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SCOTTISH LAW COMMISSION'S THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT 2001

The Commission publishes its Thirty-Sixth Annual Report (Scot Law Com No 186) today. The Report records the Commission's achievements during 2001 and sets out its objectives for 2002.

2001 was one of the Commission's most productive years. During the year the Commission published the following Reports:

- Report on Diligence
- Report on Third Parties – Rights against Insurers (joint Report with the Law Commission)

The Commission also published Discussion Papers on:

- Conversion of Long Leases
- Law of the Foreshore and Seabed
- *Sharp v Thomson*
- Age of Criminal Responsibility
- Title to Sue for Non-Patrimonial Loss
- Irritancy in Leases of Land
- Limited Partnerships Act 1907 (Joint Consultation/Discussion Paper with the Law Commission)

It also published a consultation paper on:

- Draft Recommendations on the Consolidation of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Legislation in Scotland

The Report gives details of progress with the Commission's work on its current law reform projects including those on property law, partnership, foreshore and seabed, trusts and irritancies in leases of land and on its ongoing work on statute law revision. It also records progress and sets out objectives for four new projects started during 2001 on: the Damages (Scotland) Act 1976, liability for psychiatric injury, the defences of insanity and diminished responsibility and unfair contract terms.

The Report describes the Commission's other activities in promoting law reform.

Appendix 1 to the Report sets out the Commission's law reform and management objectives for 2002. During the course of 2002 the Commission aims to publish three reports and three discussion papers.

The Report is the last report that the Commission will present with Lord Gill as its Chairman. After a distinguished period of office as chairman, Lord Gill intimated his resignation in November 2001 to take up his appointment as Lord Justice Clerk, although he remains in post until his successor has been appointed.

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 the Honourable Lord Gill. The other Commissioners are currently Mr Patrick S Hodge QC, Professor Gerard Maher, Professor Kenneth G C Reid and Professor Joseph M Thomson.
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3. The paper may be viewed on our website at www.scotlawcom.gov.uk or purchased from The Stationery Office Bookshops.