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In its Annual Report 2007, published today, the Commission reports on progress with its law reform projects and gives details of the Discussion Papers and Reports planned for 2008.

The Report covers the first year of Lord Drummond Young's Chairmanship of the Commission. In his foreword he welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to introduce a Bill to implement the Commission's Report on Rape and Other Sexual Offences, published in December 2007 and the commitment to implementing the Commission's earlier Report on Interest on Debt and Damages.

During 2007 the Commission published Discussion Papers on Damages for Wrongful Death and on Succession. In addition, a joint Consultation Paper with the Law Commission for England and Wales was published on Insurance Contract Law.

The Commission also published Reports on -

- Variation and Termination of Trusts
- Personal Injury Actions: Limitation and Prescribed Claims
- *Sharp v Thomson*
- Rape and Other Sexual Offences

The Annual Report gives details of the Commission's projects under its Seventh Programme of Law Reform – including land registration, trusts, succession and unincorporated associations.

The Report also outlines progress on the projects arising from references from Ministers, including projects which were completed during 2007 on rape and other sexual offences, personal injury actions: limitation and prescribed claims, and on *Sharp v Thomson*. Details are included on a new project on aspects of Scots criminal law which Scottish Ministers referred to the Commission in November 2007.

The Commission undertakes some of its law reform work jointly with the Law Commission. The Report outlines progress on a joint project on insurance contract law and a new project on consumer remedies.

During 2008 the Commission plans to publish discussion papers on liabilities of trustees to third parties, unincorporated associations, Crown appeals, and a joint consultation paper with the Law Commission on consumer remedies. The Commission also plans to publish reports on the projects on Crown appeals and damages for wrongful death.

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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