LAW112 - Scavenger Hunt – Use of Extrinsic Materials in statutory interpretation

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Using Halsbury’s (Lexis) search for “extrinsic material”. Open the result that discusses Extrinsic Materials for Interpretation and Construction of Statutes. Locate the section on this page that discusses Interpretation Acts.

Q1 Which case from 1997, supports the statement that “…provision was first made for the use of select extrinsic material in the interpretation of Commonwealth legislation”

Q2 Which piece of Commonwealth legislation (including provision) supports the statement “…the use of extrinsic material is limited to those cases where, in the ascertainment of the meaning of a provision, confirmation of the ordinary meaning is needed, taking into account the context and purpose of the statute”?

CASE CITATORS

Locate the case you located in Halsbury’s in Firstpoint

Q4 Which provision of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 (Cth) does it say the case considered?

Locate the same case in CaseBase

Q5 Which provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 (Cth) does it say the case considered?
LEGISLATION & AMENDMENTS

Using the common provision you found in the Firstpoint and CaseBase records, locate the piece of legislation in the relevant legislation website.

Q6 Identify when this provision was last changed, was it amended, inserted or repealed

Q7 What number Act amended this provision?

Q8 What was the title of the amending Act?

Q9 When was the amending Act assented to?

Q10 When did it commence?

EXTRINSIC MATERIAL

Using TimeBase LawOne – locate the Bill and associated extrinsic material available in this database for the amending Act you found in Q8.

Q11 Which clauses in the Explanatory Memorandum address the provision you’re researching?

At this point get Annette or Jane to check your answers.

Bonus round for those that finish early – find the second reading speech from the House of Representatives in the Commonwealth Hansard by Mr Spender. What date was Mr Spender’s speech made?