



CHURCH of IRELAND GENERAL SYNOD  
CHURCH in SOCIETY COMMITTEE  
Legislation and Politics (RI) Sub-Committee

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There were two main subjects dealt with by the committee.

Firstly the Standing committee asked the group to prepare a response to the request from the All-Party Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution on Articles 40.3, 41, 42.1 and 42.5 relating to the family. The submission was prepared, presented to the Standing Committee and with their approval, forwarded to the All-Party Oireachtas Committee. This submission is included as an appendix to the report of the Standing Committee.

Secondly the Law Reform Commission sought a response to their consultation paper on Rights and Duties of Cohabitees. This response was also prepared and forwarded to the Commission with an expressed interest in having an input into any further developments in legislation on the subject.

Ongoing work for the group includes examining changes in Social Welfare regulations which may effect the status of marriage, as well as looking into the possible effect of a private members bill on civil partnerships, which is before the Houses of the Oireachtas.

Thanks are due to all who worked so well in the preparation of these submissions; both members of the group and supporting staff.