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SCOTTISH LAW COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The Scottish Law Commission's Annual Report 2023 is published today.

The Report outlines progress on the Commission's law reform work during 2023. It explains the Commission's work to promote law reform, notes the implementation to date of the Commission's recommendations, and contains a forward look at publications planned for 2024.

2023 was the first year of the Commission's Eleventh Programme of law reform which covers the period from the start of the year to the end of 2027.

The Report discusses our work on a number of projects including: aspects of family law; homicide; surrogacy; securities over land; the termination of commercial leases; compulsory owners' associations in tenements; and damages for personal injury. Further details can be found in the Report.

The Chair of the Commission, Lady Paton said:

"2023 has resulted in welcome progress on implementation of a number of important SLC Reports. These include the updating of the law of trusts, and the introduction of a new means of taking security over moveable property. 2023 also saw the publication of our new Programme of Law Reform, with a total of 11 projects. One of these projects (surrogacy) has resulted in a joint Report, and we are currently working on 6 of the others. Finally, we have been delighted with our move in June 2023 to refurbished space in Parliament House where the location and layout are better suited to modern work methods."

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 David Bartos, Professor Gillian Black, and Professor Frankie McCarthy. The interim Chief Executive is Charles Garland.

2. Further information can be obtained by contacting Charles Garland, Scottish Law Commission, Parliament House, 11 Parliament Square, Edinburgh EH1 1RQ (Tel: 0131 244 6605; email info@scotlawcom.gov.uk).

3. The paper will be available on our website at <https://www.scotlawcom.gov.uk> as early as possible on 7 March 2024.