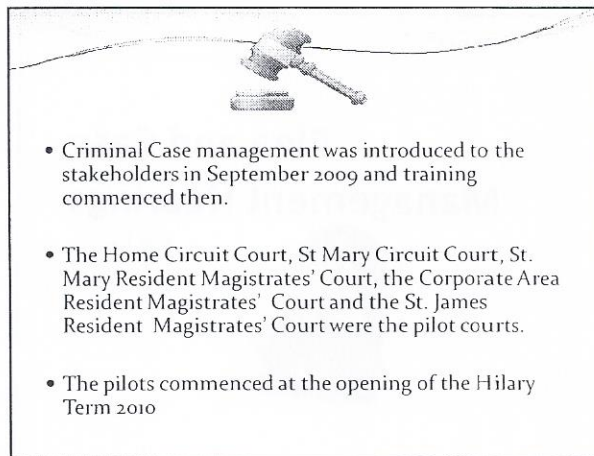


CRIMINAL CASE MANAGEMENT

INTRODUCTION



- Criminal Case management was introduced to the stakeholders in September 2009 and training commenced then.
- The Home Circuit Court, St Mary Circuit Court, St. Mary Resident Magistrates' Court, the Corporate Area Resident Magistrates' Court and the St. James Resident Magistrates' Court were the pilot courts.
- The pilots commenced at the opening of the Hilary Term 2010

What is criminal case management?

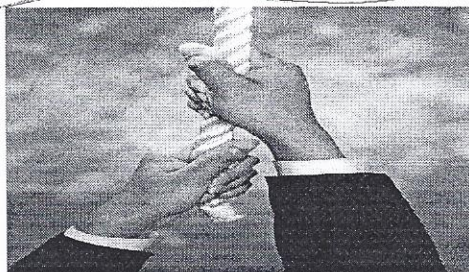
- It is a system of management of criminal cases to deal with the 'backlog' in the criminal courts throughout the island.
- Its primary goal is the setting of a timetable in respect of each matter, taking each case from the new list to the trial list.
- It ensures that when a matter appears on the trial list it is actually ready for trial

Criminal case management addresses issues such as

- Settling the legal representation of the accused
- Disclosure
- Witnesses being relied on and their availability
- Possible shortening of procedure by
 - the accused entering a guilty plea
 - Crown offering no evidence
 - Crown preferring a nolle prosequi

Proposed remedies

- No more than fifteen matters should be listed for PCMH in a sitting
- Only realistic dates should be agreed to and fixed to further assess the progress of each case
- With more courtrooms, judges and prosecutors we could have PCMH more than one day per week



THE END