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The Committee of Inquiry into Solicitors Nominee Companies was established by the Minister of Justice following a Royal Commission report which raised concerns about the abuse of the solicitors nominee company system by some solicitors. The Committee's report considers the scope for misuse of the system, whether the investment of money through a solicitors nominee company may be a legitimate means of concealing the identity of investors or source of the funds, problems related to legal professional privilege, and other ancillary matters.

"Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Inflation Accounting"
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The Committee of Inquiry into Inflation Accounting was appointed to assess the merits of alternative accounting standards and methods that might be adopted in New Zealand to reflect the then historically high rates of annual inflation. Following some introductory material, including information on the objectives of accounting, the New Zealand setting, and the attributes of a desirable accounting system, the report evaluates a number of alternative accounting methods, before recommending the adoption of current cost accounting. The pricing, taxation and other economic and public policy implications of the recommended changes are then considered.

Abstract by Allegra Crawford.

"Preface: The April Report: Report of the Royal Commission on Social Policy"
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The Royal Commission on Social Policy was established to undertake a nation-wide inquiry designed to set social policy goals and to recommend what needed to be done to make New Zealand a more fair and just society. The outcome of this inquiry was published in this report in four different volumes. The first volume, New Zealand Toady, contains an overview of Social Policy in New Zealand, statistics on New Zealand Society, analysis of the 6,000 submissions received by the Inquiry and an attitudes and values survey conducted in 1987. Volume II, Future Directions, discusses the broad areas around which the inquiry was organised. These include the Treaty of Waitangi, Women and Social Policy, Economic Policy, Social Wellbeing, Work. Volume III continues on from Volume II and looks at issues concerning the outcomes of social and economic processes, income maintenance and taxation, social provision and policy development. The final volume, Social Perspectives, contains papers prepared on functional areas and special perspectives by writers with expertise in particular subjects such as Health, Education, Housing, Justice, the Environment, and Family.
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Alumni include Sir Robin Cooke (1926-2006), one of the leading judges of the British Commonwealth. As Baron Cooke of Thorndon, he sat on over 100 appeals to the Judicial Committee of the House of Lords, one of very few Commonwealth judges ever appointed to do so.

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