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Keeping you up to date with Scottish Law Commission news and consultations

## Our current work

Our current law reform projects are set out below. These include our joint law reform projects with the Law Commission for England and Wales and the Northern Ireland Law Commission. For further information on any particular project, click on the link which takes you to the project page on our website.

### Scottish Law Commission only projects

#### Current projects

- [Aspects of the law of prescription](#)
- [Compulsory purchase](#)
- [Contract law in light of the Draft Common Frame of Reference \(DCFR\)](#)
- [Defamation](#)
- [Moveable transactions \(security over corporeal and incorporeal moveable property; assignation of incorporeal moveable property\)](#)



## Publications

### Report on Third Party Rights

The Commission's Report on Third Party Rights was published in July. This is part of our review of Scots contract law. For the Report, see [here](#); and a news release is available [here](#).

Scottish Ministers have responded to the Report: [see here](#). Ministers consider that the Bill would be suitable for the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee process.

### Programme for Government: Third Party Rights Bill

The Commission welcomed the First Minister's announcement of the Programme for Government 2016-17 which includes a Bill implementing the recommendations contained in our Report on Third Party Rights: [see here](#).

### Compulsory Purchase

The Commission published a report to the Scottish Government on 10 October, with a summary of the responses to our Discussion Paper (No 159) on Compulsory Purchase. The report and all responses are available on our website: [see here](#).

## Joint projects with the Law Commission for England and Wales (\*and with the Northern Ireland Law Commission):

### Current joint projects

- [Electoral law](#) \*
- [Insurance law](#)
- [Statute law repeals](#)

## Further information

### Website

Further information about the Commission, Commissioners and staff, and our law reform work can be found on our website at

<http://www.scotlawcom.gov.uk/>.

The website has full text versions of all of our reports and discussion papers.

### Twitter

Follow us on Twitter for regular updates and information: [@scotlawcom](https://twitter.com/scotlawcom).

### Videos

To see videos about the Commission and our work: click [here](#).

## Video on work of the Commission

The Commission and the Faculty of Advocates produced a detailed study of the Commission and our law reform work. To see a 25 minute video featuring a discussion between the Chairman, Lord Pentland, and the former Dean of Faculty, James Wolffe QC, see [here](#).

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## News

### Landmark agreement between the Commission and the Scottish Law Schools

The Commission and Scotland's University Law Schools have made a landmark agreement to strengthen law reform in Scotland. The agreement provides for enhanced joint working between the Commission and the academic community.

The first placement under the agreement is already underway. Dr John MacLeod of the School of Law of the University of Glasgow is working at the Commission on reform of the law on enforcement of securities over land and buildings (mortgages).



Lord Pentland and Kenneth Swinton, Convenor of the Committee of Heads of the Scottish Law Schools

### The future of law reform in Scotland: article

An article by the Commission's Chairman, Lord Pentland, about the Commission and the future of law reform in Scotland has been published. [Read more](#) ...

### Dr Andrew Steven re-appointed

The Commission are delighted that in August the Cabinet Secretary for Justice re-appointed Dr Andrew Steven as a Commissioner. See the Scottish Government [news release](#).