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**SCOTTISH LAW COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2005
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The Scottish Law Commission's Annual Report for 2005 is published today. The Report is the fortieth such Report published by the Commission since it was set up in 1965, along with the Law Commission for England and Wales.

The Report gives details of the Commission's current law reform projects and the progress made on them during 2005 and details of the publications planned for 2006. It records the enormous contribution to law reform made by Professor Kenneth Reid, whose term of office as a Commissioner ended in December and the appointment of Professor George Gretton of Edinburgh University, who will take up his appointment in May as Professor Reid's successor.

In addition to publication of the Seventh Programme of Law Reform, which outlines the law reform topics on which the Commission will be working during the next four years, 2005 saw the publication of the following discussion papers:

- Interest on Debt and Damages
- Land Registration: Registration, Rectification and Indemnity
- Variation and Termination of Trusts
- Land Registration: Miscellaneous Issues

The Commission also published a joint report with the Law Commission on Unfair Terms in Contracts.

The Commission's current projects include a major review of the law on rape and other sexual offences, property law, trusts and succession, limitation and prescription in personal injury actions, interest on debt and damages, and judicial factors. In addition the Commission is working on a new joint project with the Law Commission in London on insurance contract law.

The Report refers to further topics which the Commission will be reviewing over the next few years under its Seventh Programme, including projects on unincorporated associations, provocation, self-defence, coercion and necessity, and assignation of and security over intangible assets.

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 Eassie, a Court of Session judge. The other Commissioners are Professor Gerard Maher QC, Professor Joseph M Thomson and Mr Colin J Tyre QC. The Chief Executive is Mr Michael Lugton.

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3. The paper may also be viewed on our website at www.scotlawcom.gov.uk or purchased from TSO Scotland Bookshop.