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Balanced budgets?

I wonder what Ms Survey Average (*inCite*, June 2004, p24) thought of the article on Peter Costello's latest budget (*inCite*, June 2004, p6). She might not have been so disparaging of the budget as the writer of the article was, as if her salary was at the higher end of the \$41 000–\$60 000 range she will benefit from the proposed tax cuts, and if at the lower end she should gain from the Federal Government's superannuation contributions scheme.

What disappointed me about the 'Long-haul' Costello shortens government's horizon article was that no mention was made about the budget's impact on libraries, and for example what it meant for the National Library. We instead had to read about that in the 'Making news...' section on p32.

It would be good if ALIA could provide information on library funding in their annual budget summary, and if it could also include a round-up on what the impact of State Government budgets will be for libraries. That

would then better inform those of us who write to our local MPs about library funding.

The American Library Association now has a section on its website relating to library funding — <http://www.ala.org/ala/news/libraryfunding/libraryfunding.htm> and I would like to encourage ALIA to do something similar.

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