

# WESTLAW HK UK ANNOTATED STATUTES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## WHAT IS UK ANNOTATED STATUTES?

- Expert guidance on the meaning of new law edited by Daniel Greenberg (full-time Parliamentary Counsel from 1991 to 2008 and current part-time Parliamentary Counsel) and available within two weeks of Royal Assent\*
- Helps you predict how the courts are likely to interpret and apply new legislation

## WHAT WILL BE ANNOTATED?

- All new UK Acts, Scottish Acts and Welsh Measures
- Initial archive back to 2007
- An expanding archive of key pre-2007 Acts
- Customer requests – tell us what you would like to see annotated

## WHAT PROBLEM DOES UK ANNOTATED STATUTES SOLVE?

Legislation is complex, technical and obscure - UK Annotated Statutes helps you to interpret and apply new law and understand how it affects you.

Legislation is... Annotations provide...

Legislation is...	Annotations provide...
<b>COMPLEX</b>	<b>Navigational Aids</b> Cross referencing to definitions and relevant legislation
<b>TECHNICAL</b>	<b>Expert Explanation</b> General Notes; highlight ambiguities in language
<b>OBSCURE</b>	<b>Context</b> Purpose; <i>Pepper v Hart</i> notes; Explanatory Notes; other external materials

\* On occasion this may take longer due to the size of the Statute or late publication of the official document.

## HOW DOES COVERAGE COMPARE TO THE COMPETITION?

The following figures show our competitive position as at 1 February 2010, and therefore, are subject to change.

2010	No. Published	Westlaw HK	LNB
UK	1	1	0
ASP	2	2	0
WM	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

2009	No. Published	Westlaw HK	LNB
UK	27	27	21
ASP	12	12	0
WM	4	4	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>23</b>

2008	No. Published	Westlaw HK	LNB
UK	33	33	30
ASP	7	7	0
WM	2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>

2007	No. Published	Westlaw HK	LNB
UK	31	26	28
ASP	19	2	0
WM	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>

\* ASP = Act of Scottish Parliament. WM = Welsh Measures

## WHO OFFERS THE MOST COMPLETE LEGISLATION SERVICE?

	Westlaw HK	LNB	SLD
Daily Updates	Y	Y	N
Annotations	Y	Y	N
Point in Time Search	Y	N	N
Statutory Definitions Browser	Y	N	N
Browse	Y	Y	Y
Status Icons	Y	N	Y
Arrangements of Provisions	Y	Y	Y
Version Navigator	Y	N	Y
Overview Analysis	Y	N	N
Act/Si PDFs	Y	Y	N
Prospective Amendments	Y	Y	Y
Commencement	Y	Y	N
Citator	Y	N	N
Territorial Extent	Y	Y	Y
Laws Made Under	Y	Y	N
Case Citing	Y	Y	N
Journals Articles	Y	N	N
EU Law Implemented	Y	Y	N

# WESTLAW HK UK ANNOTATED STATUTES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## WHY IS UK ANNOTATED STATUTES THE BEST SERVICE OF ITS KIND?

### WE'RE BETTER...

**Skilled Draftsmen** – our team of 40 Barristers and academics is led by Daniel Greenberg. He is a barrister and has been Parliamentary Counsel (full-time 1991 to 2008; part-time 2009 to present) and so is very familiar with the process of drafting new law.

### WE'RE FASTER...

**Currency** – we provide the first take on new law. Two weeks is our commitment, but usually we will be even quicker. Other sources are less consistent – sometimes they update within two weeks, sometimes it can be a month or more.

### Other important reasons include:

**Fit for Purpose** – UK Annotated Statutes is specifically designed for Westlaw HK and for online usage. It is not a print product that has been put online. Related text is linked.

**Continuously Updated** – annotations are fluid and dynamic and will change as the law and its interpretation changes, or case decisions are made.

**In-Depth** – we provide contextual understanding. *Pepper v Hart* notes provide detail of Hansard Parliamentary debate records that show Parliament's intentions when passing an Act. This provides an indication as to how the courts will interpret a provision. Linguistic anomalies are described and the loopholes they present are discussed.

**Easy-to-use / Customer Friendly** – it has been built in consultation with customers. The annotations are intuitive and easy to use. Related materials are cross-referenced.

## COVERAGE VS LNB / HALSBURYS & CLSA

SERVICE FEATURE	WESTLAW HK	HALSBURYS (LNB)	CLSA (Print)
Statutory interpretation	●	●	◐
Subject specialist commentary	○	○	◐
Hansard	●	◐	◐
Linguistic anomalies	●	○	○
Derivation notes	●	●	●
Legal concepts	●	◐	○
Definitions cross-ref	●	◐	◐
Key case law	●	◐	◐
Currency (from Royal Assent)	●	◐	◐
Revised	●	◐	○
UK material	● E, W, S	◐ E, W	● E, W, S

### Contact us for more information:

Call **+852 3762 3222**, email [enquiries@westlaw.com.hk](mailto:enquiries@westlaw.com.hk) or visit [westlaw.com.hk](http://westlaw.com.hk)