

# eLEP launched

Sixty-three libraries connected, and counting...

More than 400 public and TAFE libraries Australia-wide are members of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Library Extension Program (LEP) which provides them with collections of ABS published material. To enhance the LEP, the ABS has launched eLEP, the electronic Library Extension Program. Now LEP libraries have access to all ABS publications since 1998 via the ABS website.

The eLEP service provides free access to more than 650 publications in Acrobat (pdf) format; a complimentary hard-copy set of the ABS flagship publications (see below); and the ABS on-line catalogue, information papers, release information (media and publications), *Directory of Statistical Sources*, the Statistical Concepts Library, *Australia Now* and Main Features.

While all LEP public and TAFE member libraries are welcome to access the eLEP service, the ABS recognises that not all may be able to take advantage of this service and will continue to provide hard-copies of its publications as well as making them available online.

A feature of the LEP program is the training provided to member libraries. The LEP has co-ordinators in each state, and training materials have been developed for use as either a self-paced course, or as reference material to support face-to-face

training with LEP co-ordinators. The documents provide details of what exactly is available on the eLEP service and how to use it. It also provides background information and practical exercises in finding information on the ABS website.

According to Kim Farley-Larmour, national manager of the Library Extension Program, a well advertised launch of eLEP in your library provides 'an ideal opportunity for libraries to stress their importance in the electronic age'. To help member libraries to announce the new service the ABS has produced a comprehensive media kit. The kit provides draft speeches, a sample guest list, and draft press releases. The kit is available on the LEP pages of the ABS website, or a hard copy of the material is available by e-mailing [library@abs.gov.au](mailto:library@abs.gov.au).

## Six things you need to know...

1. *What is eLEP?* eLEP is a service which provides online access to full-text ABS publications in participating libraries.
2. *What is available?* More than 650 ABS titles published since 1998 — over 3500 individual issues. This is almost ten times the number of publications most libraries received in print before connecting to the web service.

## Flagship list for LEP libraries

*Catalogue of Publications and Products* [Annual]

*Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)* [Annual]

*Year Book Australia* [Annual]

*Australian Economic Indicators* [Monthly]

*State Year Book, ACT in Focus* (to those states where published — NSW, Vic, ACT only) [Annual]

*Regional Statistics, State/Territory* (not published for WA or Tasmania) [Annual]

*Measuring Australia's Progress* [Annual]

*Australian Demographic Statistics* [Quarterly]

*Regional Population Growth Australia and New Zealand* [Annual]

*Demography, State/Territory* [Annual]

*Australian Social Trends* [Annual]

*Australia's environment: issues and trends* [Annual]

## Additional census pack for 2002

*Selected Social and Housing Characteristics, Australia*

*Selected Social and Housing Characteristics for SLAs, State/Territory*

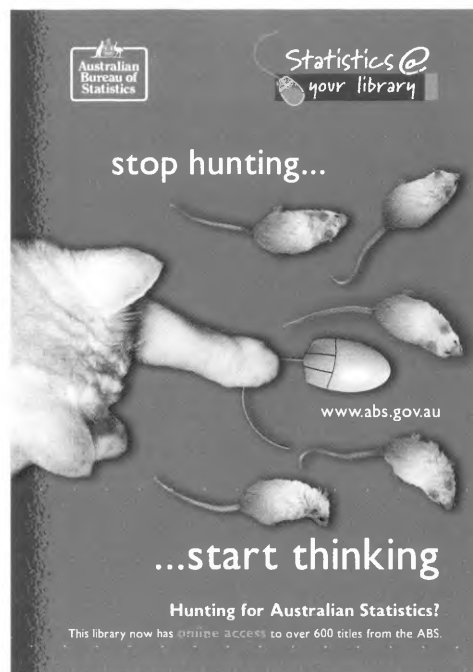
*Counts by Age and Sex for Selected Areas, Northern Territory*

*Statistical Geography Volume 2: Census Geographic Areas, Australia; 2001 Census Edition*

*Statistical Geography Volume 3: Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) Urban Centres/Localities*

*Regional Population Growth 2001 Census Edition, June 1996 and June 2001*

*Population Distribution, Indigenous Australians*



3. *How do I find what I want?* Search for the information you need by using the search engine on the ABS home page. Browse by selecting the publications link from the home page.

4. *How much can I print?* Library staff may print complete publications and add them to the library collection. Library clients are permitted to print or copy up to ten per cent of a publication.

5. *Do member libraries still receive some publications in print?* Yes they will receive principal ABS publications including the *Year Book*, *Australian Social Trends*, *Economic Indicators* and *Census* publications in print.

6. More information on the eLEP service is available from <http://www.abs.gov.au>, choose 'products and services', then LEP.

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