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# THE COMMISSION'S MANDATE

The Manitoba Law Reform Commission is an independent agency of the Government of Manitoba established by *The Law Reform Commission Act*. The Commission's duties are to inquire into and consider any matter relating to law in Manitoba with a view to making recommendations for the improvement, modernization and reform of law, including:

- X the removal of provisions of the law that are outdated or inconsistent;
- X the maintenance and improvement of the administration of justice;
- X the review of judicial and quasi-judicial procedures under any Act;
- X the development of new approaches to, and new concepts of, law in keeping with and responsive to the changing needs of society and of individual members of society; and
- X any subject referred to it by the Minister.

## MANDAT DE LA COMMISSION

La Commission de réforme du droit du Manitoba est un organisme indépendant du gouvernement du Manitoba, établi en vertu de la *Loi sur la Commission de réforme du droit*. La Commission a pour fonctions de faire enqu2te sur les questions se rapportant au droit manitobain et de les étudier en vue de faire des recommandations pour améliorer, moderniser et réformer le droit, et notamment en vue:

- X de supprimer les dispositions du droit qui sont désu6tes ou incompatibles;
- X de soutenir et d'améliorer l'administration de la justice;
- X d'examiner les procédures judiciaires et quasi-judiciaires prévues par une loi quelconque;
- X d'élaborer de nouvelles méthodes et de nouveaux concepts de droit correspondant → l'évolution des besoins de la société et des individus qui la composent;
- X de traiter tout autre sujet que le ministre lui soumet.

# Preface

I embark upon my adventure of guiding the Law Reform Commission with considerable trepidation, the trail thus far having been blazed initially by Frank Muldoon, 1970-1979, and by my colleague at the Faculty of Law, Cliff Edwards, 1979-2006. Their record of achievement is huge, respectively 30 reports in 9 years and 84 reports in 27 years. I hope to be up to the task, aided of course, by my continuing, seasoned fellow Commissioners and by our new support staff, legal counsel Darlene Jonsson and administrator Debra Floyd, who have proved to be a godsend.

Cameron Harvey, Q.C. Professor Emeritus President

# PART I

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The past year has seen a number of significant changes at the Manitoba Law Reform Commission. We reported in our Annual Report for 2004/05 that Commission President, Professor Cliff Edwards, C.M., Q.C. had tendered his resignation to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General effective June 30, 2005. In our Annual Report for 2005/06, we noted that a replacement had not yet been found, and that Professor Edwards had kindly continued to serve the Commission until a new President could be appointed. This appointment was made during the past year, and we once again thank Professor Edwards for his determination and commitment to law reform and to the Commission. We are grateful for his graciousness in continuing to preside as President until his duties could be transferred. It also gives us great pleasure to note that in December, 2006, Professor Edwards was invested as a Member of the Order of Canada. The Order is Canada's highest honour, and investiture as a Member recognizes a lifetime of distinguished service in or to a community, group or field of activity. Professor Edwards was invested into the Order in recognition of his 'decisive role in the evolution of legal education and law reform in Manitoba'.

We are very pleased to announce that Professor Cameron Harvey, Q.C. was appointed President of the Commission effective July, 2006. A graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School (LL.B 1964, LL.M 1966), Professor Harvey joined the University of Manitoba law faculty in 1966 and retired from full-time teaching in June 2006. Professor Harvey has acted as a consultant for the Commission on projects including administrative law and wills and estates. He has authored a number of legal texts, including *The Law of Habeas Corpus*, *Chief Justice Samuel Freedman*, *A Great Canadian Judge, Legal Wit and Whimsy, An Anthology of Legal Humour, Agency Law Primer* and *The Law of Dependants' Relief in Canada*, along with many reports and briefs for government departments and agencies, articles and comments and book reviews in various law journals. Professor Harvey has served the university in many capacities, including as associate dean and Director of the Legal Research Institute. In addition, Professor Harvey has chaired the Manitoba Land Value Appraisal Commission since 1977, and has written more than 250 reasons for decisions. We look forward to a long and productive collaboration with Professor Harvey.

The Commission also extends congratulations to Professor Irvine, who was honoured on November 26, 2006, by University of Manitoba President Emoke Szathmary for his distinguished service to the university.

In October, 2006, the Commission relocated from its premises on the  $12^{th}$  floor of the Woodsworth Building to a new office on the  $4^{th}$  floor in the same building, at 432 - 405 Broadway. As moves often are, this was a good opportunity to restructure and reorganize, and we now have a comfortable new location that includes a boardroom, library space, offices and storage.

# PART II

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007

#### 1. **REPORTS ISSUED**

#### #113 – Development Schemes (June 2006)

A development scheme or 'common building scheme' is a collection of agreements between a property developer and individual purchasers of land. The scheme is similar to a private zoning by-law, containing restrictions relating to the use of the land, the construction of buildings and other activities related to the land.

The report contains 14 recommendations for amendments to *The Real Property Act* to make it easier to create and record a development scheme on title to land. These amendments were first proposed by Edward (Ned) D. Brown, a practising lawyer in Winnipeg, and we wish to thank him for his assistance and expertise. We also thank the staff of the Property Registry for their assistance and in particular, Rick Wilson, Registrar General and Chief Operating Officer, Barry Effler, Deputy Registrar General and District Registrar of the Winnipeg Land Titles Office and Russell Davidson, Senior Deputy District Registrar of the Winnipeg Land Titles Office.

#### **#114 – Private Title Insurance** (December 2006)

The private title insurance project was the result of a reference from the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and represents a collaboration between the Manitoba Law Reform Commission and the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan. The report is a joint report by the two Commissions.

The report considers the effects of title insurance within the context of residential real property conveyancing, and contains 15 recommendations aimed at protecting the interests of residential property owners and purchasers and protecting the public land registration system, while ensuring freedom of choice for consumers.

A title insurance policy insures a purchaser or lender against certain losses relating to an interest in land; generally these are matters that affect the title or the right to use and enjoy the property. It may include coverage for problems that existed at the date the policy was issued but were undiscovered, as well as for future risks related to fraud, forgery and encroachment. Critics of title insurance argue that it is of limited value in a land titles system, as it duplicates the coverage provided through the statutory compensation scheme and 'insures over' survey defects and zoning non-compliance, making it less likely that problems will be corrected. Proponents of title insurance

assert that it complements the statutory coverage, insuring for additional off-title matters, for example, and facilitates the early release of mortgage and sale proceeds on closing.

The Commissions reported that in their view, a ban on the sale of title insurance would be a disproportionate response to the possible harm caused. Instead, the Commissions make several recommendations to address the underlying weaknesses of the real property system to which title insurance has been a response and to close many of the gaps in protection. As well, a more proactive approach by the provinces to the protection of the survey fabric is required. The Commissions also make several consumer protection recommendations, to ensure that information relevant to a consumer's ability to make an informed choice in relation to title insurance is disclosed and to better protect consumers' interests.

The Manitoba Law Reform Commission is grateful to the Alberta Law Reform Institute, who initially participated in the joint project but was required to withdraw due to differing priorities. In particular, Institute legal counsel, Sandra Petersson, provided us with valuable assistance in the form of research and advice. As well, Commission legal counsel Sandra Phillips met with a number of individuals and organizations involved in the real property system for informal consultation, and we thank each participant for their time and contributions. Our thanks also go to our project advisory committee members, consisting of agency staff and private practitioners from each province: Lyndon Irwin and Sandra Petersson from Alberta; Allan MacIntyre and Michael Finley from Saskatchewan; and Bruce King and Sandra Phillips from Manitoba. We also wish to thank the staff of the Manitoba Property Registry and the Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan, and all those who provided written submissions. Finally, independent researchers Jonathan Penner and Blane Morgan collated the results of the consultations and, in collaboration with Commission counsel, drafted the final report for the Commissions. We greatly appreciate their valuable assistance.

We note, however, that the recommendations contained in the reports are those of the Commissions, and are not necessarily in agreement with those who assisted us.

The full text and executive summaries of both of these reports can be found on our website at http://www.gov.mb.ca/justice/mlrc.

## 2. IMPLEMENTATION

In 1994, the Commission reported informally to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General that a small discrepancy existed between *The Elections Act* and *The Local Authorities Election Act*. Under both statutes, candidates for election were forbidden from making donations to fundraising groups, with an exemption for small amounts paid at certain meetings, teas or receptions. The amount of the exemption differed between the Acts (\$10 for candidates under *The Elections Act* and \$2 for candidates under *The Local Authorities Election Act*). In correspondence to the Minister, the Commission recommended that these amounts be harmonized, and suggested that the dollar amounts

also be reviewed. Both statutes have now been repealed and replaced, and as a result, the issue has been eliminated. *The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act*, which replaced *The Local Authorities Election Act*, was assented to in June, 2005, and most of its provisions came into force January 1, 2006. *The Elections Reform Act*, which among other things repealed and replaced *The Elections Act*, was assented to in June, 2006 and came into force in December, 2006.

In addition, Part 15 of the new *Elections Act* has the effect of implementing recommendations made by the Commission several years ago in relation to controverted elections (Report #39 *Controverted Elections*, 1980).

As we noted in our Annual Report of 2005/06, we continue to urge the Minister of Justice to implement the many outstanding recommendations of the Commission. We regard the implementation of our recommendations as a very important part of our overall function. Areas of particular concern to the Commission are the recommendations relating to wills and estates (Report #108, 2003), compensation for vaccine damaged children (Report #104, 2000), trusts (Report #101, 1999) and privity of contract (Report #80, 1993).

## **3.** CURRENT PROJECTS

## A. Franchise Law

In January 2006, the Commission received a suggestion that a review of possible reform in the area of franchise law would be valuable in Manitoba. In recent years, three provinces and several countries have enacted new or revised legislation to regulate franchises. The Commission agreed to undertake the project when its schedule permitted, and is currently finalizing a consultation paper for release in May, 2007.

The Paper will ask for comment as to whether the regulation of franchises is desirable in Manitoba. It will provide an introduction to the history and various models of franchising, an overview of existing franchise regulation in Canada and other countries and a comparison of the elements of Canadian legislative regimes. Finally, it will ask whether franchise legislation is needed in Manitoba, and if so, what elements should be included in the legislation.

## **B.** Powers of Attorney

This is a joint project of the Alberta Law Reform Institute, the British Columbia Law Institute, the Manitoba Law Reform Commission and the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan (the "Western Canadian Law Reform Consortium").

The Consortium issued a consultation paper in April 2004 entitled *Enduring Powers of* Attorney: Areas of Reform. The paper recognized that enduring powers of attorney are a useful

planning tool for many Canadians, and that reform initiatives must take into account the need to minimize complexity and costliness, keeping the enduring power of attorney as simple, private and user friendly as possible. It addresses problems that have arisen in relation to the use of enduring powers of attorneys, including non-recognition, misuse and third party concerns regarding use. These issues are especially problematic for the donor of an enduring power of attorney who is now incapable.

Written responses to the consultation paper were received by the participating agencies and the Alberta Institute also met with various stakeholders groups in Alberta. Following the close of consultations, the working group, comprising Arthur Close, Q.C. and Laura Watts of the British Columbia Institute, Peter Lown, Q.C. and Sheryl Pearson of the Alberta Institute, Merrilee Rasmussen of the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan and our legal counsel, Sandra Phillips, formulated policy recommendations aimed at resolving problems described in the consultation paper or identified in the consultation process.

As new issues were identified during the consultation phase, the working group agreed to engage in further consultations, seeking the input of persons and organizations with expertise in dealing with enduring powers of attorneys. In Manitoba, representatives of the Public Trustee, the Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat, the Manitoba Bar Association (Elder Law and Wills and Estates Sections), the Community Legal Education Association, the Alzheimer Society, the Winnipeg Land Titles Office, Credit Union Central of Manitoba, Concordia Place, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Palliative Care Subprogram, Lions Manor, the Long Term Care Association and the Protection of Persons in Care Office provided valuable comments on the proposed policy reforms. Results of the consultations in each province were collated by the Alberta Institute legal counsel, and the policy recommendations were finalized by the working group and presented at the first conference of the Canadian Centre for Elder Law Studies in October 2005, in Vancouver, B.C. Preparation of the final report was delayed due to the scheduling of staff leave at the Alberta Institute, and its release is expected during the upcoming year.

#### C. The Perpetuities and Accumulations Act Review

In 2004, the Registrar General of the Property Registry brought to our attention a possible conflict between section 4 of *The Perpetuities and Accumulations Act* and section 81 of *The Real Property Act* with respect to the entry of a trust on the land titles register. This came to light as a result of the implementation of an earlier suggestion in our Report #89 (1995), *The Trust Provisions in The Perpetuities and Accumulations Act*. Unfortunately, due to a lack of resources and the priority of other projects, this issue had been put on hold. The Commission expects that we will be able to address this issue in the upcoming months.

## 4. UPDATES

In 2003, the Commission released Report #109, *Withholding or Withdrawing Life Sustaining Medical Treatment*. During the course of this project, the Commission had become aware that the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba was working on the same issue. The College provided the Commission a copy of its proposed "Sample Policy: Withholding and/or Withdrawing Life Sustaining Treatment", which the Commission found to be of great assistance in its deliberations. The Commission used the sample policy as a template and made 5 recommendations designed to strengthen its consultative, consensus building approach.

In July, 2006, the Commission received a copy of the "Proposed Statement of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba on 'Withholding and Withdrawing Life-Sustaining Treatment'" and an invitation to respond with its views. The Statement introduced some novel concepts and to some degree departed from the earlier policy and the recommendations of the Commission. However, the Commission remains in full agreement with a great deal of the College's approach, and with the commitment to a vigorous consensus building approach emphasizing open communication and a supportive environment.

The Commission responded to the College with a paper outlining its views on the proposed Statement. The areas of disagreement with the College related to the manner in which interests are balanced among the various parties involved in end of life decision making. The Commission was concerned that the creation of a new dichotomy in the proposed Statement between certain types of treatment, with resulting differences in protocol and process, was not helpful. The Commission preferred the uniform approach reflected in the earlier proposed policy, which in the Commission's view, was more assertive in relation to patients' rights. The Commission also recommended a longer notice period before treatment is withdrawn and that the ranking of substitute decision makers recommended in Commission Report #110, *Substitute Consent to Health Care*, be adopted for the selection of a substitute decision maker for a patient.

Following the Commission's response, members of the Commission met with General Counsel to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Lynne Arnason, and Dr. Perry Gray, Vice-President, Chief Medical Officer and Head of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit, Health Sciences Centre, on January 8, 2007. Participants had a productive discussion of the issues, and it was agreed that the Commission would review the next draft of the Statement once it has been revised by the College.

The Commission President also wrote to the Winnipeg Free Press on this issue to correct an inaccurate comment made in an article that the College's Statement was "based on a 2003 report from the Manitoba Law Reform Commission".1 The Commission's letter indicated the differences between its report and the College's Statement, alluded to above.

<sup>1</sup> M. Rabson, "MDs may get final word in ending life", Winnipeg Free Press (October 14, 2006).

# 5. POTENTIAL PROJECTS

The Commission has reviewed the law reform projects that had been deferred in previous years along with a number of suggestions for new projects, and has identified priorities for upcoming projects. The subject areas that we have selected for potential review include the following:

- The Limitation of Actions Act
- The Tortfeasors and Contributory Negligence Act
- Defamation respecting journalism
- The Nuisance Act
- Divorced spousal survivors' pension benefits
- Waivers and personal injury
- The Occupiers' Liability Act
- Doctrine of *caveat emptor* in residential real estate transactions
- Enforcement of judgments registered against land
- Service of documents
- Conflict of laws torts
- Compensation for loss of dower rights
- The Trustee Act
- Neighbouring properties encroachments
- Presumption of advancement
- Obsolete statutes
- Commercial tenancies

The Commission welcomes comments and suggestions with respect to these subject areas, as well as in relation to other projects that may be appropriate for review.

# PART III

## **ADMINISTRATION**

#### 1. THE COMMISSIONERS

The current members of the Commission and their terms of office are as follows:

Commissioner	Affiliation	Term expires
Cameron Harvey, Q.C.	Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law University of Manitoba	June 21, 2009
John C. Irvine	Professor, Faculty of Law University of Manitoba	August 20, 2009
Gerald O. Jewers	Justice, Court of Queen's Bench	June 21, 2009
Kathleen C. Murphy	Practising lawyer	August 20, 2009
Alice R. Krueger	Lay member	June 21, 2009

During the past year, the Commission held 10 regular meetings and the President of the Commission met with the Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Ron Perozzo, Q.C., to discuss general law reform issues. The Commission President and staff also met with Merrilee Rasmussen, Q.C., Chair of the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan, on November 21, 2006, in relation to the joint report on Private Title Insurance. As noted above, members of the Commission also met with General Counsel to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Lynne Arnason, and Dr. Perry Gray, Vice-President, Chief Medical Officer and Head of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit, Health Sciences Centre, on January 8, 2007 to discuss issues surrounding the withdrawing or withholding of life sustaining medical treatment.

## 2. STAFF

As noted in our Annual Report of 2005/06, the Commission was fortunate to retain Debra Floyd as the Commission's Administrator on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Debra came to the Commission with over 20 years of experience in a number of areas within Manitoba Justice. She works three days per week for the Commission.

The Commission also bids farewell to legal counsel Sandra Phillips, who completed her fulltime contract on June 30, 2006 and relocated with her family to rural Manitoba. Sandi joined the Commission in August 2001, carrying out work on reports on *Good Faith and the Individual*  Contract of Employment, Wills and Succession Legislation, Withholding or Withdrawing Life Sustaining Medical Treatment, Substitute Consent to Health Care, Cost Awards in Civil Litigation, Review of the Garnishment Act, Development Schemes, Private Title Insurance and on the joint project on Enduring Powers of Attorney. The Commission would like to thank Sandi for her dedicated and valuable service and her contagious cheerful personality, which illuminated the office.

Darlene Jonsson joined the Commission as legal counsel on August 9, 2006. Darlene is a graduate of the University of Manitoba (B.S.W. 1985) and the University of Toronto (LL.B 1989). Darlene joined the Commission from Manitoba Justice. Darlene was also previously employed as Director of Research and Library Services with the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, and has worked as legislative counsel and in legal research and policy positions with the Northwest Territories Department of Justice and the Governments of Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory, Australia. Darlene has also provided contract services to the Nunavut Government. Darlene works three days per week for the Commission.

During the summer months, we employed Ian McNaught, a student in the Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba, who assisted us with research and writing for our project on franchise law reform. Ian returned to his university studies in September, 2006.

A second part time legal counsel position will be available with the Commission in the near future. The Commission has also created a contract registry, and invites candidates interested in carrying out work on upcoming projects to express their interest.

## **3. CONSULTANTS**

We wish to take this opportunity to again thank Professor Philip Osborne of the Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba, and Jonathan Penner and Blane Morgan, independent researchers, for their assistance during the past year. Professor Osborne assisted the Commission with its review of the proposed Statement of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba on the withholding or withdrawing of life sustaining medical treatment and with the Commission's response to the College. Mr. Penner and Ms. Morgan worked with the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Commissions on the report on *Private Title Insurance*, collating the results of the consultations and, in collaboration with Commission counsel, drafting the final report. Once again, we greatly appreciate their valuable assistance.

We also wish to thank Edward (Ned) Brown, practising lawyer, and Richard Wilson, Registrar General and Chief Operating Officer, Barry Effler, Deputy Registrar General and District Registrar of the Winnipeg Land Titles Office and Russell Davidson, Senior Deputy District Registrar of the Winnipeg Land Titles Office, who again provided helpful advice for the reports on *Development Schemes* and *Private Title Insurance*.

#### 4. FINANCE

As we have noted in previous reports, our financial resources continue to be much more restricted than in earlier times. However, the Commission is very fortunate to continue to receive a \$100,000 grant from the Manitoba Law Foundation, and as of the 2005/06 fiscal year, this amount is matched by Manitoba Justice. The Department's grant continues to be provided by a combination of in-kind services (\$15,000) and a grant (\$85,000), for a total of \$100,000. We wish to thank both the Department of Justice and the Manitoba Law Foundation for their continued support of our work.

We have also noted in previous reports that the timing of our funding requires us to carry over approximately \$25,000 from one fiscal year to the next. This year we are carrying over a larger amount. The Commission's new legal counsel is employed part time, and we are actively searching for an additional part time legal counsel and consultants who may be available to carry out work on specific projects. The surplus will be allocated to projects that have been postponed to the next fiscal year, when we expect to have greater capacity to begin the work.

## 5. PUBLIC RELATIONS

In May, 2006, our former President, Professor Edwards, attended a round table discussion on law reform hosted by the Manitoba Law Foundation. The Law Foundation is funded primarily by interest earned on mixed trust accounts maintained by lawyers practising in Manitoba, and provides grant funding to institutions, programs and projects that fall within the areas of legal education, legal research, legal aid services, law reform and the development and maintenance of law libraries. The Foundation is a primary source of funding for the Law Reform Commission.

The Law Foundation held a series of round table meetings, with the goal of having open discussions with individuals and groups with an expertise in the various areas funded by the Foundation, to obtain direction for the Board for developing future strategies for the Foundation. The discussions were lively and proved to be a useful exchange of ideas and perspectives.

## PART IV

#### CONCLUSION

We again wish to express our thanks to the Manitoba Law Foundation and to the Department of Justice for their continued support of the work of the Commission.

We wish to thank the staff of the Department of Justice, the Faculty of Law, Provincial Archives and Legislative libraries, and the staff of the Property Registry (Land Titles Office) for their continued assistance over the past year.

We also wish to thank the Deputy Minister, Mr. Ron Perozzo, for his assistance and for providing a liaison between the Commission and the Minister. Finally, we wish to thank the former Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Hon. Gord Mackintosh, and the current Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Hon. Dave Chomiak, for their support.

This is a report pursuant to section 15 of *The Law Reform Commission Act*, C.C.S.M. L95, dated this 31st day of March 2007.

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# **APPENDIX** A

# Statement of Receipts and Expenditures 2006-2007 Fiscal Year (000's)

RECEIPTS	
Funds carried forward	\$ 40.7
Grant from Department of Justice	
Grant from The Manitoba Law Foundation	
Total	\$225.7
EXPENDITURES	
Commissioners' remuneration and benefits	\$38.9
Staff remuneration (part-time)	
Student	7.6
Payroll Administrative Costs	
Consultants	
Telephone, fax, postage, courier	
Supplies and service	
Printing and photocopying	
Computer related expenses	
Meetings, travel and accommodation	
Subscriptions and other operating expenses	
Membership fees	
Total	\$161.8
Surplus (Deficit)	\$63.92

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Province of Manitoba provides the Manitoba Law Reform Commission with an \$85,000.00 grant coupled with \$15,000 in-kind services provided by the Department of Justice for accounting services and office accommodation, bringing the total grant from the Province to \$100,000.00.

<sup>2</sup> As noted in previous reports, we carry forward a balance of at least \$25,000.00 each year as the last installment payment from the Manitoba Law Foundation is not received until March 31<sup>st</sup> each year. A portion of this year's surplus is due to the new legal counsel being hired on a part time basis. The Commission is actively searching for an additional part time legal counsel and/or consultants for potential projects for which the remaining surplus is allocated.

# **APPENDIX B**

#### REPORTS OF THE MANITOBA LAW REFORM COMMISSION AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION

Report #	Title	Date	Implementation of Commission's Recommendations
#1	Jury Services for Registered Indians	April 7, 1971	An Act to Amend The Jury Act, S.M. 1971, c. 32
#2	Summary Disposition of Builders' and Workmen's Liens	April 13, 1971	An Act to Amend The Builders and Workmen Act, S.M. 1976, c. 22
#3	Disposition of Maintenance Judgments in Land Titles Offices	May 25, 1971	An Act to Amend The Judgments Act, S.M. 1972, c. 4
#4	An Act Respecting Billiard and Pool Rooms proposed repeal	October 19, 1971	The Statute Law Amendment Act (1974), S.M. 1974, c. 59 (s. 8)
#5	Recommended Right of Mortgagors to Obtain Annual Statements	October 19, 1971	An Act to Amend The Mortgage Act, S.M. 1971, c. 28
#6	Enactment of a Mineral Declaratory Act	December 20, 1971	The Sand and Gravel Act, S.M. 1972, c. 34
			An Act to Amend The Mines Act, S.M. 1972, c. 70 (s. 11)
			An Act to Amend The Real Property Act, S.M. 1972, c. 70 (ss. 15 and 16)
#7	Powers of Entry, Search and Seizure in The City of Winnipeg Act	January 24, 1972	An Act to Amend The City of Winnipeg Act, S.M. 1972, c. 93 (ss. 26, 37, 68, 69, 89 and in part ss. 38, 39 and 63)
1A	Auto Engine Numbers in Section 11 of The Bills of Sale Act	May 11, 1971	The Statute Law Amendment Act, S.M. 1972, c. 81 (s. 3)
1B	(a) Prospect of Mortgagor's Relief from Provisions of Section 20(6) of The Mortgage Act	December 29, 1971	(change not recommended)
	(b) Right to Have Mortgage Discharged Upon Payment in Full After Five Years	December 29, 1971	An Act to Amend The Real Property Act, S.M. 1972, c. 37 (s. 103(1))
1C	Amending provisions as to costs in Part II of The County Courts Act to avoid inconsistency with intent of this new legislation	January 12, 1972	An act to Amend The County Courts Act, S.M. 1972, c. 38

Report #	Title	Date	Implementation of Commission's Recommendations
	First Annual Report	March 13, 1972	(not applicable)
#8	Section 45 of the Offenses Against the Person Act, 1861	July 27, 1972	An Act to Amend The Tortfeasors and Contributory Negligence Act, S.M. 1973, c. 13
#9	A Review of The Privacy Act with proposed Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada	September 11, 1972	(change not recommended)
#10	The Abolition of Interspousal Immunity in Tort	December 19, 1972	An Act to Amend The Married Women's Property Act, S.M. 1973, c. 12; An Act to Amend The Tortfeasors and Contributory Negligence Act, S.M. 1973, c. 13; An Act to Amend The Criminal Injuries Compensation Act, S.M. 1973, c. 23
2A	Comments on draft Bill to Amend The Jury Act	April 21, 1972	An Act to Amend The Jury Act, S.M. 1972, c. 56
2B	Relaxation of Limit of Number of Trustees under The Trustee Act	June 22, 1972	An Act to Amend The Trustee Act, S.M. 1972, c. 60
2C	Uniformity of Definition of Age as between The Age of Majority Act (Man.) And the Criminal Code and the Interpretation Act (Can.)	August 14, 1972	(not applicable for provincial amendment)
2D	Automatic Attachment of Wages for Maintenance Orders	November 27, 1972	An Act to Amend The Garnishment Act, S.M. 1974, c. 8
	Second Annual Report	March 20, 1973	(not applicable)
#11	The Advisability of a Good Samaritan Law	March 8, 1973	(change not recommended)
#12	Section 110 of The Real Property Act - the immortal Manitoba mortgage	April 11, 1973	An Act to Amend The Real Property Act, S.M. 1974, c. 44
#13	Pre-licensing Education for Real Estate Agents in Manitoba	December 3, 1973	An Act to Amend The Real Estate Brokers Act, S.M. 1975, c. 23
#14	Special Enduring Powers of Attorney	January 8, 1974	The Powers of Attorney Act, S.M. 1980, c. 4

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#15	Administration of Justice Part I - Control of Post-arrest/pre-trial detention	February 26, 1974	Administration of the Public Safety Building in Winnipeg assumed by the Province of Manitoba, effective October 1, 1977; now called The Winnipeg Remand Centre
3A	Conferring of matrimonial jurisdiction upon a County Court Judge as a local Judge of The Queen's Bench within the Eastern Judicial District	March 30, 1973	An Act to Amend The Queen's Bench Act, S.M. 1978, c. 28
3B	Correcting recent error in s. 51 of The Queen's Bench Act	September 26, 1973	An Act to Amend The Queen's Bench Act, S.M. 1974, c. 15
3C	Conferring jurisdiction to extend time for payment of fines upon provincial judges other than those who imposed such fines	October 16, 1973	(not applicable for provincial enactment)
3D	Up-dating index to Statutes of Manitoba	October 23, 1973	Indexing commenced; computer search of statutes available
3E	Repeal of Section 212 of The Liquor Control Act	December 19, 1973	Substantial acceptance under s. 16 of An Act to Amend The Liquor Control Act, S.M. 1974, c. 63
	Third Annual Report	April 1, 1974	(not applicable)
#16	Definition of Death	May 6, 1974	An Act to Amend The Vital Statistics Act, S.M. 1975, c. 5
#17	An International Form of Wills for Manitobans	May 6, 1974	An Act to Amend The Wills Act, S.M. 1975, c. 6
#18	The Rule in Saunders v. Vautier	January 8, 1975	An Act to Amend The Trustee Act, S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 38 (s. 4)
#19	The Administration of Justice in Manitoba Part II - Review of The Jury System	February 11, 1975	An Act to Amend The Jury Act, S.M. 1977, c. 18
4A	Interprovincial Subpoenas	January 27, 1975	The Interprovincial Subpoena Act, S.M. 1975, c. 3

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4B	Enforcement of Custody Orders	January 27, 1975	The Extra-Provincial Custody Orders Enforcement Act, S.M. 1975, c. 4
4C	Statutory Sums	February 11, 1975	Various amendments to Manitoba statutes
	Fourth Annual Report	April 9, 1975	(not applicable)
#20	The Highway Traffic Act	June 16, 1975	An Act to Amend The Highway Traffic Act, S.M. 1977, c. 34 An Act to Amend The Highway
			Traffic Act and The Tortfeasors and Contributory Negligence Act, S.M. 1980, c. 19
#21	The Administration of Justice in Manitoba Part III - Consolidation of Extra-Provincial Judgment Enforcement	January 28, 1976	-
#22	Some Aspects of Fire Insurance Legislation in Manitoba	February 9, 1976	An Act to Amend The Insurance Act, S.M. 1982, c. 11 (s. 1)
#23	Family Law - Part I The Support Obligation	February 27, 1976	The Family Maintenance Act, S.M. 1978, c. 25
#24	Family Law - Part II Property Disposition	February 27, 1976	An Act to Amend The Gift Tax Act (Manitoba) and The Succession Duty Act (Manitoba), S.M. 1977 (2nd Session), c. 2
			The Marital Property Act, S.M. 1978, c. 24
			An Act to Amend various Acts relating to Marital Property, S.M. 1978, c. 27
			An Act to Amend The Wills Act, S.M. 1980, c. 7
5A	Limitation of Actions for the taking away, conversion or detention of chattels	May 26, 1975	An Act to Amend The Fatal Accidents Act and Limitation of Actions Act, S.M. 1976, c. 41 (ss. 2-4)

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	Fifth Annual Report	March 29, 1976	(not applicable)
#25	The Case for a Provincial Bill of Rights	May 19, 1976	-
#26	Revision of Birth Certificates of Trans-sexual Persons	September 13, 1976	The Vital Statistics Act, S.M. 1982- 83-84, c. 58
	Sixth Annual Report	March 14, 1977	(not applicable)
7A	The Local Authorities Election Act	May 31, 1977	An Act to Amend The Local Authorities Election Act, S.M. 1980, c. 48
	Seventh Annual Report	March 1, 1978	(not applicable)
#27	Limitation of Actions: Time Extensions for Children, Disabled Persons and Others	January 8, 1979	An Act to Amend The Limitation of Actions Act, S.M. 1980, c. 28
#28	Enforcement of Judgments Part I: Exemptions under The Garnishment Act	January 8, 1979	An Act to Amend The Garnishment Act, S.M. 1979, c. 8
#29	Emergency Apprehension, Admissions and Rights of Patients under The Mental Health Act	February 12, 1979	An Act to Amend The Mental Health Act, S.M. 1980, c. 62
#30	Confidentiality of Adoption Records	February 12, 1979	An Act to Amend The Child Welfare Act, S.M. 1979, c. 22 (s. 60)
			An Act to Amend The Child Welfare Act, S.M. 1980, c. 41
			Establishment of a Post-adoption Registry
8A	Section 5(1) of The Social Allowances Act	March 30, 1978	The Statute Law Amendment Act (1984), S.M. 1984, c. 17
	Eighth Annual Report	February 12, 1979	(not applicable)
#31	Political Financing and Election Expenses	August 13, 1979	The Elections Finances Act, S.M. 1980, c. 68
#32	Mechanics' Liens Legislation	August 13, 1979	The Builders' Liens Act, S.M. 1980- 81, c. 7

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#33	Enforcement of Revenue Statutes	August 13, 1979	The Charter Compliance Statute Amendment Act, S.M. 1985, c. 50
#34	Enforcement of Judgments Part III: Exemptions under The Executions Act	October 22, 1979	An Act to Amend The Executions Act, S.M. 1980, c. 55
#35	Estate Claims for Loss of Expectation of Life	October 22, 1979	An Act to Amend The Fatal Accidents Act and The Trustee Act, S.M. 1980, c. 5
#36	Improved Methods of Enforcing Support Orders Against Real Property	November 19, 1979	The Family Law Amendment Act, S.M. 1980, c. 54
#37	Systems of Voter Registration	November 26, 1979	The Elections Act, S.M. 1980, c. 67
#38	The One Year Rule for Enforcement of Arrears in Maintenance	January 21, 1980	An Act to Amend The Family Maintenance Act and The Queen's Bench Act, S.M. 1980, c. 21
9A	The Fire Departments Arbitration Act	April 17, 1979	An Act to Amend The Fire Departments Arbitration Act, S.M. 1980, c. 27
9B	Section 7 of The Payment of Wages Act	August 15, 1979	An Act to Amend The Payment of Wages Act, S.M. 1980, c. 57
9C	The Seduction Act	October 22, 1979	The Equality of Status Act, S.M. 1982, c. 10
9D	Section 9 of The Manitoba Evidence Act	November 6, 1979	An Act to Amend The Manitoba Evidence Act, S.M. 1980, c. 26
9E	The Wills Act and Ademption	November 20, 1979	An Act to Amend The Wills Act, S.M. 1980, c. 7
9F	The term "illegitimate"	December 4, 1979	(change not recommended)
	Ninth Annual Report	February 25, 1980	(not applicable)
#39	Controverted Elections	April 21, 1980	The Elections Reform Act, S.M. 2006, c. 15 repealed The Controverted Elections Act and enacted The Elections Act, C.C.S.M. c. E30
#40	Enforcement of Judgments Part II: Exemptions under The Judgments Act	April 21, 1980	-

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#41	The Statute of Frauds	August 11, 1980	An Act to repeal the Statute of Frauds, S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 34
#42	Occupiers' Liability	August 11, 1980	The Occupiers' Liability Act, S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 29; The Statute Law Amendment Act (1984), S.M. 1984, c. 17 (s. 28)
#43	The Wills Act and the Doctrine of Substantial Compliance	September 8, 1980	The Wills Act, S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 31
#44	The General Register	September 22, 1980	The Real Property Act and Various Other Acts Amendments Act, S.M. 1987, c. 27
#45	Simplified Mortgage	December 15, 1980	(legislative amendment not required)
10A	Municipal Assessment of Personal Property	February 26, 1980	(referred to Special Committee)
10B	The Marriage Settlement Act	October 9, 1980	The Statute Law Amendment Act, S.M. 1980-81, c. 26 (s. 22)
	Tenth Annual Report	February 16, 1981	(not applicable)
#46	Conflict of Interest of Municipal Councillors	April 14, 1981	The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 44
#47	Prejudgment Compensation on Money Awards: Alternatives to Interest	January 4, 1982	The Judgment Interest and Discount Act, S.M. 1986, c. 39 (implemented in principle) (now contained in Part XIV of The Court of Queen's Bench Act)
#48	Prescriptive Easements and Profits- →-prendre	January 18, 1982	-
#49	The Rules Against Accumulations and Perpetuities	February 12, 1982	The Perpetuities and Accumulations Act, S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 43
#50	Investment Provisions under The Trustee Act	February 12, 1982	An Act to Amend The Trustee Act, S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 38
11A	Parents' Maintenance Legislation	March 3, 1981	The Parents' Maintenance Act, S.M. 1985-86, c. 47, s. 34
11B	Provincial Offences Procedures	June 29, 1981	An Act to Amend The Summary Convictions Act, S.M. 1982, c. 24
11C	The Remembrance Day Act	January 28, 1982	-

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	Eleventh Annual Report	February 14, 1982	(not applicable)
#51	The Survivorship Act	September 7, 1982	The Survivorship Act, S.M. 1982-83- 84, c. 28
#52	Structure of the Courts, Part I: Amalgamation of the Court of Queen's Bench and the County Courts of Manitoba	October 25, 1982	An Act to Amend The Queen's Bench Act and to repeal The County Courts Act, The Surrogate Courts Act and The County Court Judges' Criminal Courts Act and to amend The Municipal Boundaries Act, S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 82
			The Court of Queen's Bench Small Claims Practices Act, S.M. 1982-83- 84, c. 83
			The Court of Queen's Bench Surrogate Practice Act, S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 84
			An Act to amend Various Acts of the Legislature to facilitate the Reorganization and Expansion of the Court of Queen's Bench, S.M. 1982- 83-84, c. 85
#53	The Law of Domicile	December 1, 1982	The Domicile and Habitual Residence Act, S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 80
#54	Certificates of Lis Pendens	February 1, 1983	The Court of Queen's Bench Act, S.M. 1988-89, c. 4 (s. 58)
#55	Structure of the Courts, Part II: The Adjudication of Smaller Claims	March 7, 1983	The Statute Law Amendment Act (1985), S.M. 1985, c. 51
	Twelfth Annual Report	April 11, 1983	(not applicable)
#56	Medical Privilege	October 4, 1983	(privilege not recommended)
#57	Uniform Sale of Goods Act	November 1, 1983	-
	Thirteenth Annual Report	April 2, 1984	(not applicable)
#58	Administrative Law; Part I: Procedures of Provincial Government Agencies	June 29, 1984	(legislative amendment not required); implementation, in part, through governmental policy
#59	Breach of Promise to Marry	October 1, 1984	The Family Law Amendment Act, S.M. 1987, c. 21

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#60	An Examination of The Dower Act	November 19, 1984	The Homesteads, Marital Property Amendment and Consequential Amendments Act, S.M. 1992, c. 46
#61	Intestate Succession	March 25, 1985	The Intestate Succession and Consequential Amendments Act, S.M. 1989-90, c. 43
14A	Jactitation of Marriage	October 5, 1984	The Family Law Amendment Act, S.M. 1987, c. 21
	Fourteenth Annual Report	April 2, 1985	(not applicable)
#62	<ul> <li>Small Projects</li> <li>1) Section 6 of The Mercantile Law Amendment Act</li> <li>2) The Rule in Shelley's Case</li> <li>3) Permissive and Equitable Waste</li> </ul>	October 7, 1985	The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, S.M. 1992, c. 32
#63	The Testators Family Maintenance Act	December 16, 1985	The Dependants Relief Act, S.M. 1989-90, c. 42
#64	The Married Women's Property Act and Related Matters	December 16, 1985	-
#65	Section 83 of The Queen's Bench Act	March 31, 1986	The Statute Law Amendment Act (1986), S.M. 1986-87, c. 19 (s. 12)
#66	The Human Tissue Act	March 31, 1986	The Human Tissue Act, S.M. 1987, c. 39; The Human Tissue Amendment Act, S.M. 1989-90, c. 28 An Act to Amend The Anatomy Act,
			S.M. 1987, c. 57
15A	Section 300 of The Liquor Control Act	June 17, 1985	The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, S.M. 1992, c. 32
	Fifteenth Annual Report	May 6, 1986	(not applicable)
#67	Sections 33 and 34 of The Wills Act	June 16, 1986	The Statute Law Amendment Act (1987), S.M. 1987-88, c. 66 (s. 25); The Wills Amendment Act, S.M. 1989-90, c. 44
#68	Periodic Payment of Damages	March 31, 1987	The Court of Queen's Bench and Consequential Amendments Act, S.M. 1993, c. 19

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#69	Administrative Law, Part II: Judicial Review of Administrative Action	March 31, 1987	-
	Sixteenth Annual Report	April 13, 1987	(not applicable)
17A	The Wages Recovery Act	September 9, 1987	The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, S.M. 1992, c. 32
	Seventeenth Annual Report	September 14, 1988	(not applicable)
#70	The Manitoba Law Reform Commission: A Framework for the Future	November 23, 1988	The Law Reform Commission Act, S.M. 1989-90, c. 25
#71	The Bulk Sales Act	December 21, 1988	The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, S.M. 1992, c. 32
	Eighteenth Annual Report	August 8, 1989	(not applicable)
#72	The Independence of Provincial Judges	June 28, 1989	The Provincial Court Amendment Act, S.M. 1989-90, c. 34; The Provincial Court Amendment Act, S.M. 1994, c. 14
	Nineteenth Annual Report	May 15, 1990	(not applicable)
#73	Statutory Designations and The Retirement Plan Beneficiaries Act	October 23, 1990	The Retirement Plan Beneficiaries Act, S.M. 1992, c. 31
20A	Limitation of Actions Brought by the Crown	September 27, 1990	-
20B	Replevin and the Need for Prior Possession	January 28, 1991	(change not recommended)
	Twentieth Annual Report	March 31, 1991	(not applicable)
#74	Self-Determination in Health Care (Living Wills and Health Care Proxies)	June 25, 1991	The Health Care Directives and Consequential Amendments Act, S.M. 1992, c. 33
#75	The Independence of Justices of the Peace and Magistrates	August 15, 1991	The Provincial Court Amendment Act (Justices of the Peace), S.M. 2005, c. 8
#76	Sterilization and Legal Incompetence	January 27, 1992	(change not recommended)
	Twenty-first Annual Report	March 31, 1992	(not applicable)
#77	Non-charitable Purpose Trusts	September 21, 1992	-

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#78	Tort Liability for Animals	November 23, 1992	The Animal Liability and Consequential Amendment Act, S.M. 1998, c. 8
#79	Ethical Investments by Trustees	January 25, 1993	The Trustee Amendment Act, S.M. 1995, c. 14
22A	Scope of Apportionment under The Tortfeasors and Contributory Negligence Act	June 22, 1992	-
22B	Section 23 of The Wills Act Revisited	December 14, 1992	The Wills Amendment Act, S.M. 1995, c. 12
	Twenty-second Annual Report	March 31, 1993	(not applicable)
#80	Privity of Contract	October 5, 1993	-
#81	Distress for Rent in Commercial Tenancies	January 4, 1994	-
#82	Pre-contractual Misstatements	March 7, 1994	-
#83	Enduring and Springing Powers of Attorney	March 29, 1994	The Powers of Attorney and Mental Health Amendment Act, S.M. 1996, c. 62
	Twenty-third Annual Report	March 31, 1994	(not applicable)
#84	Regulating Professions and Occupations	October 28, 1994	Partly implemented, in principle, by amendments to various Acts of the Legislature
#85	Arbitration	November 28, 1994	The Arbitration and Consequential Amendments Act, S.M. 1997, c. 4
#86	Covenants in Commercial Tenancies	March 28, 1995	-
24A	A Small Discrepancy between The Elections Act and The Local Authorities Election Act	April 26, 1994	Acts repealed and replaced by The Elections Reform Act, S.M. 2006, c. 15 and The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act, S.M. 2005, c. 27.
24B	Lapsed Residual Gifts in Wills	May 16, 1994	(no longer required due to <i>Re Smith</i> and McKay (1994), 116 D.L.R. (4th) 308 (Man. C.A.))

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24C	Security for the Administration of Estates	October 6, 1994	-
	Twenty-fourth Annual Report	March 31, 1995	(not applicable)
#87	Interim Payment of Damages	June 6, 1995	-
#88	Reselling Unused Cemetery Plots	September 21, 1995	-
#89	The Trust Provisions in The Perpetuities and Accumulations Act	September 21, 1995	-
#90	Residential Exemptions from Judgment Execution	October 17, 1995	-
#91	Minors' Consent to Health Care	December 12, 1995	-
#92	Fundamental Breach and Frustration in Commercial Tenancies	January 23, 1996	-
#93	Animal Protection	February 13, 1996	The Animal Care Act, S.M. 1996, c. 69
	Twenty-fifth Annual Report	March 31, 1996	(not applicable)
#94	Confidentiality of Mediation Proceedings	April 23, 1996	-
#95	Commercial Tenancies: Miscellaneous Issues	July 29, 1996	-
#96	Special Constables	November 12, 1996	Implemented, in part, through administrative action of the Department of Justice's Law Enforcement Services
#97	Section 270 of The Highway Traffic Act	March 24, 1997	-
#98	Stalking	May 28, 1997	The Domestic Violence and Stalking Prevention, Protection and Compensation and Consequential Amendment Act, S.M. 1998, c. 41
	Twenty-sixth Annual Report	June 30, 1997	(not applicable)
#99	Review of the Small Claims Court	March 17, 1998	The Court of Queen's Bench Small Claims Practices Amendment and Parental Responsibility Amendment Act, S.M. 1999, c. 22

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	Twenty-seventh Annual Report	March 31, 1998	(not applicable)
#100	Class Proceedings	January 1999	The Class Proceedings Act, S.M. 2001-2002, c. 14
	Twenty-eighth Annual Report	March 31, 1999	(not applicable)
#101	Trustee Investments: The Modern Portfolio Theory	June 1999	-
#102	Informal Assessment of Competence	September 1999	-
#103	Adult Protection and Elder Abuse	December 1999	-
	Twenty-ninth Annual Report	March 31, 2000	(not applicable)
#104	Compensation of Vaccine-Damaged Children	June 2000	-
#105	Assessment of Damages under <i>The</i> <i>Fatal Accidents Act</i> for the loss of Guidance, Care and Companionship	October 2000	The Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, S.M. 2001-2002, c. 13
#106	The Legislative Assembly and Conflict of Interest	December 2000	The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Conflict of Interest Amendment (Conflict of Interest Commissioner) Act, S.M. 2001-2002, c. 49
	Thirtieth Annual Report	March 31, 2001	(not applicable)
#107	Good Faith and the Individual Contract of Employment	December 2001	-
	Thirty-first Annual Report	March 31, 2002	(not applicable)
#108	Wills and Succession Legislation	March 11, 2003	-
	Thirty-second Annual Report	March 31, 2003	(not applicable)
#109	Withholding or Withdrawing Life Sustaining Medical Treatment	December 18, 2003	-
	Thirty-third Annual Report	March 31, 2004	(not applicable)

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#110	Substitute Consent to Health Care	October 26, 2004	-
	Thirty-fourth Annual Report	March 31, 2005	(not applicable)
#111	Costs Awards in Civil Litigation	September 13, 2005	-
#112	Review of The Garnishment Act	December 31, 2005	-
	Thirty-fifth Annual Report	March 31, 2006	(not applicable)
#113	Development Schemes	June 30, 2006	-
#114	Private Title Insurance	December 31, 2006	-
	Thirty-sixth Annual Report	March 31, 2007	(not applicable)