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MALT and TimeBase

While the function of loose-leaf products has always been to offer the most up-to-date statement of law, the act of throwing out superceded pages has often concerned us. The Multi Access Layer Technology (MALT) used by TimeBase provides point-in-time location of legislation, contemporary cases and commentary.

MALT application and products are in development but have already been applied to Corporations Law covering the last six years. GST and Income Tax are following. The commentaries for both are being prepared. At present the time frame for the MALTed version is seven years. The service is available on CD with an Internet version due in October 2000.

Contact TimeBase for further information and demonstration disks.

<http://www.timebase.com.au/whatsnew.htm>

Butterworths Online

Butterworths have upgraded their online interface to be more user-friendly. At last we can see a meaningful results list for a search. The search form and screens have also been enhanced. As part of the release there will be provision to carry out a single search across Lexis com and Butterworths Online – although cost of subscribing to both will probably limit the use to the ‘big end’ of the market. Another feature is the online help. The user can phone or email the Help Line with a problem. The help desk assistant will then log in to the user’s terminal and demonstrate how to resolve the problem.