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RE: INQUIRY INTO DRUG LAW REFORM

Decriminalisation

All drugs are misused be they black market sourced or prescription drugs such as opiates . This is a social and healthy issue primarily. Decrimilisation will eliminate the black market and release funds now use on black market suppression , mainly users for social and healthy programmes just as for alcohol and cigarettes

Decrimilisation should be based on the Portuguese model . That is all illicit drugs can legally be consumed by users . The jails are empty in respect of drug users . A community cost saving .

The American e.g of recreational and medical legal canabbiss , based on regulation produces not only a social benefit but also taxation revenue .

If public policy was based on fact and cost benefit and not slogans then decrimilisation and regulation based on existing overseas models would be a no brainer .

A win win with a bonus . Overseas experience clearly shows that within about 12 to 18 months the usage rate soon declines significantly to below the rate of usage prior to decriminalisation

-- Andris Blums



I'm happy for my submission and details to be made public.