

Blair's Law-Churning

This Government is doing serious damage with its incessant law-churning activities. Since 1997 we have had nearly fifty criminal justice Acts. Numerous local government enactments have gradually shifted power to the centre, but Ruth Kelly now tells us (*Radio 4 Today*, 5 July 2006) that new legislation will shift it back to local authorities. Gordon Brown churns trust and inheritance law and forces millions to rewrite their wills (*Guardian Letters*, 5 July 2006).

A country's legal system cannot perform its social function properly if it is constantly uprooted in this way. Lawyers cannot know the law. Law students cannot be taught the law. More unproductive lawyers are needed. Judges are thrown into confusion.

Will Mr Blair please stop it?