

**Autumn 2017**

**e-bulletin**

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

## Latest News

### **Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Act 2017**

The Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Act received Royal Assent on 30 October 2017, and implements recommendations by the Commission in the 2016 Report on Third Party Rights. The Commission gave evidence on the Bill to the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee in March.



The Contract Law team at Holyrood

### **Interview with Lord Pentland**

Public input key when making laws fit for modern society: see [here](#) for a Herald interview with our Chairman.

### **Delegation from China**

In September the Commission met the Legislative Affairs Commission of the National People's Congress of China, and discussed law reform processes.



### **Tenth Programme of Law Reform**

A consultation on our Tenth Programme of Law Reform was carried out earlier this year. The responses are on our website [here](#).

The Commission is considering the responses carefully, and discussing them with the Scottish Government. A draft Tenth Programme will be prepared for approval by Scottish Ministers by the end of this year.

# 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*

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

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

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

# Recent publications

## **Report on Prescription**

In July, the Commission published a Report on aspects of the law of prescription. See [here](#). The Commission was delighted that a Bill to implement this Report was announced in the Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2017-18.

## **Discussion Paper on Remedies for Breach of Contract**

The Discussion Paper on Remedies for Breach of Contract was published in July - see [here](#). The Commission is considering the comments received.

# Recent consultations

The Commission consulted recently on a working draft of a Bill on the formation of contract law. A final report (on formation, interpretation, penalty clauses and remedies for breach) will be published in 2018.

The Commission also consulted recently on working drafts of a Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill, and a Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill. The Commission is considering the responses, and working on a Report on each of these topics.

## **Further information**

Further information about the Commission 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.

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