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VLRC

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FLRC

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ILRC

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NCCUSL

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NCCUSL

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Senate LCC

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Treasury

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Treasury

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Carriage of Goods

NCCUSL

Harmonisation of North American law with regard to the assignment of receivables in international trade convention—WIH on inquiry.

Censorship

AGD

Simplifying the Classification of DVDs, June 2006 (DP).

Review of Advertising of Unclassified Material, August 2006 (DP).

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ALRC

Review of Privacy, October 2006 (IP 31).

DCA(UK)

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Law Com

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Man LRC

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ALRC

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NZLC

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Law Com

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LRCWA

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Treasury

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Constitutional Law

MLC

WIH on review of the Constitution of the Republic of Malawi.

Construction Law

NCCUSL

Notice and repair of construction defects—new study committee established.

Consumer Protection

NSWLCLJ

Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts, November 2006 (R).

Scot Law Com

Protection of purchasers buying property from insolvent sellers—report expected in 2007.

Contracts

Cal LRC

Mechanics' Lien Law, July 2006 (Tentative Recommendation).

ILRC

Privity of Contract: Third Party Rights, November 2006 (CP).

NSWLCLJ

Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts, November 2006 (R).

Scot Law Com

Report on Interest on Debts and Damages, September 2006 (R 203).

Copyright

AGD

Exposure Draft of Copyright Amendment (Technological Protection Measures) Bill 2006 and Related Regulations, September 2006.

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Senate LCC

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CAMAC

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NCCUSL

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PJCCFS

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Treasury

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Corporations Amendment (Takeovers) Bill 2006, September 2006.

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ALRC

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NSW Omb

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NZLC

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VSAC

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AGD; NZMJ

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Cal LRC

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DCA(UK)

Proposals to Create Judicial Powers to Manage Conflict of Interest and Capacity Issues in Very High Cost Cases, August 2006 (CP 17/06).

HKLRC

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LRCWA

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NCCUSL

WIH on drafting Interstate Depositions and Discovery of Documents Act—new draft November 2006.

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NZLC

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Scot Law Com

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TLRI

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VLRC

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VPLRC

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Courts

AGD(NSW)

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LRCWA

Problem-oriented courts and judicial case management—DP expected March 2007.

MLC

WIH on review of Traditional Courts Act.

NZLC

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TLRI

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VLRC

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Draft Statutory Code of Practice on Investigation of Protected Electronic Information, June 2006 (CP).

NCCUSL

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Electronic recording of custodial interrogations—new study committee established.

WIH on draft Regulation of Medical Examiners Act—new committee established July 2006.

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Crimes Act Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill (No 1) 2006, August 2006 (R).

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TLRI

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VPLRC

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WALC

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Criminal Law

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AGD

Report of the Independent Review of the Operation of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, July 2006 [released October 2006] (R).

FLRC

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HKLRC

Double jeopardy—WIH on new inquiry.

Review of sexual offences—WIH on new inquiry.

Causing or allowing the death of a child—WIH on new inquiry.

HO(UK)

Strengthening Powers to Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour, November 2006 (CP).

Making Sure that Crime Doesn't Pay, November 2006 (CP).

Quashing Convictions, September 2006 (CP).

ILRC

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Legitimate Defence, November 2006 (CP).

Law Com

Inchoate Liability for Assisting and Encouraging Crime, July 2006 (R 300).

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LRCWA

Review of the law of homicide—report expected early 2007.

MCLOC

Drink spiking—WIH on report.

MLC

Spent convictions—WIH on inquiry.

Human trafficking—WIH on inquiry.

NZLC

Criminal defences, insanity and partial defences—WIH on inquiry.

Development of comprehensive Criminal Procedures Act—WIH on new inquiry.

SALRC

WIH on inquiry on trafficking in persons.

Senate LCC

Migration Amendment (Visa Integrity) Bill 2006, September 2006 (R).

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TLRI

Criminal liability of organisations—report expected early 2007.

Intoxication and Criminal Responsibility, August 2006 (R 7).

Driving causing death—issues paper expected early 2007.

Contempt of court—WIH on issues paper.

VLRC

Bail Act—WIH on final report for mid 2007.

WACDJC

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WALC

Criminal Investigation Bill 2005 and Criminal and Found Property Bill 2005, September 2006 (R).

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MLC

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ILRC

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Law Com

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NSWLRC

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HKLRC

Causing or allowing the death of a child—WIH on new inquiry.

HO(UK)

Proposed Guidance for Domestic Homicide Reviews, August 2006 (CP).

Scot Law Com

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VPLRC

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Review of Privacy—Credit Reporting Provisions, December 2006 (IP 32).

JLC

Security on Immovable Property, June 2006 (CP 8).

NSWLRC

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Scot Law Com

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Sask LRC

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ACIP

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Dispute Resolution

FLC

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Collaborative practice—report expected late 2006.

NCCUSL

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NSWLRC

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VLRC

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FLC

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HKLRC

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NSW Omb

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QLRC

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NCCUSL

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NSW Omb

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HKLRC

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ILRC

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NCCUSL

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SALRC

Protected disclosures—WIH on report.

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AGD

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BCLI

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DCA(UK)

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Human trafficking—WIH on inquiry.

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DCA(UK)

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Implementation of international conventions and treaties—WIH by study committee.

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DCA(UK)

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MLC

WIH on inquiry into the judicial service commission.

Justice of the Peace

NCCUSL

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Juries

NSWLRC

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Jury Service, December 2006 (IP 28).

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WALC

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Law Reform

HoRLCA

Inquiry into Harmonisation of Legal Systems, December 2006 (R).

Law Com

Post-Legislative Scrutiny, October 2006 (R 302).

Legal Aid

DCA(UK)

Legal Aid: A Sustainable Future, July 2006 (CP 13/06).

Legal Fees

SCAG

Litigation Funding, May 2006 [released June 2006] (DP).

VLRC

Civil Justice Review: Consultation Paper, September 2006.

Legal Profession

AGD(SA)

Draft Legal Profession Bill 2006 (SA), November 2006.

ALRC

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DCA(UK)

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MLC

Review of the Legal Education and Legal Practitioners Act—new inquiry to commence 2007.

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Law Com

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NZLC

Accessibility of New Zealand statute law—WIH on new inquiry.

SALRC

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Sask LRC

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Law Com

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NIOLR

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Sask LRC

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Abbreviations

ACIP	Australia. Advisory Committee on Intellectual Property
AGD	Australia. Attorney-General's Department
AGD(NSW)	New South Wales. Attorney-General's Department
ALRC	Australian Law Reform Commission
ALRI	Alberta Law Reform Institute
ARC	Australia. Administrative Review Council
BCLI	British Columbia Law Institute
Cal LRC	Californian Law Revision Commission
CAMAC	Australia. Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee.
COmb	Australia. Commonwealth Ombudsman
CP	Consultation Paper
DCA(UK)	United Kingdom. Department of Constitutional Affairs
DP	Discussion Paper
FLC	Australia. Family Law Council
FLRC	Fiji Law Reform Commission
HKLRC	Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong
HMT(UK)	United Kingdom. Her Majesty's Treasury
HO(UK)	United Kingdom. Home Office
HoRLCA	Australia. House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
HREOC	Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
ILRC	Ireland. Law Reform Commission
IP	Issues Paper
JLC	Jersey Law Commission
Law Com	England and Wales. Law Commission
LCC	Law Commission of Canada
LRCWA	Law Reform Commission of Western Australia
Man LRC	Manitoba Law Reform Commission
MCLOC	Australia. Model Criminal Law Officers' Committee
MLC	Malawi Law Commission
NCCUSL	United States. National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws

NIOLR	Northern Ireland. Office of Law Reform
NSW Omb	New South Wales Ombudsman
NSWLCLJ	New South Wales. Legislative Council Standing Committee on Law & Justice
NSWLRC	New South Wales Law Reform Commission
NZLC	New Zealand Law Commission
NZMJ	New Zealand Ministry of Justice
PJCCFS	Australia. Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services
QCMC	Queensland Crime and Misconduct Commission
QLCARC	Queensland. Parliament. Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee
QLRC	Queensland Law Reform Commission
Qld Omb	Queensland Ombudsman
R	Report
SALRC	South African Law Reform Commission
Sask LRC	Saskatchewan Law Reform Commission
SCAG	Australia Standing Committee of Attorneys-General
Scot Law Com	Scottish Law Commission
Senate FADTC	Australia. Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee
Senate LCC	Australia. Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
TLRI	Tasmania Law Reform Institute
Treasury	Australia. The Treasury
VACRO	Victorian Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders
VLRC	Victorian Law Reform Commission
VPLRC	Victoria. Parliament. Law Reform Committee
VSAC	Victoria. Sentencing Advisory Council
WACDJC	Western Australia, Legislative Assembly Community Development and Justice Committee
WALC	Western Australia, Legislative Council Legislation Committee
WIH	Work In Hand