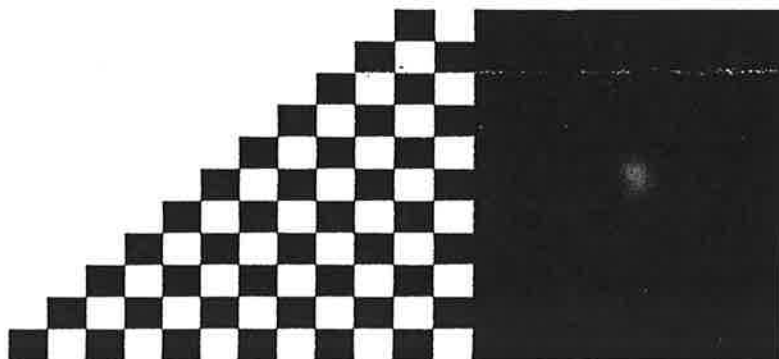


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"The Loophole" is the newsletter of the Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel established on September 21, 1983, in the course of the 7th Commonwealth Law Conference held in Hong Kong.

The constitution of the Association provides for an elected council. The present council consists of:

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### COMMENTS FROM THE SECRETARY

This issue of the "Loophole" is mainly to set out the program for the CALC conference. As you will note the agenda will be highly informative.

The meetings will be held in the Waitemata Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel.

According to our Constitution, if you wish to make any proxies, they must be filed with me. As I will not be attending the Conference, please send me your proxies and I will advise Mr. Iles of them. Proxies brought to the Conference are not valid.

If you have not already done so, please advise Mr. Iles if you will be attending the Conference.

### COMMONWEALTH LAW CONFERENCE 1990

On the business programme for the Commonwealth Law Conference there are two sessions of particular interest to legislative counsel.

The first is the one called "Plain Speaking", which is to be held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 1990. Garth Thornton will be one of the three speakers. The other two are Ms. Jude Wallace (Victorian Law Reform Commission) and Mr. Michael Hwang (practitioner in Singapore).

The second is the one called "Interpretation of Legislation", which is to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 1990. This session is not shown in the registration brochure for the conference. The tentative list of participants in relation to this second item is as follows:

Professor John Burrows (University of Canterbury)  
Rt. Hon. Sir Nicholas Brown-Wilkinson (Vice Chancellor,  
Royal Courts of Justice)  
Hon. Madame Justice Bertha Wilson (Supreme Court of Canada)  
Hon. Bernard Narakobi (Minister for Justice, Papua, New Guinea)

### Programme for Specialist Meetings of Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel to be held at Auckland in the Waitemata Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel on April 16 and 19, 1990

#### DAY 1 - MONDAY, April 16, 1990

9:45 a.m.

Official welcome  
The Right Honourable David Lange,  
Attorney-General, will open the proceedings  
of CALC

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Morning tea

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Formal session: The printing of  
Legislation (including matters arising from  
the privatization of Government Printers)

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11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	A paper on Recent Developments in New South Wales will be presented by Denis Murphy, Q.C., Parliamentary Counsel, New South Wales.
12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	A paper on Recent Developments in New Zealand will be presented by Walter Iles, Q.C., Chief Parliamentary Counsel, New Zealand
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	A round table discussion on current drafting practices and problems Lunch Continuation of round table discussion on current drafting practices and problems.
3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	A paper on Drafting Practices and Problems relating to Transformation of International Conventions into National Law will be presented by D.C. Mendis, Legal Expert, United Nations, St. Kitts-Nevis Legal Drafting Project.
4:00 p.m. (approximately)	Other topics may also be discussed. Afternoon tea Bus to Aotea Centre for opening ceremony of Commonwealth Law Conference at 5:00 p.m.

**DAY 2 - THURSDAY, April 19, 1990**

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Formal session - Database Systems for Legislation A paper on Developments in Western Australia in relation to the creation of a legislation database will be presented by Greg Calcutt, Parliamentary Counsel, Western Australia.
10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Morning tea
10:45 a.m. - noon	Formal session - Revisions and Consolidation of Statutes A paper on the recent Statute Revision in Canada will be presented by Peter E. Johnson, Q.C. Chief Legislative Counsel, Canada. A paper on Law Revision in the Pacific Region by Neil Adsett, Law Revision Commission, Tonga.
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Panel discussion on specific drafting practices and problems
3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Afternoon tea
3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	General meeting of Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel.