

Modification in the course of preparation, due October and September 1986 respectively.

- *Commercial Sales and Leases*. WIH. Report on repeal of the Hire Purchase Act in course of preparation, due June 1986.
- *Sexual Offences*. WIH. Discussion paper on Rape and Allied Offences due end June 1986; report due late 1986. Discussion paper on other Crimes Act Offences due late 1986; report mid 1987.
- *Automatism (Intoxication)*. WIH. Final report in course of preparation, due June 1986.
- *Homicide*. WIH. Report on Mental Element in Murder delayed in order to extend coverage to the Mental Element in Manslaughter.
- *Corporate Crime*. Background paper on the Role of the Jury in Criminal Trials published March 1986.

Victorian Legal and Constitutional Committee (VLCC)

- *Delays in Courts*. This inquiry is on hold at present, because the Committee is concentrating on the Human Rights and Victims of Crime referencess. It is hoped that further work will be done on Delays in Criminal Courts later this year.
- *Australian Constitutional Convention*. The Committee presented its second report on the Australian Constitutional Convention to Parliament in March. This report dealt with the 1985 Brisbane Plenary Session, the current position of the Australian Constitutional Convention, an assessment of the Convention together with its future.
- *Subordinate Legislation*. The Committee has recently tabled four reports in relation to subordinate legislation as a result of its new role under the *Subordinate Legislation Act* 1962.
- *Human Rights*. Three discussion papers have now been released and widely circulated for discussion and comment.

The three papers are titled:

- A Bill of Rights for Victoria? Some issues.
- Are Human Rights Adequately protected in Victoria? Some preliminary examples.
- Freedom of Expression in Victoria.
- Written submissions are currently being called for and are requested by 15 August 1986. Public hearings are commencing in June. The Committee is currently seeking an extension of its inquiry to 30 June 1987.
- *Support Services for Victims of Crime*. Written submissions are currently being received and public hearings will commence on 10 June next. An extension of time to 30 June 1987 for the completion of this inquiry is currently being sought from the Minister of Police and Emergency Services.

- *Burden of Proof*. The Committee is still awaiting a response to its November 1985 report on Burden of Proof. Therefore no further action is currently taking place in regard to this inquiry.

Western Australian Law Reform Commission (WALRC)

- *Local Courts*. Report being drafted.
- *Limitation and Notice of Actions*. Discussion Paper in preparation.
- *Courts of Petty Session*. Report being drafted.
- *Privacy*. Report in preparation.
- *Criminal Process and Mental Disorder*. Discussion Paper being drafted.
- *Problem of Old Convictions*. Report being drafted.
- *Medical Treatment for the Dying*. New reference.

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The Hon Mr Justice Howard Zelling

Mr Justice Zelling, Chairman of the Law Reform Committee of South Australia since 1968, will retire from the bench in August this year. The name of his successor as Chairman is yet to be announced. He was admitted in 1938, took silk in 1962, was appointed an Acting Judge of the South Australian Supreme Court in March 1969. The appointment was made permanent in October, 1969. He lectured in Constitutional Law in the Faculty of Law at Adelaide University from 1948 to 1962 and was coexaminer in that subject until 1981. He also lectured on the same subject in the Faculty of Economics from 1952 to 1962. He received the rare degree of Doctor of the University in 1983 for his University work. He commenced doing law reform reports in 1949. In 1957 he became a member of, and then in 1961 Chairman of, the Law Society's Law Reform Committee until the formation of the Law Reform Committee of South Australia in August 1968. He was then appointed Chairman of the Committee and has served continuously in that office ever since, which is believed to be a record for Australia. For his work in Law Reform he was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia in the recent Honours list. His Honour was President of the Law Council of Australia from 1966 — 1968 and was created a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1969.

The Hon Mr Justice Helsham

Mr Justice Helsham recently retired as the New South Wales Chief Judge in Equity, a position he held for nearly ten years. Mr Justice Helsham was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross during the Second World War. He served as a bomber pilot in the Pacific. He was appointed an Acting Judge in May 1968 and a Judge a few months later. He became Chief Judge of the Equity Division of the Supreme Court in December 1976. He was Judge Advocate General of the Royal Australian

Air Force with the rank of Air Vice Marshal from 1969 to 1983 and was appointed an officer of the Order of Australia (Military Division) in 1981. The new Chief Judge in Equity of the Supreme Court of New South Wales is the Hon Mr Justice TW Waddell.

Dr Sally Kennedy

Dr Sally Kennedy, Western Australia's first female Industrial Relations Commissioner was appointed in June. Dr Kennedy has been a research officer and advocate for the Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union. She has also been a member of the Executive of the State Trades and Labour Council and will publish a book in 1988 on the history of federal Parliament.

The Hon Justice JP Bryson

Justice Bryson was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in May 1986. He commenced practice as a barrister in February 1966 and was appointed a Queens Counsel in November 1984. Before that he was employed by the Department of Attorney-General and Justice, the State Crown Solicitor's Office and as a legal clerk by two Sydney law firms.

The Hon Mr Justice JE Brownie

The New South Wales Attorney-General recently announced the appointment of the Hon Mr Justice JE Brownie as a Judge of the NSW Supreme Court. He was a partner in a firm of solicitors for 8 years before being admitted to the Bar in 1970 and was appointed Queens Counsel in 1981. Mr Brownie served on the Bar Council for six years and was a visiting fellow at the University of New South Wales Law School in 1982 and a part-time lecturer at that University between 1983 and 1986. He has also been a consultant to the New South Wales Law Reform Commission on its reference on Insurance Law.

The Hon Eddison Zvobgo and Mrs Julia Zvobgo

The Honourable Eddison Zvobgo is the Minister for Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs in the Government of Zimbabwe. On 20 May he visited the ALRC. The Minister has played an important part in the political and social development of Zimbabwe. With Robert Mugabe and others he founded Zanu in 1963, becoming its Deputy Secretary-General and a member of the Central Committee. From 1964 until the end of 1971 he was under some form of arrest, detention or imprisonment in Rhodesia. He completed his degree of LLB (London) in 1970 while in Salisbury Central Prison. Following Zanu's victory in the 1980 general elections, he has served successively as Minister of Local Government and Housing, Minister of Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, Leader of the House of Assembly and in his present role as Minister for Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs. The Minister gave an impromptu and most interesting talk to the staff of ALRC during which he outlined the difficulties attending law reform in a

country which had three separate sources of law. The Minister was accompanied by his wife, Julia Zvobgo. Mrs. Zvobgo is a Member of the Zimbabwe Parliament and is Chairman of the Parliamentary Estimates Committee and Deputy Chairman of Committees. Her political career has spanned more than 20 years. She was a founder member of the Zanu Party in 1963, a member of the Zanu forces opposed to the Ian Smith, Muzorewa Government and an office holder in the Women's League Armed Forces. Mrs. Zvobgo is currently a member of the Zanu (Patriotic Front) Central Committee. She has maintained her interests in the Women's League and as a Member of Parliament she works to promote women's interests in areas of education, training, housing and health. Mrs. Zvobgo holds an M.B.A. in Political Science and a Master of Science degree in Administration. Accompanying the Zvobgos was Mr. David Zamchiya, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs. He holds two English law degrees, is a barrister-at-law of Gray's Inn and before his present appointment was a partner in a law firm in Harare. He was also formerly a lecturer in law at the University of Zambia. From all reports this Zimbabwe mission made a most favourable impression wherever it went in Australia.

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Professor David Hambly, Commissioner in Charge of the Reference on Matrimonial Property, whose appointment as a full-time Member was due to expire on 14 June 1986, has been reappointed until 30 September 1986. Professor Hambly is one of the leading experts in family law and matrimonial property in Australia and is Professor of Law at the Australian National University. Professor Michael Chesterman, the Commissioner in Charge of the Reference on Contempt, has been reappointed as a full-time Member from 25 July 1986 until 31 December 1986. Professor Chesterman is a Professor of Law of the University of New South Wales. Mr Ronald Harmer, the Commissioner in Charge of the Reference on Insolvency has been reappointed for two years from 16 July 1986. He is a partner in the Perth legal firm of McCusker and Harmer and has had extensive practice in bankruptcy law and in company liquidations and receivership. Dr Robert Hayes, a former Associate Professor from the University of New South Wales, has been appointed a part-time Member for three years from 16 June 1986. Dr Hayes is a Senior Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and was a full-time Member of the Commission from 1980 to 1983 and a part-time Member from 1984 to 1985. Formerly the Commissioner in Charge of the Reference on Privacy, Dr Hayes will now be in a position to make a valuable contribution to the Commission's work on expungement of criminal records. Ms Delia Rickard, a tutor in family law and criminal law in the Department of Legal Studies at La Trobe University has been appointed a Law Reform Officer. Ms Rickard replaces Mrs Janet Chan, a Senior Law Reform Officer who resigned recently to pursue full-time studies as a PhD student at the

University of Sydney Law School. Mr Ian Boyd, the Commission's Administrative Officer has resigned to take up appointment as a Senior Administrative Officer with the New South Wales Department of Sport and Recreation. Ms Anne Duffield, a Research Officer who was assisting in the completion of the Commission's Report on Debt Recovery has resigned to take up a position with Sydney University Law School.

NSWLRC

Justice Peter Nygh, a part-time Member of the Commission, has been re-appointed for a term of two years from 11 April 1986. Professor Colin Phegan, a former full-time Member of the Commission, has been appointed a part-time Member for a term of one year from 11 April 1986. Mr Patrick Cavanagh, who was recently awarded the LL.M. from the University of Auckland, is working on the Evidence reference as a legal research consultant. Mr Gordon Renouf, who provided consultancy assistance for the Criminal Procedure reference, has now been appointed to the Redfern Legal Centre. Mr Mark Robinson has resigned as a legal officer to take up appointment as a research officer to the High Court. During his term with the Commission, Mr Robinson contributed very significantly to the reference on the Registration and Certification of Births and Deaths.

NTLRC

Mr Stephen Herne has been appointed Executive Officer of the Northern Territory Law Reform Committee. Mr Herne is a barrister and solicitor, admitted in Western Australia (1977) and the Northern Territory (1984). He holds the degrees of B Juris. (Hons) and LL.B. (Hons) from the University of Western Australia and LL.M. from Sydney University. Mr Michael Ward has resigned from the Committee to take up an appointment as a Magistrate in the ACT.

VLRC

The recently appointed Executive Director, Dr Clyde Croft (see [1986] *Reform* 117) has resigned to take up appointment as Secretary to the Law Department of the Northern Territory. Ms Jude Wallace has been appointed a full-time Commissioner for a term of 18 months from 1 July 1986. Ms Wallace holds the degree of LLB from the University of Melbourne. She is a Senior Lecturer in Law at Monash University where, since 1967, she has taught a variety of subjects, including Property Law, Poverty and Social Security Law and Legal Process. She was a member of the Law Institute Conveyancing Committee for 4 years and has prepared a major report for the Attorney-General on the Property Law Act 1958. Ms Wallace is one of Victoria's leading experts on land law and has been appointed Commissioner in Charge of each of the references on that subject received by the Commission on 1 May 1986.

WALRC

In the last few months two long serving Commissioners have left the Commission. The previous issue referred to

the replacement of Mr DR Williams QC, whose term of office as the part-time private practice member of the Commission expired in January 1986, by Mr RS French. In May 1986 Mr HH Jackson was appointed as a Judge of the District Court of Western Australia. Mr Jackson was appointed as a full-time Commissioner in 1979, when the Commission was expanded by the appointment of two full-time members. He had recently been reappointed for another term (see [1986] *Reform* 117).