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SCOTTISH LAW COMMISSION'S THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT 2002

The Commission publishes its Thirty-Seventh Annual Report for 2002 (Scot Law Com No 189) today. It reports on the Commission's progress with its law reform projects and gives details of its objectives for 2003.

During 2002 the Commission published 3 reports and 3 discussion papers:

Reports:

- Report on Age of Criminal Responsibility
- Report on Title to Sue for Non-Patrimonial Loss
- Report on the Consolidation of certain Enactments relating to Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries in Scotland

Discussion Papers:

- Discussion Paper on Damages for Psychiatric Injury
- Discussion Paper on Registration of Rights in Security by Companies
- Joint Consultation/Discussion Paper with the Law Commission on Unfair Terms in Contracts

In Parts 2 and 3 of the Report, the Commission outlines the progress on its current law reform projects, including those on property law, irritancies in leases of land, foreshore and sea bed, trusts, psychiatric injury, insanity and diminished responsibility and partnership law.

Part 4 of the Report outlines the Commission's work on consolidation of legislation and statute law revision, some of which is done in conjunction with the Law Commission in London.

Part 5 describes the Scottish Law Commission's activity in 2002 in promoting law reform and its links with other law reform bodies while Part 6 deals with the management and resources of the Commission.

Details of the Commission's objectives for 2003 and information about implementation of its reports, and about its running costs are contained in Appendices to the Report.

This is the first annual report since the Hon Lord Eassie became Chairman of the Commission in July 2002, when he succeeded the Rt Hon Lord Gill, who resigned in order to take up his appointment as Lord Justice Clerk.

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 Honourable Lord Eassie. The other Commissioners are currently Mr Patrick S Hodge QC, Professor Gerard Maher, Professor Kenneth G C Reid and Professor Joseph M Thomson.
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3. The paper may be viewed on our website at www.scotlawcom.gov.uk or purchased from The Stationery Office Bookshops.