

Jurisdiction report - South Australia  
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There have been three secretaries to the Legislative Review Committee since the last conference and also three research officers. The Committee has experienced some change too, welcoming Ms Annabel Digance MP, Member for Elder, and Hon. Andrew McLachlan MLC to the Committee in May 2014.

However, despite the changes, the Committee has been able to carry out its functions with a high degree of cooperation among members of the Committee.

The Committee has two notable matters to report.

First, the Committee has been developing a Guide that gives information about how the Committee carries out its functions and information that the Committee is seeking from delegated authorities about regulations that are tabled in the Parliament. This Guide was discussed in my paper titled 'Supporting reports to regulations'.

Second, the Committee has produced an annual report for 2015 that provides a summary of the Committee's activities in that year. This annual report is the first annual report of the Committee since November 1998 and it is the Committee's intention that annual reports for the Committee continue to be presented to the Parliament.

The Committee examined 259 regulations, 37 rules and 66 by-laws in 2015. In 2015, the Committee also commenced, or continued, an Inquiry into three matters that were referred to the Committee by the Parliament:

- an Inquiry into the Sexual Reassignment Repeal Bill 2014; and
- a review of the Committee's report of its Inquiry into the Partial Defence of Provocation; and
- an Inquiry into an amendment to the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Regulations 2011 to enable de facto relationships to be recognised on the register recording the death of a person (death certificate)

The Committee's Inquiry report into the Sexual Reassignment Repeal Bill 2014 was tabled in the Parliament on 12 April 2016. The two other Inquiry matters are ongoing.

Further information about the Committee's inquiries, including the Committee's concluded inquiries, is available on the Committee web page at <http://bit.ly/1RcqmdL>.