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Law Societies

Most of the Law Society pages provide similar information. The societies commonly provide "community legal information" brochures, media releases, information about continuing legal education activities, and general information about the society. Some have searchable lawyer databases – notably NSW and Qld. Both NSW and Victoria have very useful information and rules on professional standards, and provide access to the societies' journals. The Law Institute of Victoria also has practice notes. Much of the information on the ACT site was to be made available after November 3, 1999. The NSW Bill Tracker is available from the Law Society of NSW site.

ACT:	lawsocact.asn.au
New South Wales:	www.lawsocnsw.asn.au
Queensland:	www.qls.com.au
South Australia:	www.lssa.asn.au
Tasmania:	www.taslawsociety.asn.au
Victoria:	www.liv.asn.au
Western Australia:	www.lawsocietywa.asn.au

Hoover's Online: The Business Network

www.hoovers.com

This site is developed to meet the needs of the business professional at a one stop shop and topics include money management, career development, news and travel. The information is mostly US based although annual reports are procurable for non US companies. There is some information freely available, but of course, the analytical and report information is only available to members. It does provide extensive stock information for the investor and there are links to other useful sites on the Net

The Information Economy

www.sims.berkeley.edu/resources/infoecon

The Information Economy site is managed by the School of Information Management and Systems at Berkeley University which means that the site has integrity. It has a vast number of links to valuable sites and is arranged in a user friendly manner from broad to specific headings. It is possible to search the site globally using WebGlimse search engine or to browse under the comprehensive range of classified areas – Accounting and Measuring Traffic, Background and Reference, Electronic Commerce, Electronic Publishing, Government Resources, Intellectual Property, Intranets, Network Economics, Policy and Law, Pricing, Security, Privacy and Encryption.

CIA – The World Factbook 1999

www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html

A handy site for quick reference to information on a country has been recently released by the US Central Intelligence Agency. There are a total of 266 listings for countries and data appeared to be up to date – eg. Statistical information for Australia was updated in

July this year. A map and flag appears on the first page for each country followed by geographic, population, government, economic, communication, transportation, military, and transnational issue information.

Northern Light Alert Service

standard.northernlight.com/cgi-bin/cl_alert.pl?cb=200

Northern Light is offering a free alert service for any updating material relating to an existing search criteria although articles in the Special Collection will still command the usual viewing fee. All the search facilities from the power search menu and directory assistance can be used in formulating the search or the user can request a topic of choice. A help button is available on site and sample results can be previewed prior to requesting the notification service.

Law Search Online

www.lawsearch.gov.au

This is an AusInfo service covering Commonwealth legislation only. The basic services are free and resemble a catalogue of legislation. When you search for an Act, cost details are provided, along with names and costs of major and minor amending legislation. For bills, costs of explanatory memoranda are provided. Where reports or regulatory impact statements are available, title and cost is provided. Online purchasing is enabled. The subscription service offers a link to the full text of some materials including the Act or Bill itself, and second reading speeches. Dates for introduction, passage and assent are also provided for subscribers. A single one year subscription costs \$800. Test searches conducted on 1 November 1999 revealed some out of date data – an Act assented to on October 1st was still referred to as a bill, and a bill introduced on October 14 was not listed. While direct links to ScalePlus from the Act or Bill title are not provided in the free service, a link to the ScalePlus home page is given to enable users to conduct their own searches for the full text of items.

British Journal of Medicine

www.bmj.com/index.shtml

This site contains the full text of all articles published in the weekly British Medical Journal from January 1995. Back issues are searchable or browseable, and readers can request customised alerts ranging from table of contents to articles on topics specified by the reader. Each article is assigned a subject, so that when a reader goes to a particular article, they can choose to also see other articles on the same topic.

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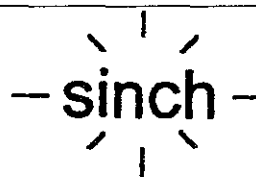
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