



RECENT REPORTS AND IMPLEMENTATION

Recent reports

The Commission has recently published reports on:

- Contempt of Court (1): Juror Misconduct and Internet Publications (LC340) 09/12/13
- Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Bill: Report on the Consolidation of Legislation relating to Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies (LC341) 19/12/14
- Wildlife Law: Control of Invasive Non-native Species (LC342) 11/02/14
- Matrimonial Property, Needs and Agreements (LC343) 27/02/14
- Contempt of Court (2): Court Reporting (LC344) 26/03/14
- Regulation of Health Care Professionals: Regulation of Social Care Professionals in England (LC345) 02/04/14
- Patents, Trade Marks and Design Rights: Groundless Threats (LC346) 15/04/14
- Taxi and Private Hire Services (LC347) 23/05/14
- Hate Crime: Should the Current Offences be Extended? (LC348) 28/05/14
- Conservation Covenants (LC349) 24/06/14
- Fiduciary Duties of Investment Intermediaries (LC 350) 30/6/14
- Data Sharing between Public Bodies (LC 351) 11/07/14
- Insurance Contract Law: Business Disclosure; Warranties' Insurers' Remedies for Fraudulent Claims; Late Payment. (LC 353) 17/07/14
- Twelfth Programme of Law Reform (LC354) 23/07/14
- Social Investment by Charities (Recommendations Paper) 24/09/14
- The Work of the Law Commission (incorporating the Twelfth Programme) 24/10/14
- Simplification of Criminal Law: Kidnapping and Related Offences (LC355) 20/11/14
- Rights to Light (LC356) 04/12/14

In addition, the Commission has published the following papers:

- Social Investment by Charities: A Consultation Paper (LCCP216) 24/04/14
- Unfitness to Plead (Issues Paper) 02/05/14
- Reform of Offences against the Person: A Scoping Consultation Paper (LCCP217) 12/11/14
- General Statute Law Repeals: A Consultation Paper (SLR 03/14) 27/11/14
- Electoral Law: A Joint Consultation Paper (LCCP218) 09/12/14
- Enforcement of Family Financial Orders: A Consultation Paper (LCCP 219) 11/3/15

Current law reform projects

The following are the Commission's current projects. These will be the bulk of the Commission's work over the next three years although it is likely that it will, during that period, undertake further law reform projects.

Public Law

Wildlife Management

Electoral Law

Mental Capacity and Detention

Planning and Development Control in Wales

The Form and Accessibility of the Law applicable in Wales

Criminal Law

Unfitness to Plead

Misconduct in Public Office

Offences against the Person

Sentencing Procedure

Firearms

Public Nuisance and Outraging Public Decency

Insanity and Automatism

Contempt of Court.

Property Family and Trusts

Enforcement of Family Financial Orders

Charities

Land Registration

Wills

Commercial and Common Law

Transfer of Title and Change in Occupancy Fees in Leaseholds

Consumer Prepayments in Retailer Insolvency

Bills of Sale

Groundless Threats in Intellectual Property

Insurance: Insurable Interests

Implementation

In Westminster:

- The Inheritance and Trustees' Powers Act, which received Royal Assent on 14 May 2014, implements Law Commission recommendations on Intestacy.
- The Care Act, which received Royal Assent on 14 May 2014, implements Law Commission recommendations on Adult Social Care.
- The Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, which received Royal Assent on 14 May 2014 is a Law Commission consolidation Act.
- The Consumer Rights Bill, currently before Parliament (Third Reading, House of Lords, 8 December 2014), will implement Law Commission recommendations in three reports: Unfair Contract Terms, Consumer Redress for Misleading and Aggressive Practices, and Consumer Remedies for Faulty Goods.
- The Infrastructure Act, which received the Royal Assent on 12 February 2015 implements Law Commission recommendations on Control of Non-Indigenous Invasive Species.
- The Criminal Justice and Courts Act, which received the Royal Assent on 12 February 2015, implements certain Law Commission recommendations in relation to Juror Misconduct and Internet Publications.
- The Insurance Act, which received the Royal Assent on 12 February 2015 implements recommendations in the Law Commission's most recent report on insurance law.
- The Government has announced that it has adopted the recommendations in the Law Commission report on Fiduciary Duties of Investment Intermediaries.
- Recommendations in the Law Commission report on Expert Evidence in Criminal Proceedings have been implemented in the Criminal Procedure Rules.
- On 29 January 2015 the Department of Health announced that it accepted the majority of the Commission's recommendations in its joint report with the Scottish and Northern Ireland Law Commissions on Regulation of Healthcare / Social Care Professionals and is committed to legislate on this matter in due course.

In the Welsh Assembly:

- The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act, which received Royal Assent on 1 May 2014, implements in Wales Law Commission proposals on Adult Social Care. This represents an important milestone for the Law Commission and the National Assembly for Wales as this is the first occasion on which Law Commission recommendations have been implemented by the National Assembly using its powers under Part 4, Government of Wales Act 2006.
- The Renting Homes (Wales) Bill was introduced into the Welsh Assembly on 9th February 2015. This Bill will implement the Law Commission's 2006 report on Renting Homes, updated in Renting Homes in Wales/ Rhentu Cartrefi yng Nghymru (LC337) 09/04/13