# Factors to assess when deciding whether to set up an automated pipeline for a given legal deposit content stream

1. Is the content stream something we are already collecting, or is it new content?
   1. If it is an existing stream, how long does it take to process manually? What is the skill level/complexity of the manual process?
   2. If it is a new stream, would it be feasible to collect this content manually? Approximately how long would it take? What would be the skill level/complexity of the manual process?
2. What are the hardware and software dependencies?
3. Are there any regular steps in the pipeline which will require manual intervention?
4. How likely is it that project crawlers will need frequent maintenance?
5. How consistent is the formatting of available metadata?
6. How likely is it that Alma information would need to be manually updated frequently?
7. What will be involved in transitioning to the new pipeline from our existing processes?
8. What would be involved in transitioning back from an automated pipeline to manual processes?
9. What are the benefits of collecting the content stream using an automated pipeline?
10. Will there be any differences between content collected manually and content collected via an automated stream?