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<b>Size of country</b>	127,724 sq.mi		13,972 sq.mi	2,969,907 sq.mi	14,422 sq.mi	93,800 sq.mi	130,664 sq.mi	426 sq.mi	145,920 sq.mi
<b>Population</b>	27 million		23 million	22 million	16 million	61 million	5.5million	7 million	127 million
<b>Gross Domestic Product</b>	USD 195 billion		USD 528 billion	USD1.02 trillion	USD 860 billion	USD 2,65 trillion (United Kingdom)	USD 271 billion	USD 215 billion	USD 4.91 trillion
<b>Government funding</b>	<b>Legal Aid Bureau</b>	<b>BC Legal Aid Centre</b>	USD\$27 million	USD 477 million	Open-everyone is entitled to legal aid - USD 630 million	USD3.2 billion	USD 88 million	Funded by govt- but no limit 2008- USD112million	USD441 million
	USD2.6 million	Nil							
<b>No of employees</b>	<i>Not available</i>		235	<i>not available</i>	180	1600	400	525	<i>not available</i>
<b>No of offices</b>	At least one in each State	At least one in each State	21	<i>not available</i>	30	15	1	150	800
<b>No. of clients served</b>	10,839 (Jan to May 2009)	26,441 (2008)	64661	458,500(www.nla.aust.net.au)	645000	England and Wales Advisory Services - 2,976,621; 600,000 Criminal Case representations	60000	19363 (2007)	80000
<b>Court filing fees</b>	Waived	No-Clients must pay	Waived	Waived	Waived	Waived	Paid by legal aid	Waived	Waived
<b>Test</b>	Means and Merits		Means & merits. But free legal aid to those mentally disabled & those charged with an offence that carries a punishment of a jail terms of more than 3 years	Means & Merits	Means & Merits - connected to Tax Office	Means & Merits	Means test- this not applied if client in prison	Means and merits	Means & Merits - not applied if client in detention

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<b>Delivery of service</b>	Apply to Legal Aid Bureau	Apply to Legal Aid Centres	Apply to Legal Aid Foundation (LAF)	Applicant must apply personally. Solicitors may assist	Solicitor makes application	Clients approach lawyers who then apply for legal aid for these clients	Clients approach lawyers who then apply for legal aid for these clients	Members of public can see legal aid lawyers through referral agencies	Apply through legal aid offices
<b>Type of service</b>	-Face to face legal advice, -Legal representation -Prison Visits	-Dock Brief -Prison Visit -NGO clinic -Outreach -Family -Syariah -Migrant Workers -Public Interest Litigation	Walk in service, home visits	Face to face legal advice, telephone consultation	legal advice and legal representation	Legal advice (face to face, telephone, legal representation)	Face to face legal advice telephone, remind clients of appointment by SMS	Face to face	Face to face, phone, home visit for elderly, disabled, operates a call centre - 400,000 enquiries
<b>Legal Aid for foreign Nationals</b>	No	Yes	Yes - documented and undocumented	Yes - documented and undocumented	Yes-documented and undocumented	Yes	Yes	Not Available	Yes but only for those who legally entered into the country
<b>Attendance at police stations</b>	No	No	Yes-just started a pilot project	Yes - but lawyers do not sit in during interviews	-	Yes- there is a Defense Solicitor Call Centre - (DSCC) which operates 24-7, 365 days	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Are legal lawyers paid for the services rendered</b>	Yes	No	Yes - 1/3 or 1/2 below market value	Yes 1.5 to 3 times below market value	Yes-USD165 an hour	Yes	Yes - hourly USD182 (1.5 times below market rate)	Yes - market rate	Yes - lower than market rate
<b>Involved in Law Reforms</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes