

## PUBLISHERS LIAISON COLUMN

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### ***Butterworths UK Publications***

Concerns about the prices being charged by Butterworths Australia for Butterworths UK publications were drawn to the attention of this column by a State Publishers' Liaison representative. Why was it that UK suppliers were able to supply Butterworths UK publications direct to libraries in Australia at significantly lower prices than Butterworths are charging here?

I put this question to Mark Thomas, National Sales Manager, Butterworths, and I am pleased to be able to report that Butterworths are changing the way they handle Butterworths overseas titles. Mark's letter is reproduced for your information.

*Dear Kerrie,*

Please let me respond to concerns raised by your members about the issue of pricing disparities in charges for Butterworths UK materials.

For some time Butterworths Australia and many of its customers have been dissatisfied with the process of purchasing overseas Butterworths titles. Over the last couple of months we have undertaken a detailed analysis of this process including ordering and pricing through to the supply of various types of publications.

We are happy to be able to announce that following this study Butterworths has decided to substantially change the way we handle imported titles.

From June 1997 most titles ordered through Butterworths Australia will now be supplied to the customer direct from the overseas

Butterworths company. The major benefit should be shorter fulfilment times with less double handling of orders. Due to this change we have also been able to revise our existing pricing policy with the result that the prices for many of our imported texts have been significantly reduced - some by as much as 30%.

We encourage all customers interested in Butterworths titles whether it be from the UK, New Zealand, Asia, South Africa or the USA to contact us regarding our new pricing for these titles.

Yours sincerely,

**Mark Thomas**

National Sales Manager

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### ***Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI)***

In the March issue of this column, Fay O'Grady drew our attention to the Legislative Instruments Bill 1996. The Bill proposes a Federal Register of Legislative Instruments which include statutory rules, bound, numbered and reprint series. FRLI will be available free to view on the Internet and paper versions will be available on subscription. Fay took issue with the proposed size, A4, when the existing sets are B5. In addition she argued that if we have to subscribe to a full set, without having a choice of parts, we would pay \$1,000 per annum for 6-8 volumes. We have a letter from Vanessa Muller, Legislation Products Manager, AGPS addressing some of the issues raised by Fay.

*Dear Editor*

**Re: Article in Publisher Liaison Column from  
Fay O'Grady**

I would like to clarify some points raised by Fay O'Grady in the March 1997 edition of the *Australian Law Librarian*

The Australian Government Publishing Service and the Office of Legislative Drafting (OLD) have spent considerable time co-ordinating access to the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI). The current Statutory Rules series offered by the Australian Government Publishing Service (AGPS) will cease to exist upon the commencement of the *Legislative Instruments Bill (Cth)*. There is a growing body of subordinate legislation outside of the Statutory Rules series, which is of equal weight and value legally, yet has for a variety of reasons, not been included in the Statutory Rules series. To continue to provide a quasi Statutory Rules series service will benefit no one. To ignore this legislation would be to destroy all the good intentions that *Legislative Instruments Bill (Cth)* is trying to accomplish.

The move to an A4 format is determined by the *Legislative Instruments Bill (Cth)* which specifies that the original instrument must be A4, resulting in a Register consisting of A4 images. The AGPS's role is to provide access to that Register. Having the file available on the Internet means any person can access and print off a copy. Since the main form of distribution will be by computer, it is then logical to use the standard paper size for printers, which today is A4, or 8.15 inches x 11 inches in the USA.

The AGPS can offer a B5 reduction service for those wanting to subscribe to the complete numbered looseleaf in B5. There are, however, some difficulties with this approach. Firstly, it will require a minimum number of subscribers to ensure viability of the service. Secondly, if a subscriber loses a copy, it can only be replaced with a A4 copy. Purchasing any additional copies from the sales outlets would also be in A4.

Annual bound volumes of the series will be in B5 as this will be significantly less expensive to produce than A4 bound volumes.

Under the current Bill, reprint legislative instruments will not be included on the Register. The Register will contain all the original Instruments as registered, and the SCALEPLUS database (URL <http://law.agps.gov.au>) will contain reprints of the Instruments. This means that all original documents and their amendments will be available for research.

In addition, it was recognised early on that not everyone has access to the Internet. To ensure access, the AGPS has guaranteed that hardcopy legislative instruments will be deposited in libraries throughout the library deposit scheme. This will enable free access to hardcopy through state and university libraries throughout Australia.

The questionnaire to which Ms O'Grady refers was designed by AGPS to demonstrate the options available for distributing the new Legislative Instruments Series to current clients, including subscribers. At the time it was sent out FRLI was expected to commence on 1 January 1997. The delay in commencement date allows time for further consultation. Until the Act is passed, the AGPS welcomes suggestions on how we can provide access to the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments, recognising that the current Statutory Rules series will cease to exist.

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## *A Bouquet for CCH*

I am pleased to be able to deliver a bouquet to Gary Stanton from CCH from Michelle Smith, Librarian, Normans Waterhouse.

### *Publisher's Liaison - A Bouquet*

At a meeting with Gary Stanton, Business Unit Manager for Legal Publications, CCH, on a recent visit to Adelaide, I raised the issue of the choice of stop words on the stop word list associated with the Industrial Law Reports database on CD-ROM (a number of which I considered inappropriate). Some time after the meeting I was sent a list of the stop words used so that I could go through it and suggest changes to the list.

I sent an Email of my suggestions to CCH of which receipt was immediately acknowledged. Later in the day I received another Email from Gordon Lee, the Associate Publisher in the Business and Human Resources Unit telling me that all of my suggestions had been sent to the R&D department for implementation. He thanked me for my support and valuable input. Needless to say, I was very impressed with the prompt consideration of my suggestions and the note of thanks.

For some background re my suggested changes:

One of advantages of CD-ROM over hard copy resources is the ability to be able to search for particular phrases or concepts which would otherwise be unsearchable (i.e. not indexed in the hard copy). I searched my in-house database of Industrial judgments (which consists of the usual details (i.e. party names, reference, date plus catchwords)), using some of the stop words on the CCH list to see which phrases/concepts would not be easily retrievable (by "easily retrievable" I mean obtain a result set which does not contain a lot of irrelevant material). I then searched for those phrases on the Industrial Law Reports Database. This resulted in some words being deleted from my list as the phrases I

searched for were retrieved without a lot of irrelevant material also being found.

The words I suggested for deletion from the stop word list were:

### **Stop Words Phrases difficult to search**

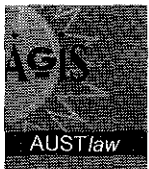
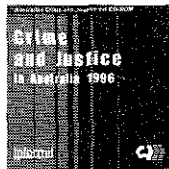
above	above award payments
after	after (hours) work; (decision based on) after acquired knowledge
another	another job; another position; another employer (eg re underpayment of wages, dismissal)
best	best interests (of employee); best practice
different	different job; different conditions (of employment)
down	relationship broken down; stand(ing)/stood down; close down (of business)
fact	mistake of fact
facts	(court's duty to) review facts
further	further evidence; further work; further employment
general	consideration of interpretation of specific vs general provisions; "general" may appear in Award title
higher	higher duties; higher classification; higher salary/rate of pay
new	new information; new evidence
off	day off; rostered day off; set off; time off (in lieu)
other	other employer / job / work / duties
out	out of hours work; lock out; opt out; work out notice; carry out order/instruction
over	over award payments; take(n) over
own	(conducting/running) own business (re dismissal)
same	same duties (as); (application relating to) same incident
several	(joint and) several liability; several employers

similar	similar work/duties (e.g. underpayment of wages issue)
take	take over
taken	(company/business) taken over
up	make up pay
use	unauthorised use; private use; personal use - of company property/facilities, etc
using	using company time / resources
without	without reasonable cause; leave without pay; without warning; without authority; without notice

## ***A new Publishers Liaison Committee Convenor required for 1998***

It has been a pleasure to have been the convenor of the Publishers Liaison Committee for the past two years. Because of personal commitments, I won't be able to continue next year. The ALLG national committee would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in taking over the role commencing in 1998

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