



Westlaw Precision Australia AI Assisted Research

Westlaw Precision Australia utilizes generative AI technology to ask legal questions in everyday language. The AI is focused on Westlaw's proven, reliable content and includes references in the responses to actual language from primary law authorities with pinpoint linking for additional research.

Ways to use AI-Assisted Research

- Cut down on time spent sifting through search results, and having to read and summarize results yourself. The AI does that for you.
- Quickly understand the law to make informed strategic decisions for your legal research.
- Easily access supporting authority for verification and follow-up research.
- Ask a question as if you are talking to a colleague and get a synthesized summary grounded in Westlaw's trusted content.

How it works

The generative AI relies on enhanced searching of Westlaw's trusted content and returns an overview with detailed insights from your top results along with a list of key cases, statutes, and/or regulations. The AI is focused on Westlaw's proven, reliable content and includes references in the responses to actual language from Australian primary law authorities with pinpoint linking for additional research.

About AI-Assisted Research

AI-Assisted Research uses what is known as retrieval augmented generated (RAG) drawing from the reputable content within Westlaw Australia. This reduces errors by grounding the language model in trusted Westlaw legal content to help ensure that all citations and links are valid.



AI-Assisted Research should be part of, not a complete substitute for, your traditional research process.

What content is the AI-Assisted Research Tool searching across?

The AI-Assisted Research tool in Westlaw Precision Australia is indexed to provide answers based on the following content:

Included	Excluded
Cases	
<p>All Australian cases. Where the case is reported in an authorised report (e.g. CLR) it will prioritise this reference.</p> <p>The AI-Assisted Research checks the currency of legislation references in cases. Where a relevant case cites repealed legislation, it will include the case, however, it will warn that the case is referring to out-of-date legislation.</p>	<p>Authorised headnotes.</p> <p>Red flagged cases e.g. reversed or overruled.</p>
Digest	
Digest summaries prepared by our Australian Editors.	
Legislation	
Current Australian Federal, State and Territory legislation (Acts and Legislative instruments).	It will not include repealed legislation (Acts or Legislative instruments).

Tips for using the AI-Assisted Research Tool

The AI-Assisted Research Tool provides answers to legal research questions. The quality of the response is dependent on the questions asked.

Below are tips for best results when using AI-Assisted Research on Westlaw Precision Australia.

Tip 1: Write a clear, concise, and focused query that is 1-2 sentences long.

Consider adding information, such as practice area, the cause of action, the governing law, the remedy sought, the desired outcome, or the material facts to provide better context for the query.

- **Ok Query:** What are the defences to a claim the corporation failed to disclose information?
- **Better Query:** In a matter under s 674A of the Corporations Act 2001, an investor alleges that the publicly listed company failed to disclose critical information about the company's profitability compared to previously issued predictions. What defences are available to the company and its directors?

Tip 2: Provide relevant facts material to your research but do not include extra background facts that are not material to the question.

Each term in a query should be essential to finding relevant information.

- **Ok Query:** A disabled employee returns from leave after sustaining a back injury. They are unable to return to their previous hospital position which required lifting patients and other heavy objects, so they request an open clerical position. They are only minimally qualified to perform the clerical work, though they could be trained. Is the employer required to offer the position to the returning disabled employee under the DDA?
- **Better query:** Does the DDA require an employer to reassign an employee to a vacant position as a reasonable accommodation?

Tip 3: Do not write a query in the style of a prompt, command, or instruction.

We have done the prompting and instruction work for you and have designed AI-Assisted Research to work best with legal research queries that clearly identify the information you would like to find. For example, it is better to avoid including extra words or phrases like “find cases that...” that bookend the query but are not substantive. Instead, it is better to construct a query with words or phrases you would expect to find in Australian cases, statutes, or regulations.

- **Query:** You are an experienced lawyer who is an expert legal researcher, and you need to find and summarise the best cases that discuss whether the DDA requires an employer to reassign an employee to a vacant position as a reasonable accommodation.
- **Better query:** Does the DDA require an employer to reassign an employee to a vacant position as a reasonable accommodation?

Tip 4: Focus on a single issue or question.

Where it is easy to distinguish separate issues, ask about those issues in separate questions dedicated to the issues, rather than combining them.

- **Query:** Does the DDA require an employer to reassign an employee to a vacant position as a reasonable accommodation and has an employee satisfied their requirement of providing notice of their disability to the employer by asking to be reassigned to the vacant position?
- **Better query:** Does the DDA require an employer to reassign an employee to a vacant position as a reasonable accommodation?

Tip 5: Avoid including proper names of people or parties.

Using proper names can artificially focus the search on results that may only be moderately relevant but contain the same name.

- **Query:** Is Dave Jones, as CEO, personally liable in a shareholder action against Acme Co for failure to continuously disclose?
- **Better query:** Can a company executive be held personally liable in an action for failure to continuously disclose information?

Running an AI-Assisted Research Query

1. To begin, from the Westlaw Precision homepage, select the AI-Assisted Research tab.
2. Select **Jurisdiction**.
3. Type your query into the search box.

Ok Query: What are the defences to a claim the corporation failed to disclose information?

Better Query: In a matter under s 674A of the Corporations Act 2001, an investor alleges that the publicly listed company failed to disclose critical information about the company's profitability compared to previously issued predictions. What defences are available to the company and its directors?

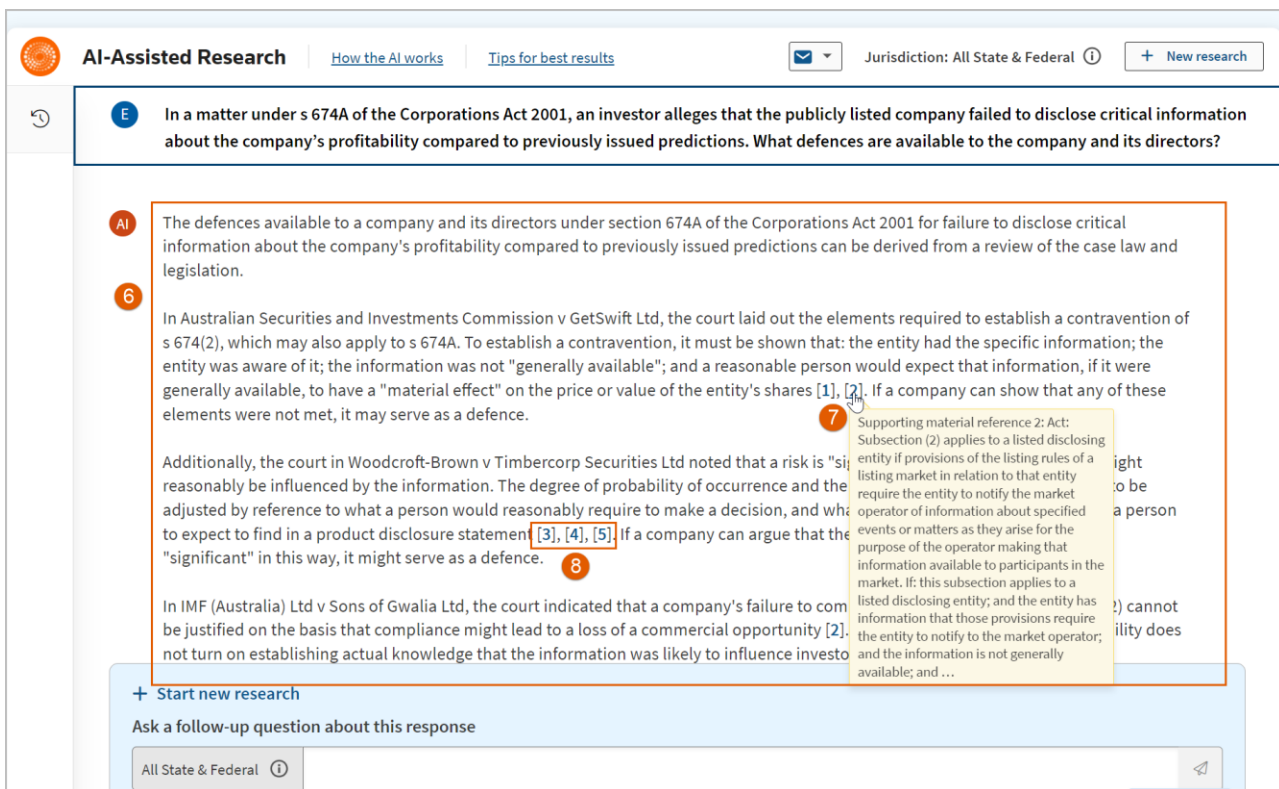
4. Click **Submit**.

The screenshot displays the Thomson Reuters Westlaw Precision Australia AI-Assisted Research interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'MATTER 1234', 'History', 'Folders', 'My links', 'Notifications', 'AI-Assisted Research', and 'Sign out'. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Enter terms, citations, databases, questions, anything ...' and a dropdown menu set to 'All State & Federal'. A 'GET STARTED:' section offers links to 'All Cases', 'Alert 24 & News B...', 'ASIC Digest', 'Commonwealth...', and 'Federal Court Re...'. The main navigation menu highlights 'AI-Assisted Research' (marked with a red '1'). The main content area features a 'Welcome to Westlaw's AI-Assisted Research' heading and introductory text. On the right, a 'Jurisdiction:' dropdown is set to 'All State & Federal' (marked with a red '2'). Below it, the 'Ask a legal research question' section contains a text input field with the query: 'In a matter under s 674A of the Corporations Act 2001, an investor alleges that the publicly listed company...' (marked with a red '3'). A 'Submit' button (marked with a red '4') is located at the bottom right of the form. A 'My recent questions' section is visible below the form, and a link for 'New to AI? Read how the AI works and get tips for best results' is at the bottom.

5. A search using AI-Assisted Research will take longer than a typical search query (3-8 seconds) as it is going through all the Australian primary law to find passages of information relevant to the question asked, and then synthesizing that content to provide an overview of the key results.



6. Once the query has run, a summary response is generated. Supporting authority is provided to verify statements in the AI summary, so you can make better informed decisions and more efficiently complete the remainder of your research.
7. The footnote citations are hyperlinked in numbered brackets. Hover over a bracketed number and a pop-up will appear with the relevant excerpt from the legislation, case, or topical overview.
8. Click on a citation number to be taken to the source document in the list below.



- 9. Relevant extracts of text from the supporting authority are displayed further down the page underneath the summarised response.
- 10. To open a document, select its title or select one of the excerpts to jump right to the relevant part of the document.

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In conclusion, potential defences available to the company and its directors may include arguments that the undisclosed information was not "significant", that they took all reasonable steps to ensure compliance, or that they believed on reasonable grounds that the company was complying with its obligations.

Was this response helpful? 👍 Yes 👎 No

9 Cases, Acts and Legislative Instruments

1. Australian Securities and Investments Commission v GetSwift Ltd ← **10**
 Federal Court of Australia · November 10, 2021 · [2021] FCA 1384 · 2021 WL 5200202

"...At the times material to this case, s 674 of the Corporations Act was in the following terms: Subsection (2) applies to a listed disclosing entity if provisions of the listing rules of a listing market in relation to that entity require the entity to notify the market operator of information about specified events or matters as they arise for the purpose of the operator making that information available to participants in the market. If: this subsection applies to a listed disclosing entity; and the entity has information that those provisions require the entity to notify to the market operator; and that information: is not generally available; and is information that a reasonable person would expect, if it were generally available, to have a material effect on the price or value of ED securities of the entity; the entity must notify the market operator of that information in accordance with those provisions. " At all material times, Listing Rule 3.1 relevantly provided as follows: " Once an entity is or becomes aware of any information concerning it that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the entity's securities, the entity must immediately tell ASX that information. " As was touched upon above when dealing with the pleading dispute, it follows from the terms of the Listing Rule, that to establish a contravention of s 674(2) of the Corporations Act , ASIC must demonstrate facts which make out what can be conveniently described as four elements or " requirements " : there existed " information " ; the entity had that information and was aware of it; the information was not " generally available " ; and a reasonable person would expect that information, if it were generally available, to have a " material effect " on the price or value of the entity's shares...."

"...I am satisfied that in circumstances where GetSwift sought to raise \$75 million, the Second Placement Information might be said to be particularly

- 11. At the bottom of the page, click on **Show additional research on this topic** to view further resources.
- 12. Ask a **follow-up query** to further refine or clarify your research. There are up to four follow up queries.

(Myer's) failure to disclose between 11 September 2014 and 19 March 2015 any information about the earnings forecast matter, including when it published each of the: Myer Holdings Limited 2014 Annual Report on 21 October 2014; ' Q1 2015 Myer Holdings Ltd Corporate Sales Call ' on 11 November 2014; Myer Holdings Limited Annual General Meeting Chairman's Address on 21 November 2014; ' Myer Holdings Ltd Strategic Review Conference Call ' on 2 March 2015; ASX & Media Release of 2 March 2015 entitled ' Myer announces CEO succession and update on strategic review to transform business for future growth ' ; and Letter to shareholders on 3 March 2015; was conduct by the Respondent that was misleading or deceptive or was likely to mislead or deceive, in breach of s 1041H of the Act (including by reason of the operation of s 769C of the Act in the circumstances alleged in paragraphs 13 and 14 above). " The pleaded claim is therefore that conduct on each of the identified dates was misleading, because the publication of the identified material was not accompanied with a disclosure of any information about the earnings forecast matter...."

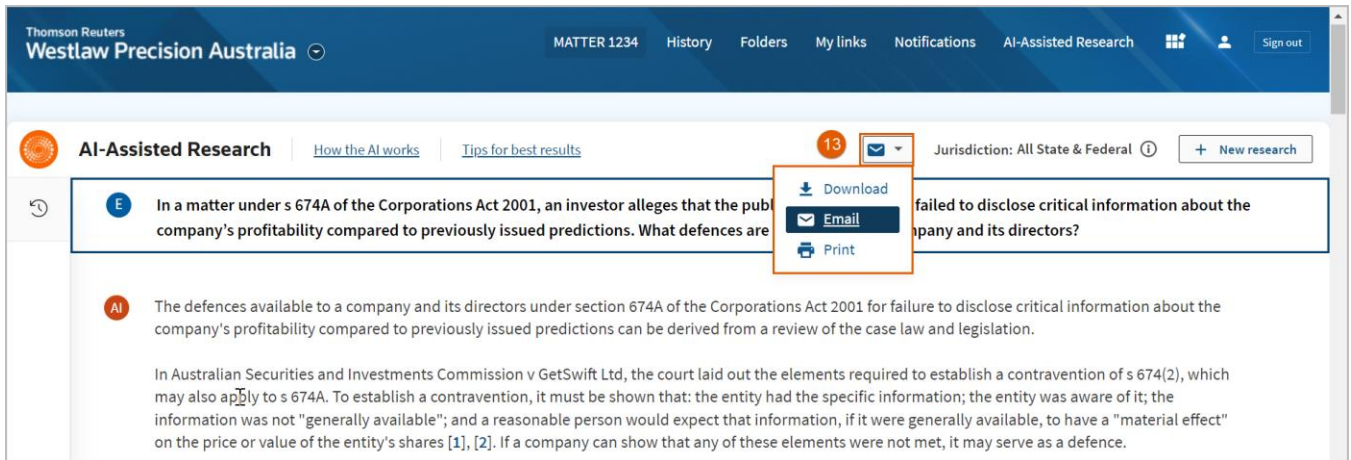
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+ Start new research

Ask a follow-up question about this response

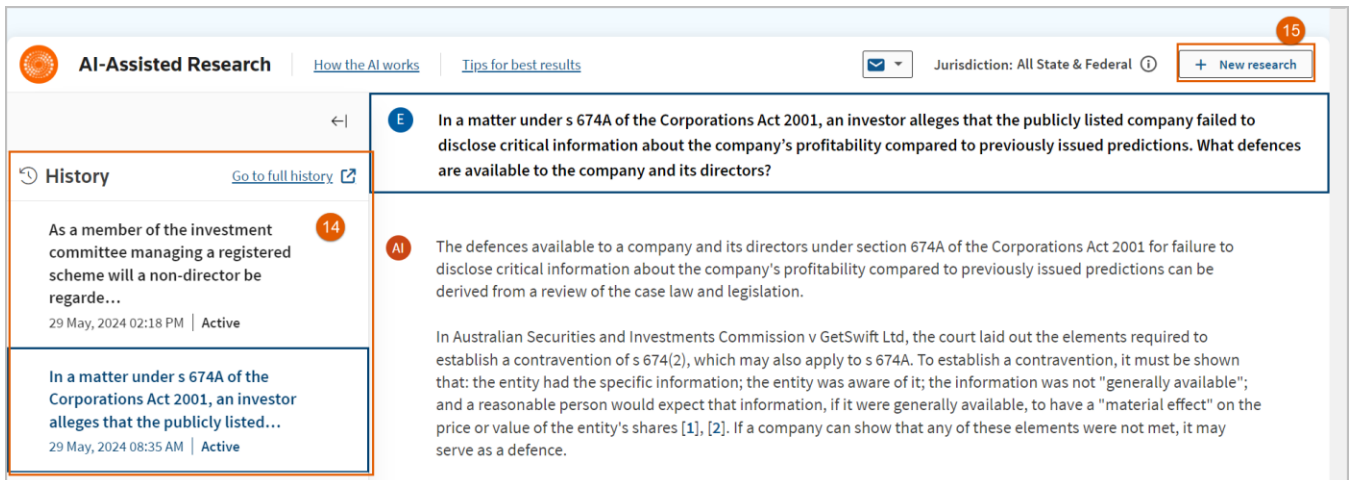
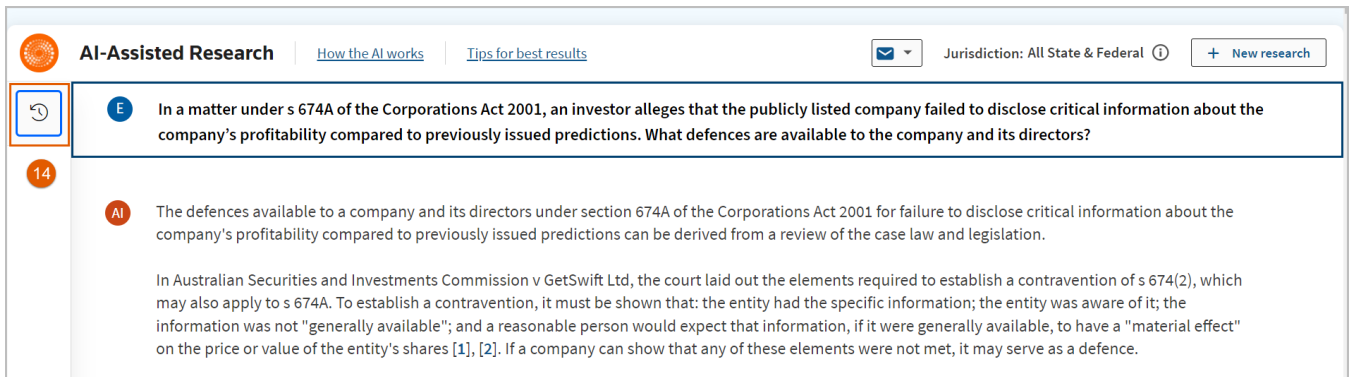
All State & Federal ⓘ **12**

13. Print, download or email the summarised response and by selecting the delivery icon at the top of the page.



14. To return to questions asked previously, click on the arrow on the left-hand side of the screen.

15. Start a new AI-Assisted Research query by selecting the **New Research** button on the top right-hand corner of the screen.



Westlaw Precision Australia – Research Methods

Here are some examples where you can use traditional research methods on Westlaw Precision Australia that are not currently supported by the AI-Assisted Research.

Task	Example	Suggested Research Methods
Finding documents by citation	"(1908) 5 CLR 765"	Enter citation into the Global Search Bar to quickly locate the case.
Boolean or fielded queries	"Summary judgment" /p "breach of contract"	Enter the terms and connectors search into the Global Search Bar and refine results by content type.
Questions about documents	"Does Hollis v Vabu Pty Ltd include consideration of the control test?"	Locate Hollis v Vabu Pty Ltd by entering case name into Global Search Bar then search the judgment for the phrase "control test".
Requests for legal statistics	"How many cases were handed down by [Judge] in 2023?"	Run an Advanced Cases search, and enter the Judge name into the Judge field, then filter results by Date.
Commands to execute certain tasks	"Summarise the Jones v. Smith case" or "Email me the Jones v. Smith case and any cases that have negatively cited the case."	Enter case name into the Global Search Bar, open the case document, and review the KeyCite Negative Treatment tab. If the case has received Digest Treatment review the case summaries.
Requests for comprehensive document retrievals	"Find all cases granting summary judgment on negligent misrepresentation claims"	Run an All-Cases search using Natural language or Terms and Connectors.
Instructions to filter supporting authority	"Exclude any unreported cases"	Run a case search and filter by reported judgments.
Requests for timing or mathematical calculations	"By which date do I need to file a notice of appeal for a judgment entered on July 8th"	Check Rules related to timing to submit a notice of appeal in Westlaw Precision Australia.
Questions about predictions of outcomes	"Will the High Court uphold..."	Run a cases search and filter results by High Court decisions.

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