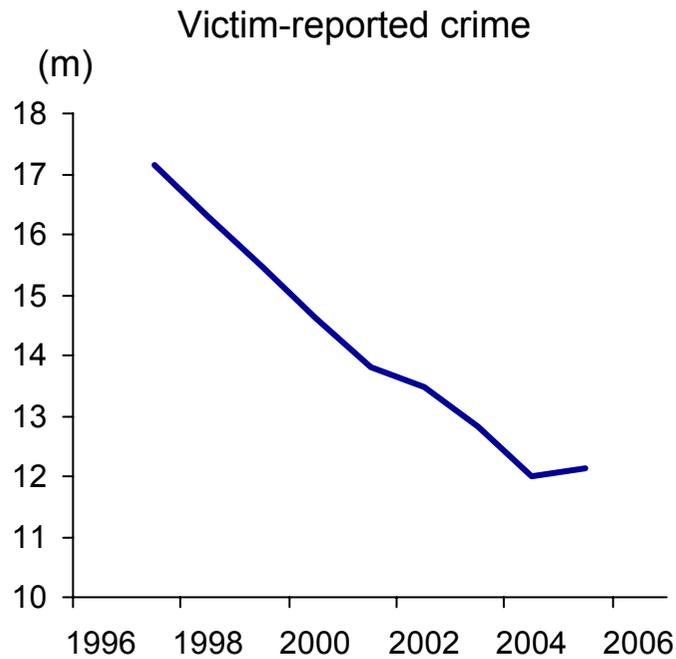
Increase the focus on the hardest to reach

Build the capabilities of the public sector

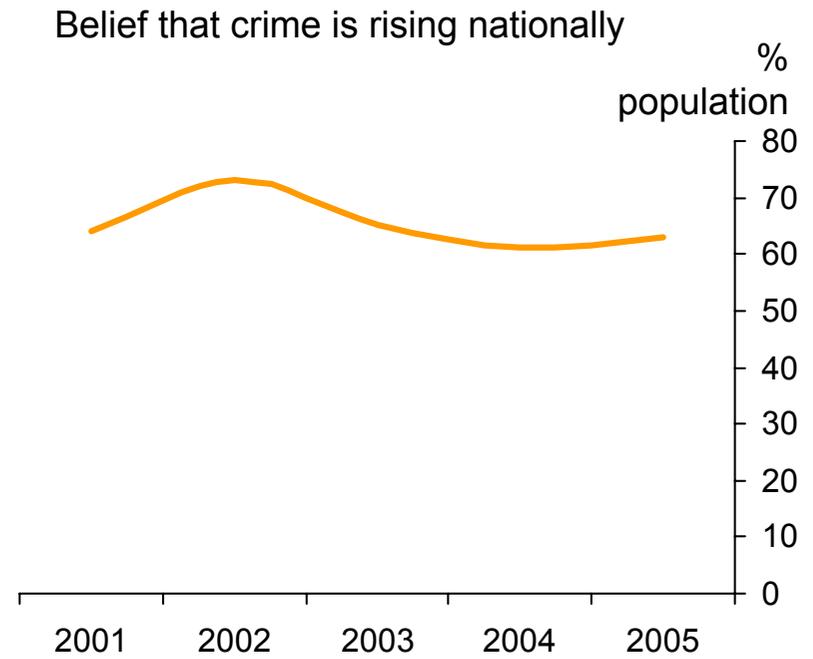
Reshape Whitehall to reflect its evolving role

Crime rates have fallen substantially, but a significant perception gap remains

Crime has fallen



But two-thirds of citizens believe crime is rising



Action is needed in a number of areas, building on the core principles of the past decade

**Emerging
conclusions**

Target the offender not the offence

Continue to tackle the underlying causes of
crime

New types of powers (summary, preventative
& civil)

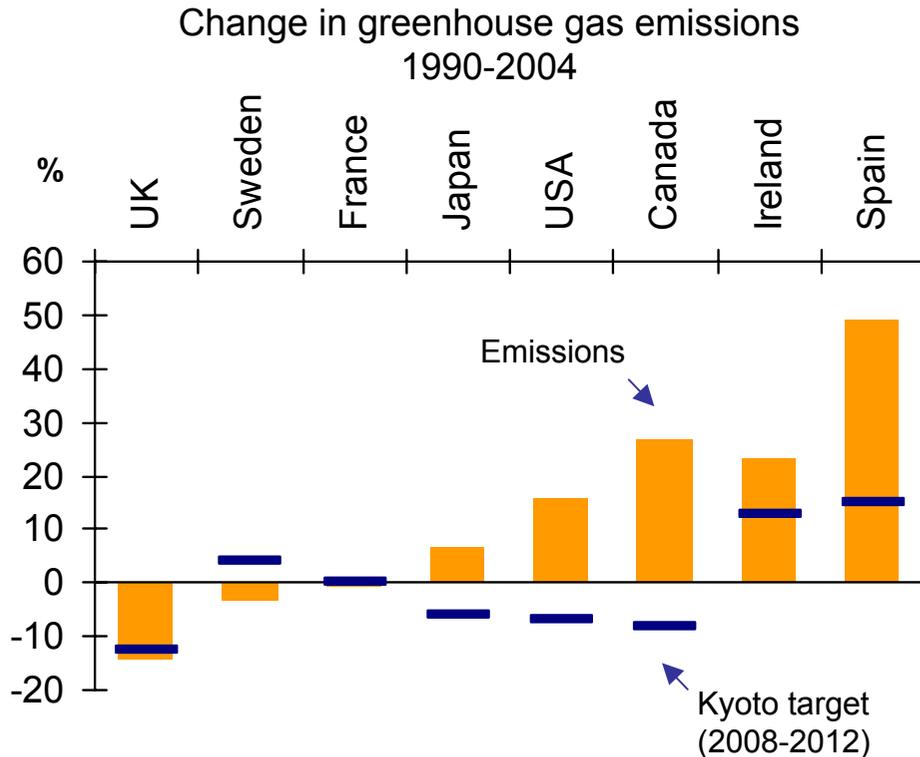
More effective use of non-custodial sentences

CJS as an effective public service

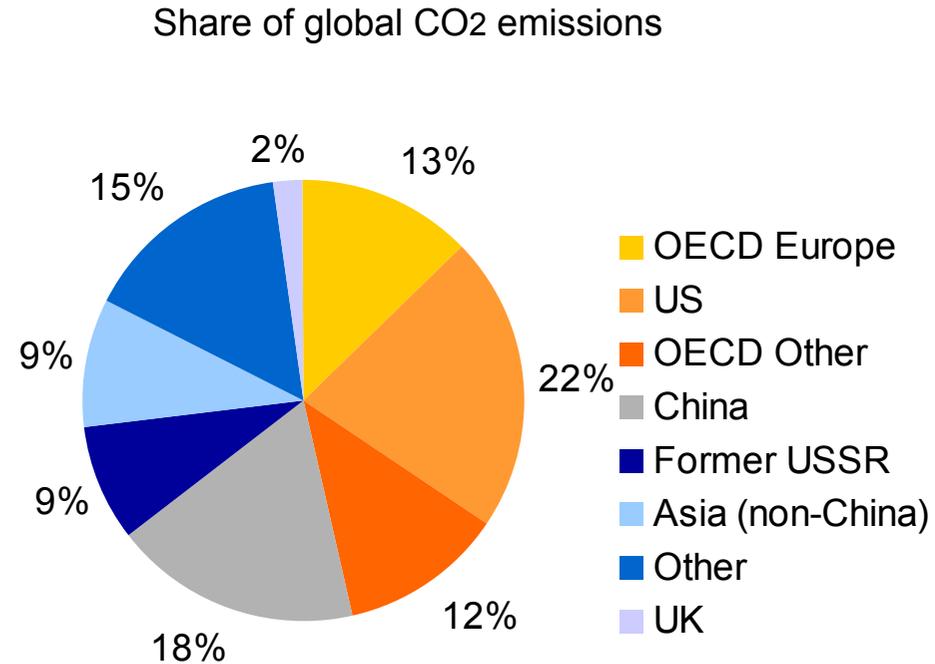
More visible and locally accountable policing

The UK's leadership on climate change is supporting European and global action, but achieving a meaningful international deal is a major challenge

The UK is ahead of most countries in meeting its Kyoto commitments



Twenty countries generate 79% of total CO₂ emissions; the US and China cause 40%



Action is needed at multiple levels – from the global to the individual

**Emerging
conclusions**

A radical global framework for after 2012

An ambitious European energy and climate plan

Continued UK leadership - new strategies and policies

Incentivising action through carbon pricing

Active citizen engagement

Ambitious targets to reduce the UK public sector's carbon footprint

The UK's approach to international policy is unique amongst major powers, and has secured many achievements

HMG's international policy can be characterised as:

- **values based** - the best way of securing our long term national interest
- **activist**, engaged on both hard and soft, playing a central role in setting the agenda and delivering it
- through a commitment to a central role in **Europe** and a strategic alliance with **the US**, building out from these core alliances to engage with **emerging powers**, and **assembling broad coalitions** to effect change

The Policy Review is considering how we can meet current and future international challenges

Emerging conclusions

Reforming the international system

Achieving an effective EU

Winning the struggle of ideas and values

Maximising Britain's military capability to
deliver security in a changing world

Nation-building

Delivering on Africa, climate change and trade

Building key strategic alliances and coalitions
for change

The Policy Review will conclude in the Spring

- A series of events to engage with the public
- Third and final Ministerial working group meetings in March/ April
- Conclusions to be published in the Spring