

from the report of the 1982 Committee of Inquiry, are presently being considered and those to be adopted by the Government will be incorporated in the Bill.

Legislation to implement certain of the recommendations made by the Commission of Inquiry into the Abbotsford Landslip Disaster will be promoted.

The Government intends to introduce a Town and Country Planning Amendment Bill. This will make some changes to planning procedures and will alter the constitution of the Planning Tribunal.

An amendment to the Water and Soil Conservation Act 1967 will be promoted to bring certain procedures under this Act more into line with accepted planning procedures.

A Public Archives and Records Bill will be introduced. This will replace the Archives Act 1957 and take account of changes stemming from the Official Information Act 1982.

A Bill will be introduced to consolidate and improve procedures relating to the censorship of films.

The Government will continue to improve the efficiency of departmental administration through better management structures. The corporation structure has proved suitable for public trading activities. Accordingly, legislation will be introduced to convert the Government Life Insurance Office to a corporation within the Public Service. This will have the advantages of a commercial structure while retaining continuity in staffing.

It is proposed to promote a Foreign Affairs Bill which will revise and replace the Foreign Affairs Act 1943 and update the operation of the overseas service.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS, the international situation has continued to be uncertain. In the Middle East, Afghanistan, Africa and Central America, existing tensions remain unresolved. The conflict over the Falkland Islands illustrated vividly that isolation does not necessarily assure security. Against this background and for a number of other reasons, the Government has taken steps to reassess New Zealand's defence needs.