Finding Commentary

Use this form to search your subscribed commentary sources. This may include case sources such as *Halsbury’s Laws of Australia* or *Carter on Contract*, depending upon your subscription.

To search for Commentary, click on the **Commentary tab**, below the red line, on the Toolbar or select the search option for the relevant title from your list in **My Sources** on the homepage.

You can **select the source(s)** that you want to search across by clicking on the dropdown arrow in Sources (1).

Select the **field(s)** that you are going to use in your research. For example:

- **Search Terms** (2) will search across the full text of your source(s). This will search for words wherever they appear in a commentary service. Most searches can be undertaken from this box, e.g. if you want to find references to a piece of legislation simply use the following format – *Corporations Act* and 588g

- **Legislation Title/Part/Section** (3) is used only for annotated services such as *Ritchie’s Uniform Civil Procedure NSW* – which provides legislation with commentary directly following each section.
**Focussing on relevant results by using Result Groups**

LexisNexis enables you to quickly locate the relevant results by using the **Results Groups** to focus on the results, while keeping the context.

Result Groups shows you which sources your results have come from and enable you to choose those most relevant to your needs.

Refer to the ‘Working with Results’ sheet for tips on how to focus on relevant results. In commentary searches you can arrange your Result Groups by **Table of Contents** and sort your results by **Relevance**.

**Browsing an individual Source**

Browsing allows you to open the publication by table of contents or index, much like browsing in a book. You can choose this option when selecting any publication from **My Sources** or, when you have clicked on the **Commentary Tab**, toggle from search to browse.

- Click on the **Commentary tab** (1), below the red line, on the Toolbar
- Click on **Browse** on the left hand side of the Commentary search form (2)
- Select the **Source** (3) you want to browse and this opens the screen you see in Figure B
- Click on the + symbol (4) beside any heading to open up each level from the table of contents
- Click on the heading (5) within the publication to view the contents of that section
- To browse the **Index** for a selected source, simply click on the dropdown arrow for **View** (6) after you have selected the source you want to browse.

**FIGURE A**

**FIGURE B**