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SCOTTISH LAW COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2006
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Today the Scottish Law Commission publishes its Annual Report for 2006.

The Report outlines the Commission's current law reform projects and the progress made on them during 2006, and sets out details of the publications planned for 2007.

In his foreword, Lord Drummond Young, who became Chairman of the Commission at the beginning of 2007 in succession to Lord Eassie following the latter's appointment to the Inner House of the Court of Session, explains that the report covers the last year of Lord Eassie's chairmanship.

During the year the Commission published Discussion Papers on -

- Rape and other Sexual Offences
- Personal Injury Actions: Limitation and Prescribed Claims
- The Nature and the Constitution of Trusts

and Reports on -

- The Consolidation of the legislation relating to Parliamentary Costs (jointly with the Law Commission in London)
- Interest on Debt and Damages
- Conversion of Long Leases

The Report gives details of progress on projects under the Commission's Seventh Programme of Law Reform, including work on property law, trusts and succession and judicial factors. It also refers to forthcoming projects under the programme on -

- unincorporated associations;
- provocation, self-defence, coercion and necessity, and
- assignation of, and security over, incorporeal moveable property.

The Report also outlines progress on References received from Ministers including the major review of the law of rape and other sexual offences, limitation and prescription and a new reference on damages for wrongful death. The Commission is also assisting the Law Commission in London on a joint project relating to insurance contract law.

A number of publications are planned for 2007 -

- Discussion Paper on Damages for Wrongful Death
- Discussion Paper on Succession
- Discussion Paper on Judicial Factors
- Consultation Paper on Insurance Contract Law (jointly with the Law Commission)
- Report on Rape and other Sexual Offences
- Report on Personal Injury Actions: Limitation and Prescribed Claims
- Report on Variation and Termination of Trusts
- Report on Sharp v Thomson

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 Hon Lord Drummond Young, a Court of Session judge. The other Commissioners are Professor George L Gretton, Professor Gerard Maher QC, Professor Joseph M Thomson and Colin J Tyre QC. The Chief Executive is Michael Lugton.

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