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is circulating and should be sent to Attorney-General soon.

- *Real Property: Mortgages*. WIH.
- *Insurance: Fire Insurance* (#52). WIH.
- *Liens: Workmen's Liens* (#64). WIH.
- *Evidence*. (#51). WIH.
- *Crown Proceedings*. WIH.
- *Gaming and Wagering*. Report presented, not yet printed.
- *Group Defamation*. Report prepared, not yet printed.

Tasmanian Law Reform Commission (TasLRC)

- See [1981] *Reform* 106.
- *Annual Report* 1980 of the TasLRC records progress in work of the Commission, co-operation with other agencies and implementation of Commission reports.
- TasLRC is aiming to complete all existing references by June 1982. The Attorney-General has suggested that the Commission propose a program suitable for the four-year life of the next Parliament.
- The Commission has recently completed references on the Small Claims Court, Long-term Contracts, Tranquilliser Guns, Exemption Clauses and Liability Obligations in Contracts for Goods and Services and the Evidence Rule in *Hollington v. Hewthorn*.
- Work is in hand on completing reports concerning Wills, Boundary Fences, Rape and Other Crimes of a Sexual Nature, the Rule Against Perpetuities, Variation of Trusts and Compensation for Personal Injuries in Tort.

Victorian Chief Justice's Law Reform Committee (VCJC)

- *Occupiers' Liability*. Sub-committee report considered by full committee. Matter referred back for further consideration.
- *Habeas Corpus Act*. WIH.
- *Hearsay Rule*. Sub-committee established to consider proposals of the ALRC.
- *Comparability and Compellability*. Sub-committee established to consider proposals of the ALRC.
- *Supreme Court Act 1958, s. 142-159 (Foreign Attachments)*. WIH.
- *Survival of Causes of Action for Personal Injury*. Sub-committee report presented to full committee but consideration adjourned until next meeting.
- *Wills for Mentally Disordered Persons*. Sub-committee report approved in principle, referred back to sub-committee.

Victorian Law Reform Commissioner (VLRC)

- *Corporate Crime*. WIH.
- *Crime: Provocation, Diminished Responsibility as Defences to Murder*. Report published January 1982.

- *In Vitro Fertilisation*. The VLRC, in a personal capacity, is to chair an ad hoc committee on the legal implications of IVF. See above, p. 65.

Victorian Statute Law Revision Committee (VSRC)

- *Constitution Act 1975 — Role of the Upper House*. An interim report was prepared to advise the Victorian Parliament of the committee's progress in the inquiry just before the dissolution of the Parliament for the current elections.
- *Constitution Act 1975*. There are six terms of reference to be considered.
- *Protection of Animals Act 1966*. There are four terms of reference to be considered.
- *Privacy*. Submissions to be examined. Co-operating with ALRC.

Western Australian Law Reform Commission (WALRC)

- *Privacy*. The WALRC is collaborating with the ALRC.
- *Local Courts*. WP on general principles and structure, jurisdiction and administration of local courts soon to be published.
- *Strata Titles*. WIH.
- *Criminal Process and Mental Disorder*. WP in preparation.
- *Fugitive Fathers*. WIH.

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The Rt. Hon. Sir Zelman Cowen, AK, GCMG, K.St.J., QC

It was announced in Canberra and London on 14 January 1982 that the Governor-General of Australia, Sir Zelman Cowen, will relinquish his office in late July 1982. He will take up an appointment as Provost of Oriel College, Oxford in succession to Lord Swann. Sir Zelman was a Fellow and Tutor at Oriel between 1947 and 1950, having earlier studied as a Rhodes Scholar at New College. His contribution to law reform in Australia, as a law teacher, university Vice-Chancellor and member of Victorian law reform bodies (including the VCJC), led naturally to his appointment in July 1976 as a part-time member of the Australian Law Reform Commission. He held this post until the announcement of his appointment as Governor-General in August 1977. He took a keen interest in a number of ALRC projects, including those on Human Tissue Transplants and Privacy. He signed into law the legislation based on the ALRC report on the former topic and himself remarked that this was a rare event for a law reformer. In many speeches delivered as Governor-General, he continued to exhibit a keen interest in both the substance and procedures of law reform. One such speech is noted in this issue. See above p. For a note on his career see [1977] *Reform* 58.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Ninian Stephen KBE

At the time of the announcement of the retirement of Sir Zelman Cowen, the appointment of Sir Ninian Stephen, a

Justice of the High Court of Australia, to be Australia's next Governor-General was announced. Sir Ninian was born in 1923 and educated in Edinburgh, London and Melbourne. After War service, he was admitted to the legal profession in 1949 and signed the Roll of Barristers in Victoria in 1951. He was appointed a QC in 1966 and in 1970 was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria. His appointment to the High Court of Australia followed in 1972, in which year he was knighted. In 1979 he was made a member of Her Majesty's Privy Council. Sir Ninian was a Bar representative on the Chief Justice's Law Reform Committee in Victoria during the periods 1958-59 and 1968-70. He served on two sub-committees dealing with occupiers' liability and the law of fixtures and hire purchase agreements. He chaired a sub-committee on exemption clauses in contracts which sat between 1970 and 1971. His views about the need for full investigation before major law reforms (not always possible in the courtroom) were expressed in the *Australian Conservation Foundation* case. His criticism of the 'notorious difficulties' and the 'unsatisfactory tool' of lump sum damages are voiced in the recent High Court decisions in *Barrell Insurances and Todorovic v. Waller*. See also *Purcell v. Watson* (1979) 26 ALR 235. At a news conference on his appointment, Sir Ninian said he believed constitutional reform, whilst extraordinarily difficult, was desirable; but not the job of the Governor-General to promote.

The Hon. Sir Walter Campbell

A past Chairman of the Queensland LRC, Mr. Justice Campbell, has been elevated to the position of Chief Justice of Queensland, following the retirement of Sir Charles Wanstall. Sir Walter was Chairman of the QLRC between 1969 and 1973 and has written on 'Law Reform in Queensland' in (1971) 7 *UQLJ* 221. He was appointed to the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1967, has been Chancellor of the University of Queensland since 1977 and was knighted in 1979. Until his recent appointment, he also held a Federal commission as Chairman of the Remuneration Tribunal of the Commonwealth, responsible for fixing Federal parliamentary, judicial and senior administrative salaries and conditions.

The Hon. Mr. Justice D.G. Andrews

The Chairman of the Queensland LRC, Mr. Justice Andrews, has been appointed to the position of Senior Puisne Judge of Queensland. He has been Chairman of the QLRC since 1973. First appointed to the District Court in 1965, he was elevated to the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1971. He has taken an active part in law reform in Queensland for many years and in the meetings of the Australian law reform agencies.

Mr. Eric Freeman

The new Chairman of the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia is Mr. Eric Freeman. He succeeds Mr. David Malcolm QC who has been elected as the President of the Western Australian Bar Association. Mr. Freeman's election as Chairman of the WALRC is his third term in that post. He has been a part-time member of the Commission since its inception in 1973 and held the post of Chairman in 1974 and 1977. Mr. Freeman graduated in Law from Victoria University

of Wellington, New Zealand, in 1952, where he was a part-time lecturer in law in the Commerce Faculty for a time. He was admitted to the Bar of Western Australia in 1969 and is a Senior Assistant Crown Solicitor for the State of Western Australia. He is in charge of the WALRC project on privacy and sat jointly with the ALRC Commissioners in privacy public hearings.

Mr. Russell Scott

The new Deputy Chairman of the New South Wales Law Reform Commission is Mr. Russell Scott, a Sydney barrister. Mr. Scott takes up his post from 1 May 1982 but is already serving in a part-time capacity in the NSWLRC. After being admitted as a solicitor in 1950, he practised as a partner in a leading Sydney firm until his appointment in 1976 as one of the foundation full-time members of the Australian Law Reform Commission. In this post, he led the Commission's work in its much-praised report on *Human Tissue Transplants*. In 1981 he published a book, *'The Body as Property'*, extending the work he had done in the ALRC. Coinciding with his appointment as Deputy Chairman of the NSW Commission, it was announced that he had been appointed a member of a committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council on Ethics in Medical Research. The committee held its first meeting in Melbourne in March 1982 and will be looking at IVF, embryo transfer, use of fetal tissues and other associated matters.

Mr. Robert Conacher

Mr. Scott succeeds Mr. Robert Conacher, who completed his service as Deputy Chairman of the NSWLRC on 5 March 1982. Mr. Conacher commenced his commission with the NSWLRC on 1 January 1966 from the New South Wales Bar. He was a frequent contributor to the *Australian Law Journal*. His scholarly and painstaking approach to law reform can be seen in numerous reports of the NSWLRC but most notably those on Supreme Court Procedure (NSWLRC 7, 14), Infancy in Relation to Contracts and Property (NSWLRC 6), Powers of Attorney and Unsoundness of Body and Mind (NSWLRC 20) and Commercial Arbitration (NSWLRC 27).

Other NSWLRC Changes

Other appointments to the NSWLRC in the past quarter include the announcement of the appointment of Mr. David Kirby, a Sydney barrister, as a part-time Commissioner and Mrs. Marcia Neave, a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Melbourne as the first Director of Research of the NSWLRC. Mr. David Kirby, a brother of the ALRC Chairman, will take up a post as a full-time Commissioner in August 1982, filling a vacancy that will then be left by Judge Trevor Martin. Mr. Kirby has recently been engaged in two major committees of inquiry for the New South Wales Government concerning controversial road systems servicing the city of Sydney. Mrs. Neave is co-author with Professor Sackville (NSWLRC Chairman) of the standard textbook on the Law of Property in Australia. Until her appointment to the NSWLRC she was a Lecturer in Law in the University of Melbourne. The appointments and others announced in [1982] *Reform* 39 reflect a significant change in personnel in the NSWLRC since Professor Sackville took over as Chairman in late 1981.

QLRC Changes

One of the members of the Queensland Law Reform Commission, Dr. Bruce McPherson QC, has resigned and has been appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland. Mr. Justice McPherson has been a part-time member of the QLRC since 1969. He received his early education in South Africa, was admitted to the Queensland Bar in 1963 and appointed Queen's Counsel in 1975. Mr. Glen Williams QC, Sir John Rowell and Mr. John Nosworthy have all been reappointed part-time Commissioners of the QLRC for a further three year period from 1 January 1982.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Derek Bollen

A member of the Law Reform Committee of South Australia, Mr. Derek Bollen QC, has been appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of that State. Mr. Justice Bollen has taken an active part in many projects of the SALRC and has attended meetings of the Australian Law Reform Agencies Conference. At the Bar he had a wide-ranging practice in many jurisdictions. His appointment to the Bench has been warmly welcomed in Adelaide and beyond.

Mr. Daryl Williams QC

The Attorney-General for Western Australia, Mr. Ian Medcalf, announced on 17 February 1982 the appointment of Mr. D.R. Williams QC as a part-time member of the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia. In his university days, Mr. Williams was an active member of the National Union of Australian University Students. He was Rhodes Scholar from WA in 1965 and holds law degrees from the University of Western Australia and Oxford University. From 1971 to 1975 he worked with the Asian Development Bank in Manila. On his return to Perth he established a busy practice in the superior courts. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in January 1982. For a number of years he has been a part-time tutor and lecturer at the WA Law School. At the time of his appointment to the WALRC as a part-time member, he was joint Vice-President of the Council of the Law Society of WA.

The Hon. Mr. Justice K.E. Enderby

A former Commonwealth Attorney-General, Mr. Keppel Enderby QC, was welcomed as a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales on 24 February 1982. To welcome the new judge, the New South Wales Bar was represented by the former Prime Minister, Mr. E.G. Whitlam QC, in whose Ministry Mr. Enderby served in 1974 and 1975. In the course of welcoming the new judge, Mr. Whitlam drew attention to his

achievements as Federal Attorney-General. They included the passage of the Family Law Act, the Racial Discrimination Act and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act of 1975. Mr. Whitlam also referred to the first reference to the ALRC concerning complaints against police and criminal investigation which have borne fruit in federal legislation and proposed legislation, including the Criminal Investigation Bill 1981. Mr. Whitlam said that on his return to the Bar in Sydney, Mr. Enderby had been made a QC by Attorney-General Maddison and having been 'sanitized by six years at the Bar', was now a fitting appointment to the 'oldest court in the nation'.

ALRC Staff Changes

A number of staff changes in the ALRC have included the appointment of Mr. Peter Macfarlane as Associate to the Chairman in succession to Mr. Jeffrey Barnes. Mr. Barnes was educated in the University of New South Wales and came to the post after a short time with Parliamentary Counsel's Office in NSW. After a year in the post, he is now undertaking the College of Law course. During his time in the ALRC, he worked principally on the *Child Welfare* report and on privacy. Mr. Macfarlane took his arts and law degrees from Macquarie University, where he had a particular interest in public international law. After graduation he worked as an editor at CCH Australia Ltd in Sydney and last year signed the Roll of Solicitors in New South Wales. He is continuing studies at Macquarie University in an MA course on Mediaeval Studies. It is not yet apparent whether these studies will be significant for his current research work in the ALRC which relate to medical privacy. Mr. Garry Mahlberg, one of the foundation employees of the ALRC's administrative staff, has left after seven years, to take a promotion with an appointment to the Australian Overseas Projects Corporation. He has been replaced by Ms. Maria Mitchell, an officer of the Department of Foreign Affairs. Ms. Mitchell holds the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She has worked in the Papua New Guinea office and in the staff section of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Sydney. She commenced work with the ALRC in March 1982. Ms. Fiona Howarth has been seconded to the ALRC under the Australian Public Service Board Executive Development Scheme. She will be working principally on the Aboriginal customary laws reference. She holds a BA degree and before joining the Executive Development Scheme, she was Executive Assistant to the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Sir Geoffrey Yeend). She is the third officer who has worked with the ALRC under the scheme, which is designed to provide a variety of training experience for officers of the Australian Public Service.

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