

Shorter Notices

Telstra: To Sell or not to Sell? by *Senate Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts References Committee* (Senate Printing Unit, Parliament House, Canberra, 1996) pp. xi + 181 + appendices, ISBN 0-642-25641-1.

This report relates to a reference given to the Australian Senate's Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts References Committee to inquire into the Government's Telstra (Dilution of Public Ownership) Bill 1996. It includes discussion of themes such as privatisation, employment and universal service relating to Telstra as well as a dissenting report from Government Senators. The inquiry found that there is no substantial empirical evidence to back up the Coalition Government's claim that the Australian economy and Australian consumers will benefit from the partial sale of Telstra.

National Information Services Council: Agenda papers from the first meeting of the Council 10 August 1995 by the *National Information Services Council* (Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra, 1995) pp. viii + 110, ISBN 0-644-45514-4.

The National Information Services Council was formed under the auspices of the Prime Minister's Science and Engineering Council. This document brings together the agenda papers discussed at the first meeting on 10 August 1995 covering themes such as: access, communication and community; developing information and communication services to meet national objectives; legal issues and international issues. Since the publication of this document the Department of Communications and the Arts now has responsibility for future meetings of NISC.

Ownership of Intellectual Property in Universities by the *Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee* (AVCC, Canberra, 1995) pp. vi + 75, ISBN 0-7266-0328-7.

Following the release of an AVCC discussion paper on the Ownership of Intellectual Property in Universities in 1993, the above document was prepared to clarify the legal situation in this area. The document covers a wide range of issues dealing with intellectual property ownership in universities including background and general principles of intellectual property.

World Telecommunication Development Report 1995: Information Infrastructures by the *International Telecommunication Union* (ITU, Geneva, 1995) pp. x + 142 + appendices, ISBN 92-61-05662-8.

This is the second edition of ITU's *World Telecommunication Development Report* published to coincide with TELECOM 95 held in Geneva, Switzerland in October 1995. The