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EDITORIAL

As we go to press, it is pleasing to be able to report some developments in the reform of charity law in the UK. In Scotland, where the most progress has been made, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 is being brought into force piecemeal by a series of statutory instruments. In England and Wales, the Charities Bill finally received Royal Assent on 8th November 2006; it is envisaged that the new measures will be implemented gradually over a period of 18-24 months. Meanwhile, in Northern Ireland the Department for Social Development (DSD) launched a consultation on its legislative proposals on 17th July 2006. Following a review of the consultation responses, it is intended to present the draft legislation to Parliament in November 2006 with a view to its enactment early in 2007 (House of Commons *Hansard* Written Answer, 24th July 2006).

In this issue we welcome another contribution from the Charity Commission's Legal Division. Stephen Roberts and Elise Millington discuss the Commission's approach to the supervision of disposals of land by charities.

From time to time this journal has featured articles from authors in other common law jurisdictions and, among these, Canada is notable in its adherence to certain principles derived from English charity law. We are pleased to present an examination of the curious status of the charitable company by Mr Justice Cullity of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

This issue concludes with a selection by the editor of recent cases and other news from around the world which we hope will be of interest to our readers.

We hope that these articles will stimulate debate and discussion among our readers. All correspondence should be addressed to the Managing Editor:

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CORRECTION

In Volume 9 Issue 1, through no fault of the author, the case note on *Fraser v Canterbury Diocesan Board of Finance* incorrectly recorded the name of the judge who heard the case at the High Court stage. It was Mr Justice Lewison who gave the High Court decision.