

Overseas Collecting



HOW WELL ARE WE DOING?

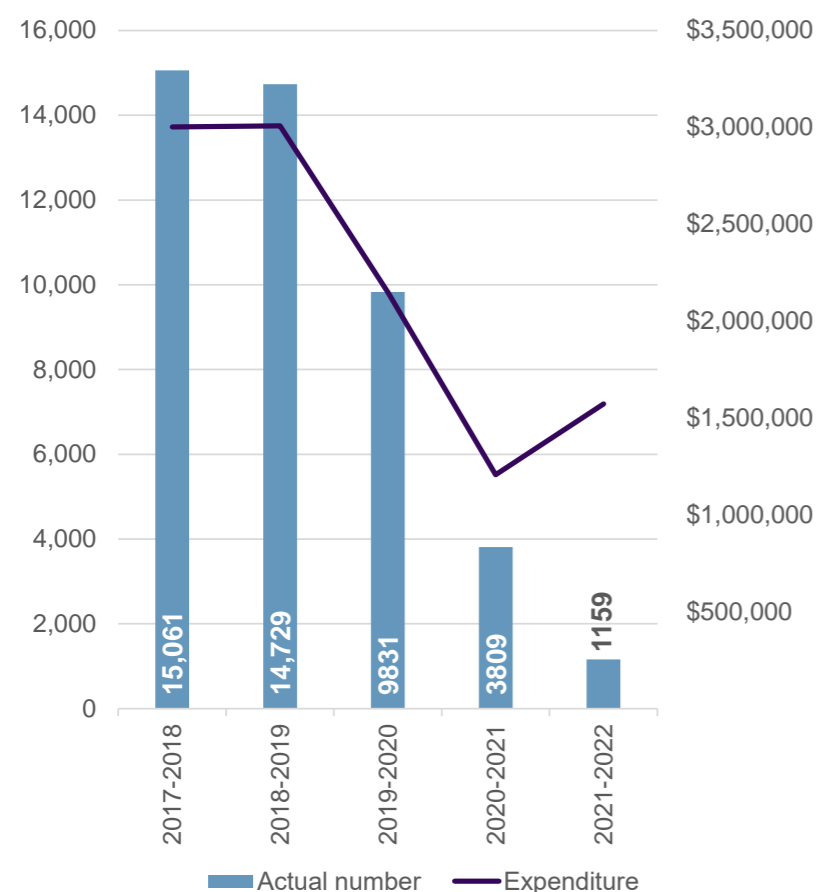
We are on track with current overseas collecting priorities, but collecting a fraction of what we once did



COLLECTING FOCUS

- Over the last 40 years the Library has steadily **reduced** its Overseas collecting.
- The 2020 revision of the **Collection Development Policy** saw a reduction/cessation of collecting in some countries.
- Refocused collecting on core priorities, with a spotlight on **Asia-Pacific** Region.
- Overseas resources are selectively collected to **inform and enhance** Australian's understanding of their region and their place in the world.
- Collecting will be increasingly **digital**, where possible, to enable effective, efficient and sustainable collection building, storage and accessibility.

Overseas collecting in the last 5 years



Note:

- Acquisition data is from Annual Reports.
- Expenditure data is from Voyager.

WHAT WE COLLECT



Australiana - **Material by Australians** and **about Australia** published overseas.



Asia-Pacific Region: Indonesia, China, Timor-Leste and the Pacific (including Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, and New Caledonia).



Overseas resources are selectively collected to inform and enhance **Australians'** understanding of their region and their place in the world:

- Publications that offer an understanding of global issues, current events and topics **affecting Australia**.
- Publications that **contextualise Australia's** history, society, arts and culture, politics and the economy, from exploration and discovery to the present day.
- Reference Works - Standard reference works and bibliographic resources.

HOW WE COLLECT

Overseas material is often acquired through:

- Contractual arrangements, such as **Blanket Orders** or **Approval Plans**, where Library suppliers are requested to supply all relevant materials based on key principles outlined in the Collection Development Policy.
- Firm Orders**, material purchased by the library for the collection.
- Subscriptions** to online resources such as databases and one-off purchases of Archives.
- Standing Orders**, serials and ongoing publications.
- Unsolicited Donations** from the public.



The **Jakarta Office** was established in 1971, recognising the country's regional significance. The team of four actively collects and catalogues Indonesian language publications and undertakes representational activities within Indonesia.

60 YEARS OF OVERSEAS COLLECTING

