



Shorter Notices

Telecommunications: A Bridge to the 21st Century

M. Jussawalla (Ed.)

Amsterdam, Elsevier, 1995, ix + 369 pp., US\$133.50, ISBN 0-444-82325-5

Although now a little dated, this edited book brings together contributions from a range of leading scholars. Global changes in policy and technology in the telecommunications industry in the 1990s are described and analysed in this volume, showing how this industry creates a bridge for society's transition to the next century. Contributors include: Noam, Lamberton, Wedemeyer, Lassner, Braunstein, Rahim, Pennings, Jussawalla, Locke and Hukill.

Science and Technology Budget Statement 2000-01

Senator the Honourable Nick Minchin

Canberra, Department of Industry, Science and Resources, 223 pp., 2000, ISBN 0-642-72099-1

This is the Australian Government's annual statement of its budget support for science and technology. It reviews major areas of policy development over the past 12 months and provides a detailed breakdown of expenditure by portfolio.

Internet Commerce: Digital Models for Business

Elaine Lawrence, Brian Corbitt, Alan Tidwell, Jo-anne Fisher and John R. Lawrence

Milton, Queensland, Jacaranda Wiley Ltd, 1998, xv + 296 pp., ISBN 0-471-34027-8

This is a teaching textbook in Internet commerce that is written for the Australian and New Zealand business environment. There are 11 chapters covering topics such as: introduction to Internet commerce, business models, technology basics, World Wide Web commerce, electronic payment systems, security issues, Internet customers, organisational communication, taxation of Internet commerce, legal and ethical issues and future trends.

Telecommunications Performance Report 1998-1999

Australian Communications Authority

Melbourne, Australian Communications Authority, 1999, xv + 241 pp., ISSN 1441-578X

This represents the second report of the Australian Communications Authority required under Section 105 of the *Telecommunications Act* 1997. The report covers telecommunica-

tions performance for the 1998–1999 reporting year. Chapters include fixed network quality of service, consumer benefits, emergency service reporting, universal service obligation, payphones, mobile services, industry codes and services, the Internet, subscription television in Australia, and regulatory intervention. This report is available from the ACA's Website <<http://www.aca.gov.au/publications/index.htm>>.

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