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Green light for counterpart execution and electronic delivery of documents

The Scottish Law Commission is delighted to learn that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee of the Scottish Parliament has approved the principles of the Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill in its Stage 1 Report published on 14 November 2014:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/83660.aspx#e>

The Bill is the first to follow a [new procedure](#) for the implementation of Scottish Law Commission Reports. The Report on which the Bill is based, *Review of Contract Law: Report on Formation of Contract: Execution in Counterpart* (SLC No 231) was published in April 2013: http://www.scotlawcom.gov.uk/index.php/download_file/view/1345/138/

Professor Hector MacQueen, the Commissioner leading the Contract Law Review, said: “It is extremely gratifying to see that the work of the DPLRC has borne out the views which we formed during the extensive consultation carried out in the preparation of our Report. We now hope that the Bill will progress swiftly on to the statute book, and so bring to an end Scots law’s difficulties with execution of documents in counterpart and electronic delivery of deeds.”

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 Pentland, a Court of Session judge. The other Commissioners are Laura J Dunlop QC, Patrick Layden QC TD, Professor Hector L MacQueen, and Dr Andrew J M Steven. The Chief Executive is Malcolm McMillan.

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3. The paper may also be viewed on our website at <http://www.scotlawcom.gov.uk/> or purchased from TSO (<http://www.tsoshop.co.uk/>).