

## Autumn 2014

# e-bulletin

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

### Our current work

In the last couple of months the Scottish Law Commission has completed work on several substantial projects in our current programme of work, the Eighth Programme of Law Reform. The Eighth Programme finishes at the end of 2014. A few projects will be carried forward into our next Programme. Our current law reform projects, including our joint law reform projects with the Law Commission for England and Wales and the Northern Ireland Law Commission, are set out below. For further information on any particular project, click on the link which takes you to the project page on our website.

#### **Scottish Commission only projects**

#### **Current projects**

- <u>Compulsory purchase</u>
- <u>Contract law in light of the Draft Common</u> <u>Frame of Reference (DCFR)</u>
- <u>Moveable transactions (security over</u> corporeal and incorporeal moveable property; assignation of incorporeal moveable property)

#### **Recently completed projects**

- Adults with incapacity
- <u>Trusts</u>



### News

### Ninth Programme of Law Reform

The Commission has carried out an extensive consultation on the next Programme of Law Reform. We are very grateful for the many interesting and useful responses that we have received. The Commission is giving careful consideration to all these contributions. A Programme will be drawn up, and submitted to the Scottish Ministers for approval and laying before the Scottish Parliament early in 2015.

#### Interview with Lord Pentland

Lord Pentland, Chairman of the Scottish Law Commission, gave an interview - see the report in Law Society of Scotland's <u>Journal Online</u>. Lord Pentland discussed the factors that will shape the Commission's Ninth Programme of Law Reform. Joint projects with the Law Commission for England and Wales (\*and with the Northern Ireland Law Commission):

#### Current joint projects

- Electoral law \*
- Insurance law
- <u>Statute law repeals</u>

#### **Further information**

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.

#### **Update/Unsubscribe**

Remove or update your details by clicking here.

#### **Adults with Incapacity**

On 1 October, the Commission published a <u>Report</u> on deprivation of liberty in the context of adults with incapacity.

## New consumer rights for victims of rogue traders

Regulations came into force on 1 October 2014 to implement the recommendations by the Commission and the Law Commission for England and Wales. See the <u>news release</u>.

#### **Trust law**

The Commission's <u>Report</u> on Trust Law was published on 26 August 2014. The recommendations in our Report will affect all those who use trusts. Our draft Trusts (Scotland) Bill is aimed at providing a modern system of trust law, allowing Scotland to compete more effectively in the global trusts world.

#### Insurance contract law for business

On 17 July 2014, the Commission and the Law Commission for England and Wales published a joint <u>Report</u> on Insurance Contract Law: Business Disclosure; Warranties; Insurers' Remedies for Fraudulent Claims; and Late Payment. On the same day, the UK Government introduced into the UK Parliament a Bill which will implement the majority of the Report's recommendations. For further details, see our project page.

# Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill

The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee of the Scottish Parliament has taken evidence on the Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill. This is the first Bill to be considered by the Committee under the new procedure for certain Scottish Law Commission Bills. Further information is available on the <u>Committee website</u> and on the Commission's <u>project page</u>.