

# What the budgets said

Things legal didn't rate much of a mention in either the Federal or Territory budgets.

The Federal budget allocated \$3.2 million to upgrade the Australian Securities Commission's computer system which will allow prompt feedback on the results of the new corporate disclosure rules to the public.

A "simple scheme" for pre-notification of "certain large" mergers will receive \$900,000 (allocated to the Trade Practices Commission) over the next four years.

Another item of interest is that the Australian Accounting Standards Board will be expanded by \$2.5m over the next four years.

Human Rights initiatives, dealing primarily with discrimination, will

get \$8.8 million over four years.

The government has committed \$170,000 per annum for the next four years to provide interpreters in federal courts and tribunals.

Racial Vilification legislation has attracted \$2.5m over the next four years.

The only other item of interest is a \$500,000 allocation to the Consumer Affairs Protection Advancement Programme which includes a component for improved response to consumer problems in relation to superannuation, insurance, credit and financial services.

In the NT budget, the only item of interest was a \$1.5m allocation for the construction of a new magistrates court complex in Katherine.

## NT Reports have gone to presses

### THE NORTHERN TERRITORY LAW REPORTS

[COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAL]

R v MULHOLLAND

Asche CJ, Gallop and Angel JJ

12-14 November 1990; 16 January 1991

*Criminal Law - Sentencing - Non-parole period - Principles of fixing non-parole period - Whether previous offences relevant.*

*Criminal Law - Sentencing - Head sentence - Principles of fixing head*

The first part of the Northern Territory Law Reports should be available later this month.

The 72-page loose leaf part was set in Darwin and sent to the Law Book Company for printing.

Bound reports will be the combination of three loose parts.

Most firms would have been contacted by the Law Book Company regarding subscriptions to the reports.

The Chairman of the NT Council of Law Reporting, Justice Mildren, said

he was pleased with the efforts of the Council and delighted that a set of reports could be put together so quickly after a meeting to establish whether a set of authorised reports was feasible for the Territory.

"The Law Book Company made it easy for us," Justice Mildren said.

"No other company was willing to take us on because we are small and the commercial sales weren't there.

"But that doesn't alter the value of a ready reference to NT decisions."

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