

## **SUBSCRIPTION MODEL CHANGES FOR 2011**

### **Introduction**

Since 2007, the Libraries Australia subscription model has been based on a parameter reflecting the “intrinsic size” of the member library. The parameter varies between sectors. Libraries Australia has already applied such a model to the university library sector (using total library budget as the measure of size), to the state, territory and public library sector (using population served as the measure of size), and to special libraries (offering a choice between total budget and full-time equivalent staff numbers).

During the first quarter of 2011, the Libraries Australia team has reviewed the subscription models for state, territory and public libraries, and made preparations to move approximately 30 libraries not previously migrated to the new special libraries sector model on 1 July 2011. They include tertiary college libraries, and health associations, and the Libraries Australia team is in the process of obtaining budget and staffing data from these libraries.

In 2008, Libraries Australia introduced a new subscription model for the public library and the state/territory library sectors.<sup>1</sup> The model was based on the population figures of each state and territory published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, included a transition to a fee of 4 cents per head of population to be paid by each public library, and 1.5 cents per head of population to be paid by each state or territory library. It was accompanied by an undertaking to review the model after its first three years.

### **The reviewed model for State, Territory and public libraries**

Only Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) have fully transitioned to their endpoints in the population model. Others are still having their annual subscriptions adjusted up or down according to their population figures in 2007. Accordingly, it is proposed to adjust the transition end points and pathways taking into account the most recently published population data.<sup>2</sup> It is proposed that Victoria and the ACT will continue to pay the 4 cent and 1.5 cent fees based on the new population figures.

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<sup>1</sup> *New subscription model for state, territory and public libraries from 2008-09* [LAAC/2008/1/4]  
[www.nla.gov.au/librariesaustralia/laac/documents/laac-paper-2008-1-04-new-subscription-for-state-territory-public-libraries.pdf](http://www.nla.gov.au/librariesaustralia/laac/documents/laac-paper-2008-1-04-new-subscription-for-state-territory-public-libraries.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> 3218.0 – *Regional Population Growth, Australia, 2008-09*  
[www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/3218.02008-09?OpenDocument](http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/3218.02008-09?OpenDocument)

The Libraries Australia office anticipates applying the following fee schedules from 1 July 2011.

### State/Territory libraries

The most recently published population figures will result in the following changes to endpoint subscription fees:

	Population June 2007	Subscription Endpoint	Population June 2009	Subscription Endpoint
NSW	6,889,100	\$103,337	7,134,421	\$107,016
Victoria	5,205,200	\$78,078	5,443,228	\$81,648
Queensland	4,182,100	\$62,732	4,425,103	\$66,377
Western Australia	2,105,800	\$31,587	2,245,057	\$33,676
South Australia	1,584,500	\$23,768	1,623,590	\$24,354
Tasmania	493,300	\$7,400	503,292	\$7,549
ACT	339,900	\$5,099	352,200	\$5,283
Northern Territory	215,000	\$3,225	225,938	\$3,389
	21,014,900	\$315,224	21,952,829	\$329,292

Based on the new subscription endpoints, the following fees will apply to the State and Territory libraries:

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
NSW	\$132,000	\$129,451	\$122,979	\$116,830
Victoria	\$78,078	\$81,648	\$81,648	\$81,648
Queensland	\$35,000	\$40,208	\$44,229	\$48,652
Western Australia	\$53,000	\$52,240	\$48,240	\$44,240
South Australia	\$34,000	\$31,765	\$28,765	\$25,765
Tasmania	\$33,000	\$29,587	\$25,587	\$21,587
ACT	\$5,099	\$5,283	\$5,283	\$5,283
Northern Territory	\$27,000	\$23,119	\$19,119	\$15,119
	\$397,177	\$393,302	\$375,851	\$359,125

It should be noted that in Western Australia, Tasmania, the ACT and the Northern Territory, the respective State and Territory libraries pay the subscription fees on behalf of their public libraries.

### Public libraries

The most recently published population figures will result in the following changes to endpoint subscription fees:

	Population June 2007	Current Endpoint	Population June 2009	New Endpoint
NSW	6,889,100	\$275,564	7,134,421	\$285,377
Victoria	5,205,200	\$208,208	5,443,228	\$217,729
Queensland	3,720,454	\$148,818	4,052,106	\$162,084
Western Australia	2,105,800	\$84,232	2,245,057	\$89,802
South Australia	1,584,500	\$63,380	1,623,590	\$64,944
Tasmania	493,300	\$19,732	503,292	\$20,132
ACT	339,900	\$13,596	352,200	\$14,088
Northern Territory	215,000	\$8,600	225,938	\$9,038
	20,553,254	\$822,130	21,579,832	\$863,193

The total population figure is lower (than the State and Territory table) as not all Queensland public libraries are Libraries Australia members.

Based on the new subscription endpoints, the following fees will apply to public libraries:

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
NSW	\$335,945	\$335,744	\$318,957	\$305,619
Victoria	\$206,263	\$217,729	\$217,729	\$217,729
Queensland	\$147,045	\$158,297	\$162,084	\$162,084
Western Australia	\$37,000	\$49,042	\$58,042	\$67,042
South Australia	\$38,000	\$42,011	\$45,011	\$48,011
Tasmania	\$6,000	\$8,162	\$10,162	\$12,162
ACT	\$13,596	\$14,088	\$14,088	\$14,088
Northern Territory	\$5,000	\$7,356	\$8,756	\$9,038
	\$788,850	\$832,430	\$834,830	\$835,774

The next review for these sectors will be scheduled in 2014.

## Recommendation

The Libraries Australia Advisory Committee to approve the proposed changes.

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