

## Introduction to Westlaw UK and Lexis+

### Practical exercises

These questions are for you to work through in your own time. The answers are provided below.

If you need help, please refer to the Westlaw and Lexis+ guides on our website:  
<https://libguides.ials.sas.ac.uk/guides/resources>

#### Westlaw

##### Cases

1.
  - a. Search for the case *R v Lam (Chin)* which was heard in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) in 2022. Which two statutes are cited by this case?
  - b. Does Westlaw indicate that any books have referred to this case?

##### Legislation

2.
  - a. Look at the Coronavirus Act 2020, s 12. Is this section in force?
  - b. What is the extent of s 12?

##### Journals

3.
  - a. Run a free-text search in the Journals section of Westlaw UK for articles containing the exact phrase “financial transaction tax”. How many results are there?
  - b. On the first page of results is an article titled ‘Post-’Brexit’ financial governance: which dispute settlement framework should be utilised?’. Is the full text article available, or just an abstract?
4. Run a search for an article by Graham Taylor titled ‘How do construction claims happen?’ What journal was it published in and in which year?

##### International

5. On Westlaw International Materials, find the *Singapore Year Book of International Law*. Search the Year Book for articles that mention self-determination. How many results are there?
6. On Westlaw International Materials, search the World Journals collection for articles that mention **Grexit**. How many results are there?

## Lexis+

### Cases

1.
  - a. Find the case with this neutral citation: [2021] UKSC 5. What is the name of the case?
  - b. What is the judgment date of this case?

### Legislation

2. Find the Modern Slavery Act 2015. What is s 5 of the act about?

### Journals

3. Using the Lexis+ Journals page, find the article 'The Public Figure Doctrine and the Right to Privacy' [2019]. Who is the author?
4. Search for all articles that mention Twitter AND defamation. Order the results by relevance. What is the title of the top article?

### International

5. How many issues of *New Zealand Law Journal* were there in 2021?  
*Hint: journals are listed under 'secondary materials' in Lexis+ International*
6. Find the Hong Kong case *HKSAR v TPD* [2018] 4 HKC 262. What court was this case heard in?

## Westlaw Answers

1a. Search for the case *R v Lam (Chin)* which was heard in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) in 2022. Which two statutes are cited by this case?

**Answer:** The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and the Value Added Tax Act 1994

### Method

Westlaw UK > Cases Search

Party name search: *R v Lam (Chin)* > Click on the Case Analysis > Primary References > Legislation Cited

1b. Does Westlaw indicate that any books have referred to this case?

**Answer:** Yes, three books are listed

### Method

Westlaw UK > Cases Search

Party name search: *R v Lam (Chin)* > Click on the Case Analysis > Commentary references > Books

2a. Look at the Coronavirus Act 2020, s 12. Is this section in force?

**Answer:** Yes, s 12 is in force

### Method

Westlaw UK > Legislation Search

Title search: Coronavirus Act 2020. Open the act (there are various pieces of legislation with similar titles so be sure to choose the right one). Click on section 12 > You should see a green tick and the text "Law in force"

2b. What is the extent of s 12?

**Answer:** Scotland

### Method

Westlaw UK > Legislation Search

Title search: Coronavirus Act 2020. Open the act (there are various pieces of legislation with similar titles so be sure to choose the right one). Click on section 12 > Provision details > You should see a heading 'Extent' which will tell you where the section is applicable

3a. Run a free-text search in the Journals section of Westlaw UK for articles containing the exact phrase "financial transaction tax". How many results are there?

**Answer:** 266 [as at September 2023]

### Method

Westlaw UK > Journals Search

Free Text search: "financial transaction tax" (make sure to include the words in double quotation marks to ensure it is searched as an exact phrase).

3b. On the first page of results is an article titled 'Post-'Brexit' financial governance: which dispute settlement framework should be utilised?'. Is the full text article available, or just an abstract?

**Answer:** Both full text and abstract are available

**Method**

Scroll down to find the article and look at what it says under *Availability*

4. Run a search for an article by Graham Taylor titled 'How do construction claims happen?' What journal was it published in and in which year?

**Answer:** Construction Law Journal, 2016

**Method**

Westlaw UK > Journals Search

Article Title search: How do construction claims happen > See information under *Journal title* and *Citation*

5. On Westlaw International Materials, find the *Singapore Year Book of International Law*. Search the Year Book for articles that mention self-determination. How many results are there?

**Answer:** 35 [as at September 2023]

**Method 1**

Type in search bar: Singapore Year Book of International Law > Select publication title (under 'Looking for this?') > Use search bar to search the Year Book for **self-determination**

**Method 2**

Jurisdictions > Other International Jurisdictions > Singapore > Singapore Year Book of International Law > Use search bar to search the Year Book for **self-determination**

6. On Westlaw International Materials, search the World Journals collection for articles that mention **Grexit**. How many results are there?

**Answer:** 67 [as at September 2023]

**Method**

Click on World Journals (right-hand side of Westlaw International Materials homepage) > Search for *Grexit* in the search bar > See 'All results', on the left, for total number of articles

## Lexis+ Answers

1a. Find the case with this neutral citation: [2021] UKSC 5. What is the name of the case?

**Answer**

*Uber BV and others v Aslam and others*

**Method**

Lexis+ > Content > Cases > Advanced search. Search using the Citation field.

1b. What is the judgment date of this case?

**Answer**

19/02/2021

**Method**

Click on Overview and the judgment date will be shown.

2. Find the Modern Slavery Act 2015. What is s 5 of the act about?

**Answer**

S 5 is about penalties

**Method**

Lexis+ > Legislation > Acts

Search for Modern Slavery Act 2015. Click on the first result to see a list of sections

3. Using the Lexis+ Journals page, find the article 'The Public Figure Doctrine and the Right to Privacy' [2019]. Who is the author?

**Answer:** Kirsty Hughes

**Method**

Lexis+ > Books & Journals > Journals > Advanced Search

Search using Document Title field: The Public Figure Doctrine and the Right to Privacy

4. Search for all articles that mention Twitter AND Defamation. Order the results by relevance. What is the title of the top article?

**Answer:** 'Twitter Defamation' (as at September 2023)

**Method**

Lexis+ > Books & Journals > Journals > search for Twitter and Defamation > On the results page use the 'Sort by' drop-down menu to order results by relevance

5. How many issues of *New Zealand Law Journal* were there in 2021?

*Hint: journals are listed under 'secondary materials' in Lexis+ International*

**Answer:** 11 issues

**Method**

Lexis+ > International > New Zealand > All New Zealand Secondary Materials > New Zealand Law Journal > Click on the + beside 2021 to see a list of issues

6. Find the Hong Kong case *HKSAR v TPD* [2018] 4 HKC 262. What court was this case heard in?

**Answer:** The Court of Appeal

**Method**

Lexis+ > International > Hong Kong > All Hong Kong Cases > Search for *HKSAR v TPD* and check which of the results has the correct citation > Clicking on the citation will open the law report and the court name is included near the top of the report