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The Scottish Law Commission's Annual Report for 2004 is published today.

The report outlines progress with the Commission's law reform projects and details the reports and discussion papers planned for 2005.

During 2004, the Commission published three reports with recommendations for reform and two discussion papers inviting comments on provisional proposals for reform.

Report published in 2004

- Report on Insanity and Diminished Responsibility
- Report on Damages for Psychiatric Injury
- Report on Registration of Rights in Security by Companies

Discussion Papers published in 2004

- Discussion Paper on Land Registration: Void and Voidable Titles
- Discussion Paper on Trustees and Trust Administration

The report outlines progress during 2004 on the Commission's current law reform projects including those on property law, trusts and interest on debt and damages. It also outlines two new projects started during the year – on rape and other sexual offences, and limitation in personal injury actions - and lists nine law reform publications planned for 2005.

The report records the work involved in preparation of the Commission's Seventh Programme of Law Reform which was submitted to Scottish Ministers at the end of 2004. The Programme sets out the main elements of the Commission's work for the next five years and includes new projects on inheritance, assignation of and security over intangible assets, unincorporated associations, and provocation, self-defence, coercion and necessity.

Finally, the report describes the Commission's other activities in promoting law reform and gives details of recent legislation which has implemented some of the Commission's earlier reports.

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The Scottish Law Commission was set up in 1965 to promote the reform of the law of Scotland. The Chairman is Lord Eassie, a senior Scottish judge. The other Commissioners are Professor Gerard Maher QC, Professor Kenneth G C Reid, Professor Joseph M Thomson and Mr Colin J Tyre QC.

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3. The report may also be viewed on our website at www.scotlawcom.gov.uk or purchased from TSO Scotland Bookshop.