

Introductory Note by FB

The article below is a further addition to my writings on the use of plain language in legislation. Others are included within the Topic 'Plain language law'. The Topic can be found on this website at www.francisbennion.com/topic/plainlanguagelaw.htm.

Legislation in plain English? 1

You say (see *NLJ*, 16 June 2006, p 966) that the Draft Coroners Bill has been published in plain English for the first time. In fact this is not so, despite Government claims suggesting the contrary.

The Bill is in the usual form, with the usual type of wording. All that has changed is that the normal explanatory notes are more extensive than usual

Note The *New Law Journal* did its duty and published my correction of its misstatement. This did not apply in the case of two other journals: see 2006.026 and 2006.027.