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Scitech Technology Directory, 1987-88 Edition, compiled by Jane Ford
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This directory is described as a comprehensive guide to technology development assistance in Australia. All relevant Federal and State Government technology and industry development assistance programs are included along with details of significant tertiary institute and industry initiatives. Information in this second edition was current at October 30, 1987 and therefore covers the huge changes that have taken place in the Federal bureaucracy, the rapid expansion of technology assistance and development programs, and the mushrooming of tertiary and industry initiatives. New sections on rural, water and communications research and the new venture capital offsets program have been included.

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Dilemmas of Development by John Toye
(Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1987) pp. ix + 177, \$29.95 paper, ISBN 0-631-14571-0.

This book is a critical survey of the recent 'counter-revolution' in the theory and practice of economic development. Harry Johnson, Peter Bauer, Deepak Lal, Ian Little and Bela Balassa, *inter alia*, have highlighted the failures of development planning, the deleterious effects of market restrictions and/or interventions and the general failure of governments to produce economic growth. Toye, writing in a non-technical way, attempts to determine the 'truth' in this pro-market 'counter revolution' and separate it from the ideological claims.

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Microcomputers and Financial Management for the Smaller Business by June Gleeson

(Longman, Cheshire, Melbourne, 1986) pp. xv + 247, ISBN 0-582-93958-5, and

Microcomputers and Financial Management for the Smaller Business: Solutions Manual by June Gleeson

(Longman, Cheshire, Melbourne, 1986), pp. ii + 22, ISBN 0-582-93963-1.

This is a book for accountants who advise managers and owners of small to medium sized firms. It is not about taxation matters: the emphasis is on business and financial planning. 'The book explains the concept of the business plan, how to develop a financial plan from the business plan, and how to monitor results against that plan' (p. xiii). The use of computerised spreadsheets and financial models is illustrated. This book will also be of interest to the managers and/or owners of firms as well as advanced students in accounting and management.

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