

## Hong Kong

HKLRC : Report on Confession Statements and their Admissibility in Criminal Proceedings 1985. Topic 8.

## Ireland

Ireland LRC : Report on the Liability in Tort of Minors and the Liability of Parents for Damage caused by Minors, 1985. No 17.

: Report on the Liability in Tort of Mentally Disabled Persons, 1985. No 18.

: Report on Private International Law Aspects of Capacity to Marry and Choice of Law in Proceedings for Nullity of Marriage, 1985. No 19.

## South Africa

SALRC : Report on Women and Sexual Offences in South Africa, 1985.

## United Kingdom

Law Com : Report on Polygamous Marriages. Capacity to Contract a Polygamous Marriage and Related Issues, 1985. No 146.

: Report on Poison-Pen Letters, 1985. No 147.

: Second Report on Land Registration: Inspection of the Register, 1985. No 148.

: Working Paper on Family Law Review of Child Law: Guardianship, 1985. WP 91.

Scot Law Com : Criminal Law: Art and Part Guilt of Statutory Offences, 1985. No 93.

: Consultative Memo on Constitution and Proof of Voluntary Obligations and the Authentication of Writings, 1985. No 66.

: Consultative Memo on Child Abduction, 1985. No 67.

## United States of America

NYLRC : Annual Report of the Law Revision Commission for 1985.

## new references

### NSWLRC

- *Registration and Certification of Births and Deaths*. Commission's terms of reference on

this subject also include the criteria for registration of the surname of a child of married and unmarried parents.

- *Community Law Reform Program — Highway Authorities/Immunity for Non-feasance*.

## TasLRC

- *Child Witness*. Law and procedures relating to the child as a witness in criminal civil and child welfare protection proceedings in particular to the child as a victim of sexual assault.

## VLRC

- *Plain English*. Its terms of reference indicate it is to inquire into and review current techniques, principles and practices of drafting legislation, legal agreements and those government forms which affect legal rights and obligations in order to recommend what steps be taken to adopt a plain English drafting style.
- *Law Relating to Sexual Offences*.

## what's going on in the LRCs

### Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC)

- *Insolvency*. Consultants meeting held in September 1985. Work continuing on further briefing papers dealing with Trading Trusts, Secured and other like creditors, Bankruptcy Proceedings and Antecedent Transactions. Further consultants meetings to consider these papers in February 1986. Discussion Paper expected mid 1986.
- *Debt Recovery*. WIH. Final draft of report under consideration. Report due early 1986.
- *Admiralty Jurisdiction*. Consultants meeting was held in early December to discuss the Commission's final proposals on civil jurisdiction. Report on Civil Admiralty Jurisdiction due March 1986.
- *Contempt of Court*. WIH. RP and DP on 'Contempt and Family Law' issued December 1985. DP on 'Contempt and the Media' to be issued early 1986. Report due late 1986.
- *Standing*. Report tabled in Federal Parliament late November 1985.
- *Class Actions*. Project to be revived when resources permit.
- *Matrimonial Property Law*. Public hearings in all major capital cities and some country areas took place in November 1985. They proved to be very informative, allowing the public to have their views recorded and placed before the Commission which will be useful when the final