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Commando will end their 40-year association with Arbroath and head to the West Country, near Plymouth, to be nearer "appropriate training facilities".

The economic impact of closure of Fort George is expected to hit the Inverness area hard, and follows the closure of RAF Kinloss in nearby Moray.

to merge with HM Inspectorate of Education.

This year the then Labour MSP Marilyn Glen raised concerns about job security as a result of the merger and was told by the government that a commitment to no compulsory redundancies lasted only until March.

She said at the time she was worried the amalgamation was largely about cost-cutting, although the government said it was motivated by a wish to provide the best possible support for schools.



Marilyn Glen.

A government spokeswoman has now confirmed that the pledge regarding no compulsory redundancies has been extended to March 2012.

She added, "Learning and Teaching Scotland, as a non-departmental public

body also has a distribution centre at West Pitkerro. The new agency begins life on July 1 and education secretary Mike Russell has just announced that it will be called Education Scotland.

The government spokeswoman said, "This exciting development will ensure that the best possible national-level systems are in place to support practitioners, pre-school centres, schools, colleges, local authorities and others as we move forward with Curriculum for Excellence."

## Children's action over £6.7m will

THE FOUR children of a Fife property developer excluded from his £6.7m legacy when he died in 2008 have raised an action to challenge his will.

Gary Stewart (47), Linden Stewart (44), Calum Stewart (43) and Leonie Griffin (42) claim their father, Alfred Stewart, was not in his right mind when he made his will in 2005 and when he adopted two codicils before he died.

The second codicil, made 27 days before his death, excluded his daughters.

Previously, it had been his intention to leave them farms he owned, with both legacies worth over £1m.

His sons had become estranged from him after he brought them into his business and accused them of stealing from him.

Documents lodged with the court have introduced a mystery regarding a sale of land that could have doubled the estate's value.

Mr Stewart, who died aged 71, had lived at Pitconnochie House, Crossford, near Dunfermline.

He left almost his entire wealth to the Alfred Stewart Trust to benefit health charities, particularly those involved in cancer treatment and research.

His second wife, Barbara, died of skin cancer in 1999 but he was grateful for the treatment she received at Ninewells Hospital.

Many of the developments that have changed the face of Dunfermline and the surrounding area in recent years, including the Kingdom Shopping Centre, were built on land sold by the Alfred Stewart Trust.

In 2007, he was given an MBE for his services to the Barbara Stewart Cancer Trust.

After excluding his daughters in the days leading up to his own death from mantle-cell lymphoma, a form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, he made only two personal bequests.

His partner for the last eight years of his life, Fiona Hay, received an income of £2000 a month net of tax for life. He also left a part of his estate to his step-grandson,

Toby Kennedy, the son of his step-daughter Sarah Kennedy.

His children claim he was violent and abusive to them and to their mother, Lynne Buchan, throughout their childhood.

They also claim he began seeing Barbara in 1968 when their mother was pregnant with Leonie and that the affair continued through the 1970s until 1980 when their mother asked him to leave.

He was divorced from his first wife in 1986 and married Barbara in 1989, but his children claim he was volatile and abusive to his second wife as well, even breaking one of her ribs.

They claim he suffered extreme paranoia and was delusional at times.

Both his marriages were blighted by his mistaken belief that his wives were unfaithful to him, and his business life by the belief that even his own employees, including family, were stealing from him.

The court papers reveal that his relationship with his

sons broke down irretrievably in 1998 and 1999 when he accused both of stealing from him. He accused his eldest son of taking £1 million out of his company.

He also asked an accountant to devise a strategy to ensure his sons did not receive any of his money.

Although his relationship with his daughters was not as bad, lawyers for his executors and for Ms Hay, who are defending the action, claim he felt rejected by them, leading to his very late decision to write them out of his will.

His children argue, with the support of an expert medical report, that their father was impaired by a paranoid personality disorder and had a tendency towards delusional and psychotic behaviour.

Mr Stewart's children have asked the court for an interim interdict on any further changes being made to their father's estate pending a final resolution.

The next hearing is set for July 6 and 7 when a date is expected to be set for proof.

## Murder inquiry launched

A MURDER inquiry is under way following the death of a man who was stabbed.

Christopher Devlin (30) was found injured on Saturday afternoon but died a short time later at hospital.

Police were called at 1.50pm to Whinhall Road, Airdrie, where they found Mr Devlin,

He died at Monklands Hospital in the town.

Detective Inspector Bob Frew, from Airdrie CID at Strathclyde Police, said, "Christopher's death has obviously left his family devastated.

"Therefore, I would appeal to anyone who was in the Whinhall area of Airdrie at

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