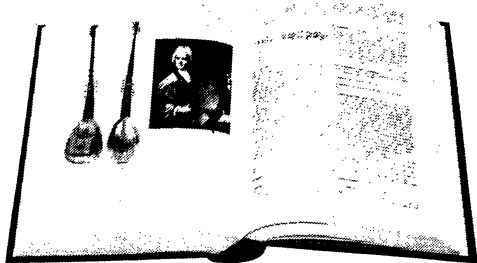


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## NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Submissions

The Association has made, and is making, a number of submissions to the government on a range of matters and it may be useful to provide a summary of the current state of the various inquiries.

The most recent submission was made to the Economic Planning Advisory Council on the Review of the Taxation System and a full report on activity in this area appears elsewhere in this issue.

### National Language Policy

The National Language Policy report was published late in 1984 and made a number of recommendations relating to increased federal funding of libraries for multicultural library services. (These were reprinted in *InCite* v6 no2.)

The Association has followed these recommendations up by writing to the Senate Standing Committee on Education and the Arts who prepared the report, and the responsible Minister, Senator Susan Ryan (Minister for Education) to offer the Association's assistance in making these recommendations become a reality. A Task Group chaired by the Department of Education is currently being set up to analyse the recommendations. At its May meeting the Executive Committee resolved to identify an appropriate member of the Association who could provide further information for the Task Group when required.

The recommendations have also been referred to the Federal Funding for Public Libraries Committee and continuing discussions are being held with the Working Group on Multicultural Library Services.

### Video Material

The Association made a submission to the Senate Select Committee on Video Material in December and the Senate Committee's report was presented to the Senate on 28 March. This report is being treated as an interim report and the Committee has now become a Joint Committee of both Houses of the Parliament. Our submission will now be considered by the Joint Committee which also called for further comment. At this stage the Association will not make further written comment but may provide oral evidence.

### Inquiry into Local Government Finance

A submission was made in December 1984 and a number of librarians, including the President of the Public Libraries Section, Tonia Walker, appeared at the various hearings held throughout Australia. The Committee's report is due in September.

The Association is also writing to the Minister for Finance, Senator Walsh, to express concern that the cuts to local government in the recent mini budget (14 March) may have an effect on public library funding.

### LAA Video

At its meeting on 10 May the Executive Committee approved a proposal which was originally put forward by the Central Queensland Regional Group, for the production of a video to promote the LAA. The video will give an overview of the Association and its services and activities and will be used to introduce people to the Association. Copies will be made available to all divisions and will also be available for schools of librarianship and other interested groups.

### Production of Books

The IAC has called for submissions to an inquiry on whether assistance should be accorded to the production of books in Australia.

Pam Trier, who represents the LAA on the Joint Standing Committee for the Book Trade, is preparing a submission.

### Australian Studies in Tertiary Education

The Minister for Education has appointed a committee to review Australian Studies in Tertiary Education. The work of the committee is part of the National Program of Projects and Events for the Bicentenary developed by the Australian Bicentennial Authority.

The University and College Libraries Section has made a submission and this has been supplemented by a further submission prepared by Jim Dwyer, relating to school librarianship and teacher education. ALIC and the State Librarians' Council are also providing comment to the Review.

Copies of all submissions and further information are available from Head Office.

### Commonwealth Assistance to the Arts

This inquiry was reconstituted after the 1984 federal election and revised terms of reference have been issued. These were discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on 10 May and the General Secretary has been asked to prepare a submission.

### ASLA

The Association has become a Societal Affiliate of ASLA and two LAA delegates will attend ASLA Federal Council meetings as observers. The two LAA representatives are the Vice-President of the Association and a representative of the School Libraries Section. This year the representatives are Ian McCallum (phone (03) 544 8433) and Jennifer Davoren (phone (02) 699 6497). Both representatives will draw issues of relevance to the attention of the Association and school librarians may wish to contact the representatives if they have a particular issue they wish to discuss.

### Document Delivery

*InCite* no. 7 reported on an interlibrary loan study to be funded by ALIC and CTEC and to be carried out by Andy Exon of WAIT.

The study is a direct result of the LAA's Document Delivery Summit held last November and divisions of the Association are being asked to help publicise the study and ensure that questionnaires are filled in and returned.

Questionnaires have been mailed to all readily identifiable Australian libraries so if you have not received one Andy Exon can be contacted on (09) 350 7206.

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