Point in Time Research is a legislation tracking tool that allows a user to view legislation at different points in time. Using the MALT calendar, you can enter a date (present, past or future) and see the full text of the legislation as of that date. In addition to access to full-text legislation, references to cases, commentary and sometimes legislation comparative tables are also available. VU Library provides the following Point in Time services:

- Corporations Service
- GST Service
- Income Tax Service
- Commonwealth Criminal Law Service
- Trade Practices Service.

How to Access Database

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

1. Click Databases & E-journals
2. Select L
3. Locate LawOne then click on Access Details
4. Please read general guidelines for database use
5. Click Connect to Point in Time 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 next to Legislative material to display the list of all principal acts for that service.
2. Click on the title of the Act you wish to view.
3. Select a chapter and burrow down to the section you require.
   Use the section annotation at the end of the title as a guide. E.g. ss 207 to 230.
Find amendments made to the most recent versions of a section of an Act

1. While viewing the section you require, click on Amendments next to the Scope information.
2. Click Go next to the amendment you wish to view.
3. From the amendment screen, click on Amends to return to the Act.

Viewing the current version of the section with an earlier version of an Act

1. Navigate to the current version of the section (as depicted in the example above)
2. By clicking on Snapshot, the current version will open in a separate window.
3. Return to the current version of the section and click on Versions.
4. Click Go next to the version you wish to view.
5. Click on Snapshot to open the selected version in a separate window.
6. Resize the windows so they can be viewed together.

Searching for a section of an Act by title

The keyword search feature is available on the banner.

1. Click on Search
2. Select 'legislation' as template.
3. Ensure 'search within all Acts and subordinate legislation is selected.
4. Type word(s) to find in the box provided. E.g. insider trading
5. Select search type. For example, the exact phrase.
6. Limit search to 'headings'
7. Click Go.

Searching for cases by case name

1. Click on Search from the banner.
2. Select 'cases' as template.
3. Select Full Text Cases as Search within
4. Type word(s) to find in box provided
5. Select search type
6. Limit search to case name or citations
7. Click Go.

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.