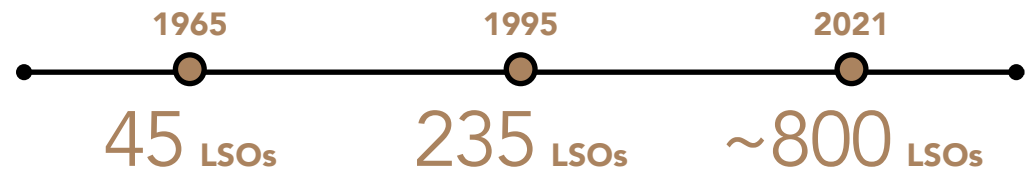


Separate Judicial and Legal Services

Over the years, the Legal Service and number of Legal Service Officers (LSOs) have grown significantly, in tandem with the increasing demands and complexity of public sector legal work. This is expected to continue.



In response, the Government has proposed structural changes to put the Legal Service on a better footing for the future:

- Establish a separate Judicial Service overseen by a newly established Judicial Service Commission (JSC), and
- Make consequential changes to the Legal Service, which will be overseen by a reconstituted Legal Service Commission (LSC).

	Current LSC	New JSC	Reconstituted LSC
Has oversight of	About 800 LSOs deployed across the whole of Government under an integrated model: Judicial branch (the Courts) and Legal branch (e.g. AGC, Ministries)	About 220 LSOs currently holding posts in the Judicial branch, such as Assistant Registrars in the Supreme Court and District Judges and Magistrates in the State Courts and Family Courts	About 580 LSOs currently holding posts in the Legal branch, such as in AGC or Ministries
Composition	<p>• • •</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Justice (President) Attorney-General PSC Chairman <p>Up to 2 members nominated by each of the following (subject to President's concurrence):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Justice PSC Chairman Prime Minister 	<p>• • •</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Justice (President) PSC Chairman (Vice-President) <p>Up to 2 members nominated by each of the following (subject to President's concurrence):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Justice PSC Chairman Prime Minister 	<p>• • •</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attorney-General (President) PSC Chairman (Vice-President) <p>Up to 2 members nominated by each of the following (subject to President's concurrence):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attorney-General PSC Chairman Prime Minister