

PREFACE

This is the fifth edition of the conspectus of Commonwealth Law Reform Agencies' proposals for law reform and of the progress made in the implementation of such proposals. Since the last issue in 1987 there has been a considerable increase in the work done by existing agencies; new agencies have been established and they, and others not previously listed, are now included.

It is recognised that this compilation is not exhaustive. In some of those Commonwealth countries whose law reform activities are here recorded there are other organs than the formal and permanent agencies of law reform, sometimes standing committees, for example, of legislatures dealing with particular topics and sometimes ad hoc bodies established, or even individuals retained, to consider and to propose the reform of a specific area of the law. The activities of such organs and individuals sometimes come to the notice of the Editor of the Commonwealth Law Bulletin and are mentioned therein, usually, but not necessarily, under the 'Law Reform' heading. Again, many reports of Law Reform Commissions are preceded by Issues Papers, Research Papers or Working Papers, or other preparatory and inquisitive publications, which are subsequently subsumed in reports. Few of the former category of report, and not all of the latter category of inquiry are included herein.

This issue brings the compilation up-to-date as at December 1990. Wherever appropriate, reference is made to any note in the Bulletin (C.L.B.) of a Report, Working Paper, etc. As in the case of previous issues, this has been prepared from material kindly and readily supplied by the various Law Reform agencies themselves, without whose assistance this compilation would not have been possible; and it is gratefully acknowledged.

Attention is drawn to the existence of the Law Reform Database developed by the Law Reform Commission of British Columbia: see (1990) 16 C.L.B. 1443.

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