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In its 41st Annual Report published today, the Law Commission celebrates a prolific year under the spotlight.

The Consultation Paper "Cohabitation: The Financial Consequences of Relationship Breakdown" generated over 250 responses and has continued to excite widespread interest. The eagerly awaited recommendations on reforming the law of Homicide, also attracted the nation's attention.

New territory was chartered at the beginning of 2007 with the Commission's launch of an interactive web discussion forum which gave the public the opportunity to discuss areas of the law in need of reform. The forum was set up to enable the widest possible consultation on the Tenth Programme of Law reform, due to commence in April 2008.

Recommendations from 3 Law Commission reports have found their way on to the statute book this year. The Commission has been working extensively with Government in the last year to ensure that number rises, and the problem of finding Parliamentary time for implementation is reduced.

Sir Terence Etherton, who succeeded Sir Roger Toulson as Chairman in August 2006, said,

" I joined the Law Commission at an exciting time. The pace of activity has never been faster and our reach is greater than ever. We are working hard to find a solution to the implementation problem, and are in the process of putting together a new programme of law reform which is based on our most extensive consultation ever. I look forward to the next reporting year, and delivering work which is of real public benefit".

Notes for Editors

1. The Law Commission is a non-political independent body, set up by Parliament in 1965 to keep all the law of England and Wales under review, and to recommend reform where it is needed.

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