

Tas.L.R.C.	Criminal Procedure : Prohibition of Publishing of names (Jan.1976) Fisheries : Forfeiture of things used in unlawful catching (Feb.1976) Rehabilitation of Offenders (January 1976) Vagrancy and Drinking Offences : decriminalisation (March 1976)
V.C.J.C.	Nil
V.L.R.C.	Nil
V.S.L.R.C.	Proposed general reference on privacy promised.
W.A.L.R.C.	Small Debts Court : the possibility of establishing a Small Debts Court or expanding the Small Claims Tribunal.

All of the above details concerning the current work and new references of Australian agencies are in accordance with the latest information received by the ALRC as at March 1976.

## Library News

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Federal Acts: With the publication of Volume 12 of the Acts of the Australian Parliament 1901-1973, the latest bound reprint of the Commonwealth Acts is now complete. The speed at which the Attorney-General's Department has been able to publish the set of Acts proves just what computers and determination can do to ensure access to the law. A general index to the statutes has been compiled by B.M.Wicks, LL.B., A.L.A.A. Titled "Subject Index to the Acts of the Australian Parliament", the 128 page index costs \$6.00 (+ 48c postage), Libra Books, Box 1901, Canberra, 2601.

Keeping up to date on Law Reform: As from January 1976 Australian Current Law (issued by Butterworths) will be listing all new publications of law reform agencies at the end of the legislation section. This service should prove valuable in drawing attention to all recent Australian law reform publications.

Tasmanian Statutes and Cases: Two reference publications relating to Tasmanian Law have recently been issued by the Law Society. They are - Tasmanian Legal Information Guide: In March 1976 the Law Society of Tasmania intends to publish the Guide which will contain current information on Tasmanian law and legal activities including cases and articles. Available C/- The Law Society of Tasmania, Public Buildings, Franklin Square, Hobart). Tasmanian Supreme Court Judgments 1960-1972: This Digest is a guide to cases decided, whether reported or not, between 1960-72. Supplements will be produced for the Digest which has been prepared by Michael Lillas. Price \$20.00 from the Law Book Co. Ltd.

Comparative Law : European Codes Translated: A major improvement in availability of English translations is Sweet & Maxwell's "American Series of Foreign Penal Codes". The Council of Europe has also recently issued "Bibliography of Translations of Codes and Other Laws of Private Law" : Available Morgan-Grampian Ltd., Calderwood Street, London.

## Personalia

The Hon. D.S. Thomson, M.C., E.D., M.P. :

The new Minister of Justice and Secretary of the Law Reform Council in New Zealand is the Hon. David Spence Thomson. Before the recent elections, the posts of Attorney-General and Minister of Justice were combined. The positions have now been split again and Mr. Thomson takes over ministerial responsibility for law reform. First elected to the Parliament in 1963, he became Minister of Defence in 1966 and thereafter held a number of portfolios. Following the recent election, Mr. Thomson became Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on legislation. He is a dairy farmer and is married with one son and daughter. During War service he was awarded the Military Cross with Efficiency Decoration and Bar. He retired from military service in 1959 with the rank of Brigadier.

The Hon. Mr. Justice E.P. Hartt :

The Chairman of the Law Reform Commission of Canada, the Hon. Mr. Justice E.Patrick Hartt, completes his five year commission at the end of March 1976. He will be returning to judicial duties as a member of the Supreme Court of Ontario. Aged 49, Hartt J. specialised in criminal law in Toronto before being appointed to the Supreme Court. He was a member of that Court for a little more than four years when called to be the first Chairman of the national Canadian Commission. Canadian Justice Minister Turner described him as "the finest, most progressive of the younger judges with all the human qualities needed to make a profound examination of our federal laws".