

## ABSTRACT

The purpose of this Thesis is to examine the relevance to Barbados of the recommendations made in the Preparation of Legislation, commonly called the 'Renton Report'.

The Thesis is divided into five parts. Part I deals with the history of legislative drafting in England and in Barbados.

In Part II the criticisms of legislative drafting and the attempts to meet the criticisms are examined. The background to the Preparation of Legislation is also dealt with.

The Preparation of Legislation contains one hundred and twenty-one recommendations and conclusions, some of them are discussed briefly in Part III.

Part IV comprises four chapters. Chapters 1 to 4 examine in detail the recommendations numbered 1, 2, 3 and 6 in the Appendix.

Part V, the concluding part of the Thesis, deals with the factors considered in the Preparation of Legislation to be the causes of the problems of legislative drafting, the shortage of draftsmen, efforts made in some places to attract, train and retain draftsmen and the questions to be answered by Barbados respecting the establishment of a drafting service.