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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 \(security over corporeal and incorporeal moveable property; assignation of incorporeal moveable property\)](#)
- [Proprietary aspects of leases](#)



## Current consultation: Changing the law – any suggestions?

The Commission is consulting on our next Programme of Law Reform: the Tenth Programme, which will commence in 2018.

An event launching the consultation was held at the Faculty of Advocates on 26 April.

The Commission is seeking views on which areas of Scots law are most in need of reform because the law is causing difficulties in practice.

The Chairman, Lord Pentland, said:

“We aim to recommend reforms that will achieve real practical benefits for Scottish people and Scottish businesses. We look forward to receiving suggestions about areas of Scots law that are thought to be unfair, unduly complex or outdated and in need of reform.”

[Read more](#), including how to respond to the consultation which closes on 31 July.

## 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.

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# Publications

## Annual Report 2016

The Commission's Annual Report for 2016 was published in February. [Read more](#).

## Aspects of the law of Prescription

In March, the Commission published on our website a working draft of a Bill on aspects of prescription. The Commission are grateful for the valuable responses received, and are working on a report with recommendations and a final draft Bill to be published in the summer.

# News

## Law Reform Conference

On 29 and 30 June, the Commission will host a law reform conference in Edinburgh. This annual conference is attended by the Chairs, Commissioners and Chief Executives from the Law Commissions for Scotland, England and Wales, Ireland and Jersey.

The conference will include presentations and discussion on working with the Law Schools, based on the Commission's Memorandum of Understanding agreed with the Scottish Law Schools last year; and on working with Government: the role of protocols and framework documents between a law reform body and Government.

## Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill

The current Bill before the Scottish Parliament will implement 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 Bill successfully passed Stage 1 on 25 May.