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## SCOTTISH LAW COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2020

The Scottish Law Commission's Annual Report 2020 is published today.

The Report outlines progress on the Commission's law reform work during 2020. The Report explains the progress made on implementation of the Commission's recommendations, outlines the Commission's work to promote law reform and contains a forward look to publications planned for 2021.

The Chair of the Commission, Lady Paton said:

"Everyone at the Scottish Law Commission rose to the challenge of the Covid-19 pandemic, continuing to work from home on the Tenth Programme.

The Commission published its annual report for 2019; a joint final report with the Law Commission of England and Wales on electoral law; a discussion paper on cohabitation; and a joint consultation paper with the Law Commission of England and Wales on automated vehicles.

In autumn 2020, Commission legal staff assisted with the final stages of Brexit-related preparations, for which assistance thanks were extended to the Commission in December 2020 by letter from Ash Denham MSP, Minister for Community Safety."

2020 was the third year of the Commission's Tenth Programme of law reform 2018-2022. The Programme includes a wide range of work: on family law; on the law of homicide; on surrogacy; on self-driving vehicles; on securities over land; on the law of leases; and on damages for personal injury. Further details can be found in the Report.

### FURTHER INFORMATION SECTION

1. The Scottish Law Commission was set up in 1965 to promote the reform of the law of Scotland. The Chair is the Rt Hon Lady Paton, a Court of Session judge. The other Commissioners are

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David Bartos, Professor Gillian Black, Kate Dowdalls QC and Professor Frankie McCarthy. The Chief Executive is Malcolm McMillan.

2. Further information can be obtained by contacting Malcolm McMillan, Scottish Law Commission, 140 Causewayside, Edinburgh EH9 1PR ; email [info@scotlawcom.gov.uk](mailto:info@scotlawcom.gov.uk)).

3. The paper will be available on our website at <https://www.scotlawcom.gov.uk> as early as possible on 19 March 2021.