DATABASE GUIDE

TimeBase Point-in-Time Service

The Point-in-Time Service is a legislation tracking tool that allows a user to view legislation at different points in time. Using the MALT Research Date, you can enter a date (present, past or future) and see the full text of the legislation & associated material (including Regulations, Bills, Explanatory Memorandum and more) at that date. In addition to having access to fulltext legislation, references to cases, commentary and sometimes legislation comparative tables are also available. VU staff & students have access to the following Point -in-Time services:

- Corporations Service
- Commonwealth Criminal Law Service
- Employment Service
- GST Service
- Income Tax Service
- Intellectual Property

How to Access Database

To access this database go to http://library.vu.edu.au

1. Click Databases & Ejournals
2. Select T
3. Select TimeBase Point-in-Time Service
4. Click TimeBase Point-inTime Research or Connect to: TimeBase Point-inTime Research

Selecting a service

1. From TimeBase home page, locate the list of all services for Point-in- time research.
2. Click on a service you wish to view to display its main menu.

Locating a Section of an Act

1. From the main menu of your selected service, click on Principal Acts from Contents
2. Click on the title of the Act you wish to view.
3. Select a Chapter/Part and burrow down to the section you require. Use the section annotation the as a guide eg. (ss 51AF to 75A)
Find Amendments to Section of an Act

1. While viewing the section you require, click on Amendments link

   Section 23XX. Inadmissibility of evidence from improper forensic procedures etc.
   Scope: 05 Nov 2006 current to 19 Jan 2010

View Current Version of a Section with Earlier Version

1. Navigate to the current version of the Act section
2. By clicking "Compare" on the toolbar previous versions are displayed
3. (Comparisons display showing changes made from earlier version selected to most recent selected)
4. Click the version you wish to compare to current version
5. Select the version in a separate window & resize windows so they can be viewed together
   (Additions made to create latest version are shown in green, deletions from previous versions to create
   latest version are struck through in red.)

Searching

Choose the search option from tool bar eg. Quick or Advanced Search
(A quick search will search for terms across all materials in the service selected at the Research Date displayed)

Legislation

1. Select the ‘Legislation’ option for material to be searched
2. Enter search terms eg. “deceptive conduct”
3. Select search type eg. exact phrase
4. Select scope of search eg. all, headings, defined terms
5. Select legislation to search within (optional)
6. Select search dates from drop down box
7. Submit search

Searching for Case by Name

1. Select the ‘Case Law’ option for material to be searched
2. Enter search terms eg. IMF (AUSTRALIA) LTD v SONS OF GWALIA LTD
3. Select search scope eg. Case Name
4. Select search date from drop down box
5. Submit search - (Result/s appear in contents area on the left of screen)
6. Select Full-Text Cases Menu to view

Printing & Saving

1. Use the database Print/Save/Snapshot. This will load the selected document onto another window.
2. Use the print/save icons from the window for printing/saving.