

## **Educational Lending Right (ELR) School Library Survey**

### Further information

Educational Lending Right (ELR) is an Australian Government cultural program administered by the Department of Communications and the Arts. ELR has two objectives:

- to make payments to Australian book creators (authors, illustrators, translators, compilers and editors) and publishers on the basis that income is lost from the availability of their books in educational lending libraries
- to support the enrichment of Australian culture by encouraging the growth and development of Australian writing and publishing.

The annual ELR School Library Survey is conducted by Education Services Australia (ESA) on behalf of the Department of Communications and the Arts.

### **Payments to Australian creators**

The ELR scheme began in 2000 and receives annual funding from the Australian Government. ELR payments are based on estimates of the number of copies of specific titles held in Australian educational libraries. These estimates are obtained from the results of annual surveys of the holdings of selected school, TAFE and university libraries\*.

\*TAFE and university libraries are surveyed separately.

### **How can my school be involved in the survey?**

Each year, a representative sample of schools is invited to participate in the ELR survey. Schools must meet specified criteria based on school size, sector, location and the library automation system used. 750 schools Australia-wide are invited to take part in the survey, with a requirement to obtain data from a minimum of 300 schools for statistical accuracy.

### **How does the school library survey work?**

The ELR survey software has been developed in collaboration with library software vendors and is designed to run in the school library automation system. The survey software counts the number of copies of selected book titles held in the school library catalogue. The privacy and confidentiality of schools' data and records are rigorously maintained, and no individual libraries or schools are identified in the final survey results.

## **ELR: Encouraging the growth of Australian writing and publishing**