

PUBLISHERS LIAISON COMMITTEE

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Coordinator

Note of Appreciation

I have accepted the fact that the beginning of the year is a quiet period when most members are away on holidays where they do not want to think about work. Consequently, this column is shorter than the last issue. I hope that it does not continue to be, and I urge you to contact your State representative on the Publishers Liaison Committee. Now is your chance to be heard, and we want to hear what you have to say.

Hein Reprint of ALLG Newsletter

William Hein & Co. Inc. has forwarded an advance copy of the bound volume series of the *ALLG Newsletter 1973 - 1992*. This set is a cumulation of the 113 issues, on acid free paper and bound in three volumes with an index.

When we first discussed this reprint at the conference in 1991, we could see problems arising from the various prints and formats used over the years. These were overcome and a large measure of this is due to the personal interest taken in this project by Bill Hein himself.

As Robert Watt, the first editor, stated in the introduction '... the bound volumes will maintain a lasting and valued record of the ALLG history.' We look forward to congratulating Bill Hein in person on his arrival in Australia this month.

Letters and Responses

■ *Australian Case Citator and Excess Updating*

Frieda Evans
Supreme Court Northern Territory

1. **Australian Case Citator** - most members would like it to be updated more frequently but it would depend on the cost. Several people commented that the real problem is not with the currency of the Citator itself but with the long delay in reporting many cases, particularly NSW Court of Appeal. If the promptness of reporting were improved the indexing would also improve.
2. **Excess updating** - we are going to monitor looseleaf services to see if pages are replaced with no amendments being made. We will let you know the results.

I applaud Law Book Company for updating the *Australian Case Citator* more frequently, but I deplore the fact that this is done at extra cost to the consumer. It seems to create a precedent. The subscriber complains about inefficiency or untimeliness of updating, then we pay for its upgrading. By rights, it should have been timely in the first place.

Overseas Subscriptions

■ **Yvonne Butler**
Mallesons Stephen Jaques, Melbourne

I attach a list of the various UK titles available through Australian agents and their

comparative prices if purchased overseas and delivered to Australia

Many Australian law libraries have overseas associations who can supply this material much more cost effectively than using Australian agents

I am very concerned that publishers with exclusive Australian agents seem to be taking advantage of that exclusive position by charging excessively high rates

I am also concerned at the approach taken by Law Book Company to renewals. The form letter 'Renewal of your annual subscriptions' states " we have given you the opportunity to defer payment of this invoice for an additional 60 days. This means that payment is not due until 28 February 1994." The letter, however, later states, "If we have not heard from you by 17 December 1993 we will automatically renew your subscription"

I trust this information is of assistance to members of the ALLG. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries

Title	Australian Price (A\$)	UK Price (A\$)
Lloyds Law Reports	850	715
All England Law Reports	980	820
Halsburys Laws of England	665	550
Encyclopaedia Shipping Law Sources	730	635
Lloyds Maritime Law Newsletter	890	706
Construction Law Journal	542	350
Conveyancer and Property Lawyer	475	395
Current Law	978	765
European Intellectual Property Review	833	706
Fleet Street Reports	973	715
International Company & Commercial Law Review	850	706
Journal of Business Law	230	190
Journal of International Banking	850	706
Law Librarian	109	91
Law Quarterly Review	187	156
The Law Reports	1068	728
Palmers Company Law	706	586

Australian & New Zealand Citorator to UK Reports

Althea Ward

Phillips Fox, Melbourne

The 1993 edition of this arrived in the mail yesterday. The publisher's note begins:

"This work is a consolidation of the bound volume (1558-1972) and the Supplement (1973-1991/92) and will supersede both these works. It also includes the latest supplement material received by the Editor up to early 1993."

The volume came with a slip of paper saying simply: "Notice to subscribers: Please retain the *Australian and New Zealand Citorator to UK Reports 1558-1972*". No reasons were given. However, the last paragraph of the Publisher's Note reads:

"The Index appearing at p 1243 of this work covers the cases from 1973-1992/93. Readers should refer to the previous consolidation 1558-1972 for the Index covering the period prior to 1973"

So much for being a consolidation and "superseding"! I gather I was not the only one to complain

AGPS Service and Products

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AGPS have invited selected customers of AGPS to air their views on the service-products provided. AGPS were very disappointed to note that the feedback was rather negative. A customer survey to follow this up will be conducted in May 1994

AGPS are now undergoing a number of changes to try to address some of the

customer complaints they have been receiving. Some of these include:

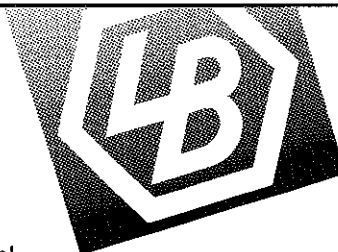
- annual invoicing
- bookshops operating on a WAN to allow better stock management
- each customer to be given the name of a contact who will handle all their account queries
- electronic network access to the Attorney-General's Department in Canberra - the aim of this is to print legislation/bills on demand at the bookshops
- improving the dispatch of materials
- getting the bookshops to return their focus to government information
- bookshops will provide more information electronically or in machine readable format.

The printing of Commonwealth legislation is dictated by the Attorney-General's Department and as such is out of the power of AGPS. AGPS is aware that bound volumes of statutes, in particular, are produced very slowly and are trying to address this issue with the Department.

AGPS are trying to rationalise their dispatch process so that subscribers to periodical gazettes and other small items do not have two items despatched, both with a minimum \$5 invoice, on the same day in separate envelopes incurring the \$5 charge twice.

The delay of dispatch of bills on subscription was mentioned and Rob Fontanot will look into this as they should be despatched as soon as they are available.

TAKE NOTE OF CHANGES TO AUSTRALIA'S BEST LEGAL REFERENCE TOOLS



The Australian Legal Monthly Digest - new easy-to-use format

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