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## ABBREVIATIONS

This publication presents the results from the 2001-02, Book Publishers Survey covering businesses which had either book publishing as their main activity or generated $\$ 2 \mathrm{~m}$ or more in income from book publishing.

As well as collecting financial information from book publishers, the survey sought details on the numbers and types of books published and sold.

The survey was previously conducted in respect of 1999-2000 and 2000-01 and key data from the 2000-01 survey are included in this publication for comparative purposes. While similar surveys were also conducted in respect of 1994, 1995-96 and 1997-98 some refinements to the most recent surveys (see paragraphs 20 to 21 of the Explanatory Notes) limit the comparability of data across all years. Comparisons can be made for the number and value of books sold and these have been included in this publication.

The survey was conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) with funding provided by the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts as part of the Book Industry Assistance Plan.

Where figures have been rounded, minor discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and the totals. Published percentages are calculated prior to rounding of the figures and therefore some discrepancy may occur between these percentages and those which could be calculated from the rounded figures.
\$m million dollars
ABN Australian Business Number
ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics
ATO Australian Taxation Office
IVA industry value added
RSE relative standard error
SE standard error
TAU type of activity unit
USA United States of America

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

## INTRODUCTION

OVERVIEW

INCOME

EXPENSES

METHOD OF SALE

SALES OF BOOKS BY CATEGORY

This publication presents data, in respect of 2001-02, for businesses which had either book publishing as their main activity (book publishers) or generated $\$ 2 \mathrm{~m}$ or more in income from book publishing, although this was not their main activity (other major contributors).

For 2001-02, 226 businesses were identified as book publishers while a further 12 were other major contributors. These 238 businesses sold a total of 129.5 million books valued at $\$ 1,340.8 \mathrm{~m}$. With a total income of $\$ 1,471.0 \mathrm{~m}$, expenses of $\$ 1,389.4 \mathrm{~m}$ and a reduction in inventories of $\$ 21.0 \mathrm{~m}$, the overall operating profit before tax of these businesses was $\$ 60.6 \mathrm{~m}$ (table 1).

The 20 largest book publishers (in terms of income) generated $74 \%$ ( $\$ 1,092.9 \mathrm{~m}$ ) of the total income for book publishers and other major contributors. Similarly, the 20 largest book publishers achieved $76 \%$ ( $\$ 1,022.5 \mathrm{~m}$ ) of the value of total book sales and sold $73 \%$ ( 94.0 million) of all books. Their share of the total expenses was $75 \% ~(\$ 1,036.4 \mathrm{~m}$ ) (table 1).

Book publishers and other major contributors reported an average profit margin of 4.1\%. For the largest 20 book publishers, the profit margin was $3.4 \%$. For other book publishers, the profit margin was $6.5 \%$ while other major contributors had a profit margin of $5.6 \%$. The 20 largest book publishers contributed $\$ 281.2 \mathrm{~m}$ to industry value added (IVA), which is a measure of the value which an industry adds to the overall economy. This was $71 \%$ of the total (table 1).

At the end of June 2002, book publishers and other major contributors employed 5,138 people, 3,353 ( $65 \%$ ) of whom worked for the 20 largest book publishers (table 1).

Sales of books contributed $\$ 1,340.8 \mathrm{~m}(91 \%)$ to the total income of book publishers and other major contributors. This included an amount of $\$ 492.6 \mathrm{~m}$ for the sales of imported titles. Other income was mainly from sales of other goods ( $\$ 39.3 \mathrm{~m}$ ), services $(\$ 35.5 \mathrm{~m})$, and royalties and sales of rights ( $\$ 24.2 \mathrm{~m}$ ) (table 4).

The major components of total expenses ( $\$ 1,389.4 \mathrm{~m}$ ) were printing costs, wages and salaries, and the cost of imported books. Printing costs accounted for $\$ 287.8 \mathrm{~m}$ or $21 \%$ of total expenses, with printing in Australia comprising $\$ 159.9 \mathrm{~m}$ and overseas $\$ 127.9 \mathrm{~m}$. Wages and salaries contributed $\$ 233.4 \mathrm{~m}(17 \%)$ to total expenses while another $\$ 48.2 \mathrm{~m}$ was spent on other labour costs. Businesses spent $\$ 194.7 \mathrm{~m}(14 \%)$ on imported books (table 5).

The majority of book sales ( $74 \%$ or $\$ 989.2 \mathrm{~m}$ ) were to retailers and other book distributors for on-selling to individuals and organisations. The remaining sales ( $26 \%$ or $\$ 351.7 \mathrm{~m}$ ) were transacted directly with the final consumer (table 11). An estimated $\$ 6.8 \mathrm{~m}(0.5 \%)$ of total book sales were made through the Internet (table 1).

Of the 238 businesses identified as book publishers and other major contributors, 130 were involved mainly in publishing books of general content while the remainder were predominantly publishing educational books (including professional and reference books) (table 3).

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS continued

SALES OF BOOKS BY CATEGORY continued

SALES OF AUSTRALIAN AND IMPORTED BOOKS

Book publishers and other major contributors sold $\$ 794.5 \mathrm{~m}$ worth of printed books of general content covering nonfiction $(\$ 412.0 \mathrm{~m})$, fiction $(\$ 245.8 \mathrm{~m})$ and children's books ( $\$ 136.7 \mathrm{~m}$ ). A further $\$ 534.2 \mathrm{~m}$ worth of sales were for printed educational books while sales of electronic books (which includes audio books) totalled $\$ 12.1 \mathrm{~m}$ (table 9).

Many books are published as a hardback or trade paperback before being reissued as a mass-market paperback. The value of sales of general trade paperback books was $\$ 269.6 \mathrm{~m}$, compared with sales of general hardback books of $\$ 278.8 \mathrm{~m}$ and general mass-market paperback books of $\$ 246.1 \mathrm{~m}$ (table 9).

SALES OF PRINTED BOOKS BY CATEGORY


New titles accounted for $\$ 712.9 \mathrm{~m}$ or $53 \%$ of total book sales (table 12). Australian titles comprised $63 \% ~(\$ 848.3 \mathrm{~m}$ ) of total book sales and $62 \% ~(\$ 333.0 \mathrm{~m})$ of educational book sales. The sales of Australian titles comprised $\$ 807.8 \mathrm{~m}$ for titles originated in Australia ( $95 \%$ of Australian titles) and $\$ 40.5 \mathrm{~m}$ for titles acquired from overseas under separate rights agreements (5\%) (table 13).

SALES OF BOOKS BY CATEGORY AND ORIGIN OF TITLE


There were 76.5 million printed books sold which were originated and published by Australian book publishers and other major contributors. The value of these sales was $\$ 768.4 \mathrm{~m}$, giving an overall average selling price for Australian originated books of $\$ 10.05$ per book. Of such books, tertiary education books had the highest average selling price (\$19.53) (table 14).

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS continued

SALES OF AUSTRALIAN AND IMPORTED BOOKS continued

NEW AUSTRALIAN TITLES PUBLISHED

## EXPORTS

## EMPLOYMENT

STATE AND TERRITORY DATA

There were 45.6 million imported printed books sold by Australian book publishers and other major contributors with a sales value of $\$ 491.5 \mathrm{~m}$ and an overall average selling price per book of $\$ 10.79$. Tertiary education books were again the most expensive on average ( $\$ 17.20$ ) while children's mass-market paperbacks where the cheapest ( $\$ 5.94$ ) (table 14).

For printed educational, nonfiction and fiction books, the value of sales of Australian originated publications exceeded those of imports. The value of sales of printed educational books, originated and published by Australian book publishers and other major contributors, was $\$ 310.2 \mathrm{~m}, 48 \%$ more than the value of sales of those imported ( $\$ 209.0 \mathrm{~m}$ ). For nonfiction books, sales of Australian originated publications $(\$ 292.2 \mathrm{~m}$ ) were $179 \%$ higher than the equivalent figure for imports ( $\$ 104.8 \mathrm{~m}$ ). Sales of Australian originated fiction books were $22 \%$ higher at $\$ 125.2 \mathrm{~m}$, compared with $\$ 102.5 \mathrm{~m}$ for imported fiction. For children's books, however, sales of imports exceeded those of Australian originated publications. Sales of imported children's books were $\$ 75.1 \mathrm{~m}$, which is almost double the $\$ 40.9 \mathrm{~m}$ for sales of the Australian originated product (table 14).

There were 9,078 new Australian titles published during 2001-02 of which 8,058 (89\%) were printed titles originated by Australian book publishers and other major contributors. The majority of these printed titles ( $52 \%$ or 4,165 ) were educational. Of the 3,893 general-content titles, $43 \%$ were mass-market paperbacks, $41 \%$ were trade paperbacks and the remaining $16 \%$ were hardbacks (table 15).

Export sales of books amounted to $\$ 186.0 \mathrm{~m}$ or $14 \%$ of total book sales. Re-exports contributed $\$ 5.1 \mathrm{~m}$ to this amount (table 10).

The United States of America (USA) was the biggest single market for books exported from Australia, with sales to the USA totalling $\$ 68.1 \mathrm{~m}$ which was over one-third $(37 \%)$ of the total value of exports. Other significant markets were New Zealand ( $\$ 37.4 \mathrm{~m}$ ) , the United Kingdom ( $\$ 27.4 \mathrm{~m}$ ) and Asia ( $\$ 12.7 \mathrm{~m}$ ) (table 10).

The total sales of rights to businesses in other countries was $\$ 9.8 \mathrm{~m}$ (table 10).

At the last pay period ending June 2002, book publishers and other major contributors had a total employment of 5,138 people. Of these, 1,798 were males and 3,339 were females. Of the 5,138 people, the majority ( 3,830 or $75 \%$ ) were full-time permanent employees. An additional 411 people (8\%) were employed permanently on a part-time basis, 682 people (13\%) were employed as casuals and 213 (4\%) were working proprietors and partners (table 8).

In 2001-02, book publishers and other major contributors that were based, or had their head office, in New South Wales accounted for $50 \%$ ( $\$ 676.0 \mathrm{~m}$ ) of total books sales. Victoria's contribution was $40 \%$ ( $\$ 534.0 \mathrm{~m}$ ) of total book sales (table 2).

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS continued

CHANGES OVER TIME
A comparison of survey data for 2000-01 and 2001-02 shows relatively small changes in estimates for most data items. With the exception of two data items (total number of books sold and changes in inventories), the changes are not statistically significant and thus may not represent real changes over time (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 13 to 19).

The total number of books sold increased by $24 \%$, from 105.3 million books in 2000-01 to 129.5 million books in 2001-02. Inventories decreased during 2001-02 by $\$ 21.0 \mathrm{~m}$, reversing the increase of $\$ 23.2 \mathrm{~m}$ which had occurred in the previous year (table 17 ).

After a statistically significant fall between 1999-2000 and 2000-01 ( $\$ 105.6 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 62.7 \mathrm{~m}$ ), the value of operating profit before tax remained fairly stable in 2001-02 (\$60.6m). While the profit margin fell dramatically by 3.7 percentage points between 1999-2000 and 2000-01, no discernible change occurred in 2001-02 (table 17).

Several data items are comparable across the six collection periods since the survey began in 1994 (see paragraphs 20 to 21 of the Explanatory Notes). For example, since 1994 the total sales of books (both Australian and imported titles) rose steadily from $\$ 841.7 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 1,270.4 \mathrm{~m}$ in $1999-2000$, decreased slightly in $2000-01$ to $\$ 1,260.6 \mathrm{~m}$, before rising again to $\$ 1,340.8 \mathrm{~m}$ in $2001-02$. The ongoing increase in the value of books sold to 1999-2000 is not reflected in the number of books sold which has fluctuated since 1994; it peaked in 1995-96 (130.6 million), fell to its lowest level in 2000-01 (104.3 million) and rose in 2001-02 (129.5 million). Generally, the value of export sales of books has steadily increased over the years; export sales of books in 2001-02 (\$186.0m) were 129\% higher than the export sales in 1994 (\$81.1m) (table 18).

|  |  | BOOK PUBLISHERS(a) |  |  | OTHER MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS(b) | TOTAL BUSINESSES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Largest } \\ & \text { 20(c) } \end{aligned}$ | Remainder | Total |  |  |
| Number of books sold | million | 94.0 | 33.4 | 127.4 | 2.2 | 129.5 |
| Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales of all books |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales of Australian titles | \$m | 602.0 | 191.1 | 793.2 | 55.1 | 848.3 |
| Sales of imported titles | \$m | 420.5 | 59.5 | 480.0 | 12.6 | 492.6 |
| Total | \$m | 1022.5 | 250.6 | 1273.2 | 67.7 | 1340.8 |
| Sales of other goods | \$m | 27.3 | np | np | np | 39.3 |
| Other income | \$m | 43.0 | np | np | np | 90.9 |
| Total | \$m | 1092.9 | 302.3 | 1395.2 | 75.9 | 1471.0 |
| Average income per business | \$m | 54.6 | 1.5 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.2 |
| Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wages and salaries | \$m | 160.6 | 54.6 | 215.2 | 18.2 | 233.4 |
| Royalties and fees | \$m | 64.4 | 25.3 | 89.7 | 2.1 | 91.9 |
| Other expenses | \$m | 811.4 | 201.4 | 1012.8 | 51.4 | 1064.2 |
| Total | \$m | 1036.4 | 281.2 | 1317.6 | 71.8 | 1389.4 |
| Average expenses per business | \$m | 51.8 | 1.4 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| Inventories |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Change in inventories | \$m | -19.6 | -1.6 | -21.2 | 0.1 | -21.0 |
| Ratio of inventory to sales of all books | \% | 21.9 | 24.3 | 22.4 | 6.6 | 21.6 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males | no. | 1141 | 508 | 1649 | 149 | 1798 |
| Females | no. | 2212 | 873 | 3085 | 254 | 3339 |
| Persons | no. | 3353 | 1381 | 4734 | 404 | 5138 |
| Average employment per business | no. | 168 | 7 | 21 | 34 | 22 |
| Other key aggregates |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ratio of royalties and fees to <br> $\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { sales of Australian titles } & \% & 10.7 & 13.2 & 11.3 & 3.9 & 10.8\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Export sales of books(d) | \$m | 143.1 | 40.4 | 183.5 | 2.5 | 186.0 |
| Internet sales of books | \$m | np | 5.8 | np | np | 6.8 |
| Operating profit before tax | \$m | 36.8 | 19.6 | 56.4 | 4.2 | 60.6 |
| Profit margin | \% | 3.4 | 6.5 | 4.0 | 5.6 | 4.1 |
| Industry value added | \$m | 281.2 | 85.8 | 367.0 | 29.1 | 396.1 |
| Average wages and salaries per employee | \$'000 | 48.9 | 44.2 | 47.6 | 45.0 | 47.4 |
| Number of businesses | no. | 20 | 206 | 226 | 12 | 238 |
| np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated |  |  | (b) Includes only the book publishing activity of businesses for which the predominant activity is not book publishing, but book |  |  |  |
| a) Includes only businesses for which the book publishing. | predomin | tivity is | (d) In | Includes re-export sales of $\$ 5.1 \mathrm{~m}$ and excludes sales of rights which totalled $\$ 9.8 \mathrm{~m}$. | r more. <br> ome. <br> $\$ 5.1 \mathrm{~m}$ and excludes | es of rights |


|  | Sales of all books | Other income | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Total } \\ \text { income } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| New South Wales | 676.0 | 73.4 | 749.4 |
| Victoria | 534.0 | 42.1 | 576.1 |
| Queensland | 113.1 | 10.7 | 123.7 |
| South Australia | 9.1 | 0.6 | 9.7 |
| Western Australia | 8.1 | 3.4 | 11.5 |
| Other states and territories | 0.5 | - | 0.5 |
| Australia | 1340.8 | 130.2 | 1471.0 |

- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
(a) Businesses with operations in more than one state or territory are classified according to the location of their head office.

|  |  | Primary and secondary education | Tertiary education | Professional and reference | General <br> (b) | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total income | \$m | 357.1 | 153.5 | 74.8 | 885.6 | 1471.0 |
| Total expenses | \$m | 332.9 | 155.6 | 65.8 | 835.1 | 1389.4 |
| Change in inventories | \$m | 5.2 | **1.3 | -0.5 | -27.1 | -21.0 |
| Operating profit before tax | \$m | 29.5 | -0.9 | 8.5 | 23.5 | 60.6 |
| Profit margin | \% | 8.3 | -0.6 | 11.4 | *2.6 | 4.1 |
| Number of businesses | no. | 42 | 22 | 45 | 130 | 238 |
| ** estimate has a relative standard error greater than $50 \%$ and is considered too unreliable for general use |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Each business is classified according to whether its book sales are predominately: primary and secondary education; tertiary education; professional and reference; or general (fiction, nonfiction children's). |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (b) Includes any businesses | redom | selling electron | nic books. |  |  |  |



|  | B00K |  | OTHER MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS(b) | TOTAL <br> BUSINESSES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | PUBLIS | ERS (a) |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 0-19 \\ \text { persons } \end{array}$ | 20 or more persons |  |  |
|  | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Wages and salaries paid to own employees |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Artists, designers, |  |  |  |  |
| Editors | 4.1 | 13.6 | 4.4 | 22.1 |
| Publishers | *2.7 | 9.2 | 0.6 | 12.5 |
| Typesetters | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 2.0 |
| Other | 15.3 | 159.7 | 12.4 | 187.4 |
| Total | 24.1 | 191.1 | 18.2 | 233.4 |
| Other labour costs | 4.7 | 40.7 | 2.8 | 48.2 |
| Royalties and fees paid (c) |  |  |  |  |
| Authors | 8.8 | 69.1 | 2.1 | 80.0 |
| Artists, designers, <br> illustrators <br> $1.4 \quad 2.9$ $4.3$ |  |  |  |  |
| Editors | np | np | - | 1.7 |
| Publishers | 2.3 | 2.5 | - | 4.8 |
| Others | np | np | - | 1.1 |
| Total | 14.2 | 75.5 | 2.1 | 91.9 |
| Costs of printing |  |  |  |  |
| In Australia | np | 132.4 | np | 159.9 |
| Overseas | np | 107.6 | np | 127.9 |
| Total | 37.8 | 239.9 | 10.0 | 287.8 |
| Landed cost of books |  |  |  |  |
| Sales and marketing costs | 8.2 | 88.1 | 4.1 | 100.4 |
| Distribution costs(e) | 8.3 | 77.2 | 5.0 | 90.5 |
| Land taxes and land rates | 0.1 | *0.5 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| Insurance premiums | 0.7 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 4.0 |
| Interest expenses | 0.9 | 19.5 | 1.5 | 22.0 |
| Depreciation and |  |  |  |  |
| Bad and doubtful debts | np | 12.6 | np | 16.2 |
| Computer software expensed | np | 3.0 | np | 4.0 |
| Other operating expenses | 26.0 | 224.1 | 17.0 | 267.1 |
| Total expenses | 142.6 | 1175.0 | 71.8 | 1389.4 |
| * estimate has a relative standard error of between $25 \%$ and $50 \%$ and should be used with caution <br> - nil or rounded to zero (including null cells) |  |  |  |  |
| np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Includes only businesses for which the predominant activity is book publishing. |  |  |  |  |
| (b) Includes only the book publishing expenses of businesses for which the predominant activity is not book publishing, but book publishing income is $\$ 2 \mathrm{~m}$ or more. |  |  |  |  |
| (c) Excludes payments to own employees. |  |  |  |  |
| (d) Excludes costs included in the category 'Costs of printing ov |  |  |  |  |
| (e) Includes customer service, warehousing, etc. |  |  |  |  |



VALUE OF INVENTORIES, By employment size

|  | BOOK <br> PUBLISHERS(a) |  | OTHER MAJOR | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | CONTRIBUTORS(b) | BUSINESSES |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { 0-19 } \\ \text { persons } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 20 \text { or } \\ \text { more } \\ \text { persons } \end{array}$ |  |  |
| Inventories | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Opening | 33.7 | 272.2 | 4.3 | 310.2 |
| Closing | 33.0 | 251.7 | 4.4 | 289.1 |

(a) Includes only businesses for which the predominant activity is book publishing.
(b) Includes only the book publishing inventories of businesses for which the predominant activity is not book publishing, but book publishing income is $\$ 2 \mathrm{~m}$ or more.

|  | ales |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | no. | no. | no. |
|  |  |  |  |
| Book publishers(a) |  |  |  |
| Working proprietors and partners | 114 | 100 | 213 |
| Employees |  |  |  |
| Permanent |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 1301 | 2239 | 3540 |
| Part-time | 51 | 324 | 375 |
| Casual | 183 | 422 | 605 |
| Total employees | 1536 | 2985 | 4521 |
| Total employment | 1649 | 3085 | 4734 |
| Other major contributors(b) |  |  |  |
| Working proprietors and partners | - | - | - |
| Employees |  |  |  |
| Permanent |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 115 | 175 | 290 |
| Part-time | 3 | 33 | 36 |
| Casual | 31 | 46 | 77 |
| Total employees | 149 | 254 | 403 |
| Total employment | 149 | 254 | 403 |
| Total businesses |  |  |  |
| Working proprietors and partners | 114 | 100 | 213 |
| Employees |  |  |  |
| Permanent |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 1416 | 2414 | 3830 |
| Part-time | 54 | 357 | 411 |
| Casual | 214 | 468 | 682 |
| Total employees | 1684 | 3239 | 4924 |
| Total employment | 1798 | 3339 | 5138 |
| - nil or rounded to zero (including null cells) |  |  |  |
| (a) Includes only businesses for which the predominant activity is book publishing. |  |  |  |
| (b) Includes only the book publishing employment of businesses for which the predominant activity is not book publishing, but book publishing income is $\$ 2 \mathrm{~m}$ or more. |  |  |  |



|  | Value | Percentage book sales |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$m | \% |
|  |  |  |
| United States of America | 68.1 | 36.6 |
| Canada | 7.6 | 4.1 |
| United Kingdom | 27.4 | 14.7 |
| New Zealand | 37.4 | 20.1 |
| Asia(b) | 12.7 | 6.8 |
| Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Pacific countries and territories | 8.2 | 4.4 |
| Other(c) | 24.6 | 13.2 |
| Total | 186.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Includes re-exports of $\$ 5.1 \mathrm{~m}$ and excludes sales of rights which totalled $\$ 9.8 \mathrm{~m}$.
(b) Asian markets most frequently specified were Singapore and Hong Kong.
(c) Other markets most frequently specified were Europe and South Africa.

|  | VALUE OF SALES TO |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { The } \\ & \text { Trade(a) } \end{aligned}$ | The final consumer(b) | Total | Number of books sold | Average per book |
|  | \$m | \$m | \$m | million | \$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Australian titles |  |  |  |  |  |
| Originated and published by the business | 536.8 | 245.4 | 782.2 | 77.1 | 10.1 |
| Originated by other publishers and co-published by the business | np | np | 25.1 | 1.8 | 14.0 |
| Distributed on behalf of other Australian publishers | np | np | 40.9 | 5.0 | 8.2 |
| Imported titles | 405.6 | 87.0 | 492.6 | 45.6 | 10.8 |
| Total | 989.2 | 351.7 | 1340.8 | 129.5 | 10.4 |

np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated
(a) 'The Trade' refers to businesses which intend to on-sell books, such as retailers.
(b) 'The final consumer' refers to individuals or organisations which are the end users of books.


|  | Education books | General books | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Origin of title | \$m | \$m | \$m |
|  |  |  |  |
| Australian titles |  |  |  |
| Originated in Australia | np | np | 807.8 |
| Acquired from overseas under separate rights agreement | np | np | 40.5 |
| Total Australian titles | 333.0 | 515.2 | 848.3 |
| Imported titles | 207.4 | 285.2 | 492.6 |
| Total | 540.4 | 800.4 | 1340.8 |
| np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated |  |  |  |



|  | $\begin{array}{r} 0-19 \\ \text { persons } \end{array}$ |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Category of title | no. | no. | no. |
|  |  |  |  |
| Printed titles originated and published by the business |  |  |  |
| Education |  |  |  |
| Primary | 387 | 2214 | 2601 |
| Secondary | 100 | 364 | 464 |
| Tertiary | *146 | 346 | 492 |
| Professional and reference | 313 | 294 | 608 |
| Total education | 946 | 3219 | 4165 |
| General |  |  |  |
| Hardback |  |  |  |
| Nonfiction | 89 | 217 | 306 |
| Fiction | np | np | 166 |
| Children's | np | np | 157 |
| Total hardback | 210 | 420 | 629 |
| Trade paperback |  |  |  |
| Nonfiction | 262 | 771 | 1034 |
| Fiction | 42 | 183 | 224 |
| Children's | *195 | 147 | *341 |
| Total trade paperback | 499 | 1101 | 1600 |
| Mass-market paperback |  |  |  |
| Nonfiction | 97 | 306 | 403 |
| Fiction | np | np | 1087 |
| Children's | np | np | 174 |
| Total mass-market paperback | 207 | 1457 | 1664 |
| Total general | 916 | 2978 | 3893 |
| Total print titles | 1862 | 6196 | 8058 |
| Electronic titles originated and published by the business | np | np | 357 |
| Titles originated by other publishers and co-published by the business | np | np | 662 |
| Total titles | 2159 | 6918 | 9078 |

* estimate has a relative standard error of between $25 \%$ and $50 \%$ and should be used with caution
np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated
(a) Titles published during the period covered by the survey.

|  |  | BOOK PUBLISHERS(a) |  |  | OTHER MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS(b) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1999-00 | 2000-01(c) | 2001-02 | 1999-00 | 2000-01(c) | 2001-02 |
| Number of books sold | million | 128.1 | 104.0 | 127.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.2 |
| Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales of all books |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales of Australian titles | \$m | 723.3 | 715.0 | 793.2 | 32.8 | 32.7 | 55.1 |
| Sales of imported titles | \$m | 509.0 | 507.9 | 480.0 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 12.6 |
| Total | \$m | 1232.3 | 1223.0 | 1273.2 | 38.1 | 37.7 | 67.7 |
| Sales of other goods | \$m | 28.1 | 29.6 | np | - | - | np |
| Other income | \$m | 60.1 | 69.7 | np | 0.4 | 1.3 | np |
| Total | \$m | 1320.5 | 1322.3 | 1395.2 | 38.5 | 39.0 | 75.9 |
| Average income per business | \$m | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 6.3 |
| Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wages and salaries | \$m | 197.9 | 214.1 | 215.2 | 8.7 | 9.6 | 18.2 |
| Royalties and fees | \$m | 82.8 | 83.2 | 89.7 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.1 |
| Other expenses | \$m | 963.0 | 986.3 | 1012.8 | 24.3 | 26.8 | 51.4 |
| Total | \$m | 1243.7 | 1283.6 | 1317.6 | 34.4 | 38.2 | 71.8 |
| Average expenses per business | \$m | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| Inventories |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Change in inventories | \$m | 25.2 | 22.9 | -21.2 | -0.9 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Ratio of inventory to sales of all books | \% | 25.6 | 24.8 | 22.4 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 6.6 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males | no. | 1716 | 1703 | 1649 | 99 | 100 | 149 |
| Females | no. | 3342 | 3012 | 3085 | 141 | 152 | 254 |
| Persons | no. | 5059 | 4715 | 4734 | 240 | 252 | 404 |
| Average employment per business | no. | 25 | 21 | 21 | 40 | 36 | 34 |
| Other key aggregates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ratio of royalties and fees to sales of Australian titles | \% | 11.4 | 11.6 | 11.3 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 3.9 |
| Export sales of books(d) | \$m | 149.4 | 167.3 | 183.5 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 2.5 |
| Internet sales of books | \$m | 0.9 | np | np | - | np | np |
| Operating profit before tax | \$m | 102.0 | 61.6 | 56.4 | 3.6 | 1.0 | 4.2 |
| Profit margin | \% | 7.7 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 9.3 | 2.7 | 5.6 |
| Industry value added | \$m | 381.5 | 371.0 | 367.0 | 15.8 | 14.4 | 29.1 |
| Average wages and salaries per employee | \$'000 | 39.7 | 46.6 | 47.6 | 36.3 | 38.1 | 45.0 |
| Number of businesses | no. | 199 | 221 | 226 | 6 | 7 | 12 |

np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated

- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
(a) Includes only businesses for which the predominant activity is book publishing.
(b) Includes only the book publishing activity of businesses for which the predominant activity is not book publishing, but book publishing income is $\$ 2 \mathrm{~m}$ or more.
(c) Data for 2000-01 have been revised (see paragraph 22 in the Explanatory Notes).
(d) Includes re-export sales and excludes sales of rights.

TOTAL BUSINESSES

1999-00 2000-01(a) 2001-02

| Number of books sold Income | million | 129.4 | 105.3 | 129.5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales of all books |  |  |  |  |
| Sales of Australian titles | \$m | 756.1 | 747.7 | 848.3 |
| Sales of imported titles | \$m | 514.3 | 512.9 | 492.6 |
| Total | \$m | 1270.4 | 1260.6 | 1340.8 |
| Sales of other goods | \$m | 28.1 | 29.6 | 39.3 |
| Other income | \$m | 60.4 | 71.1 | 90.9 |
| Total | \$m | 1358.9 | 1361.2 | 1471.0 |
| Average income per business | \$m | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.2 |
| Expenses |  |  |  |  |
| Wages and salaries | \$m | 206.6 | 223.7 | 233.4 |
| Royalties and fees | \$m | 84.2 | 85.0 | 91.9 |
| Other expenses | \$m | 987.4 | 1013.0 | 1064.2 |
| Total | \$m | 1278.1 | 1321.7 | 1389.4 |
| Average expenses per business | \$m | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| Inventories |  |  |  |  |
| Change in inventories | \$m | 24.8 | 23.2 | -21.0 |
| Ratio of inventory to sales of all books | \% | 25.1 | 24.4 | 21.6 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |
| Males | no. | 1815 | 1803 | 1798 |
| Females | no. | 3483 | 3164 | 3339 |
| Persons | no. | 5299 | 4967 | 5138 |
| Average employment per business | no. | 26 | 22 | 22 |
| Other key aggregates |  |  |  |  |
| Ratio of royalties and fees to sales of Australian titles | \% | 11.1 | 11.4 | 10.8 |
| Export sales of books(b) | \$m | 151.1 | 168.3 | 186.0 |
| Internet sales of books | \$m | 0.9 | 1.1 | 6.8 |
| Operating profit before tax | \$m | 105.6 | 62.7 | 60.6 |
| Profit margin | \% | 7.8 | 4.6 | 4.1 |
| Industry value added | \$m | 397.3 | 385.4 | 396.1 |
| Average wages and salaries per employee | \$'000 | 39.5 | 46.2 | 47.4 |
| Number of businesses | no. | 205 | 228 | 238 |

(a) Data for 2000-01 have been revised (see paragraph 22 in the Explanatory Notes).
(b) Includes re-export sales and excludes sales of rights.
1994(a) 1995-96 1997-98 1999-2000 2000-01 2001-02

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Number of books sold | million | 124.8 | 130.6 | 111.5 | 129.4 | 104.3 | 129.5 |
| Sales of all books | $\$ m$ | 841.7 | 950.0 | 1035.6 | 1270.4 | 1260.6 | 1340.8 |
| Sales of Australian titles | $\$ m$ | 487.7 | 561.1 | 623.5 | 756.1 | 747.7 | 848.3 |
| Sales of imported titles | $\$ m$ | 354.0 | 388.9 | 412.1 | 514.3 | 512.9 | 492.6 |
| Export sales of books(b) | $\$ m$ | 81.1 | 80.3 | 109.8 | 151.1 | 162.5 | 186.0 |

(a) Data were collected on a calendar year basis in 1994.
(b) Includes re-export sales and excludes sales of rights.

1 The scope of the 2001-02 Book Publishers Survey was all businesses in Australia which had book publishing as their predominant activity, and those businesses which had significant levels of book publishing activity despite being predominantly involved in another activity. Book publishing activity was deemed to be significant if it contributed $\$ 2 \mathrm{~m}$ or more to business income. Sales of imported books were included as part of book publishing activity.

2 The list of businesses covered by the collection was derived from three sources. The main source was all businesses recorded on the ABS Business Register with a predominant activity of Book and Other Publishing (Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification Class 2423). A supplementary source was all members of the Australian Publishers Association not already identified from the previous source. A further supplementary source was all businesses recorded as book publishers in The Australian Writer's Marketplace 2002 (Bookman Press 2002) but not already identified from the other two sources.

3 A sample of businesses which was sourced from the ABS Business Register was contacted in relation to this survey. In contrast, contact was made with all businesses obtained from either the Australian Publishers Association membership list or The Australian Writer's Marketplace 2002.

4 In total there were 238 businesses found to be within the scope of the collection (as defined above). Data were obtained from all of the 12 businesses predominantly involved in another activity but with $\$ 2 \mathrm{~m}$ or more in income from book publishing. In contrast, data were obtained from a sample of those 226 businesses predominantly involved in book publishing. That is, a sample of 168 businesses were selected; their responses have been weighted to represent the 226 businesses in the book publishing industry.
5 For businesses predominantly involved in book publishing, data for their entire operations were included in the survey results with one exception. The one exception is a book publisher that had very high levels of non-book publishing activity; in this case, only data in respect of this business' book publishing activity were included. For businesses predominantly involved in another activity, only data in respect of their book publishing activity were included. Businesses were asked to report on their Australian-based activities, i.e. domestic operations, exports of goods or services from Australia and imports of goods or services into Australia.

6 The ABS uses an economic statistics units model on the ABS Business Register to describe the characteristics of businesses, and the structural relationships between related businesses. The units model is also used to break groups of related businesses into relatively homogeneous components that can provide data to the ABS.

7 In mid-2002, to better use the information available as a result of The New Tax System, the ABS changed its economic statistics units model. The new units model allocates businesses to one of two sub-populations. The vast majority of businesses are in what is called the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) Maintained Population, while the remaining businesses are in the ABS Maintained Population. Together, these two sub-populations make up the ABS Business Register population.

8 Most businesses and organisations in Australia need to obtain an Australian Business Number (ABN), and are then included on the ATO Australian Business Register. Most of these businesses have simple structures; therefore the unit registered for an ABN will satisfy ABS statistical requirements. For these businesses, the ABS is aligning its statistical units structure with the ABN unit. The businesses with simple structures constitute the ATO Maintained Population, and the ABN unit will be used as the economic statistics unit for all economic collections.

9 For the population of businesses where the ABN unit is not suitable for ABS statistical requirements, the ABS will maintain its own units structure through direct contact with the business. These businesses constitute the ABS Maintained Population. This population consists typically of large, complex and diverse businesses. The new statistical units model described below has been introduced to cover such businesses.

Enterprise Group: This is a unit covering all the operations in Australia of one or more legal entities under common ownership and/or control. It covers all the operations in Australia of legal entities which are related in terms of the current Corporations Law (as amended by the Corporations Legislation Amendment Act 1991), including legal entities such as companies, trusts, and partnerships. Majority ownership is not required for control to be exercised.
Enterprise: The enterprise is an institutional unit comprising (i) a single legal entity or business entity, or (ii) more than one legal entity or business entity within the same Enterprise Group and in the same institutional sub-sector (i.e. they are all classified to a single Standard Institutional Sector Classification of Australia sub-sector).
Type of Activity Unit (TAU): The TAU is comprised of one or more business entities, sub-entities or branches of a business entity within an Enterprise Group that can report production and employment data for similar economic activities. When a minimum set of data items are available, a TAU will be created which covers all the operations within an industry subdivision (and the TAU will be classified to the relevant subdivision of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification). Where a business cannot supply adequate data for each industry, a TAU will be formed which contains activity in more than one industry subdivision.
10 For more information on the impacts of the introduction of the new economic statistics units model, refer to Information Paper: Improvements in ABS Economic Statistics [Arising from the New Tax System] (cat. no. 1372.0).

11 Prior to 2001-02, the Book Publishers Survey used the management unit as the statistical unit. For issues of this publication relating to 2001-02 onwards, the statistical unit in the Book Publishers Survey is the ABN unit for businesses with simple structures, and the TAU for businesses with complex structures. In most cases, ABN/TAU units will concord with the management units used prior to 2001-02.

12 If a book is available in more than one format, then each version is treated as a separate title. For example, if a book were available in hardback, mass-market paperback and electronically, and all were published during the reference period, these would count as three separate titles for the purposes of table 15 . However, if the hardback version had been published before the reference period it would not be included in table 15. Further, in this case, its sales would be categorised as sales of backlist in table 12, whereas sales of the other two versions would be categorised as sales of new titles.

13 The estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from a sample of businesses. Consequently, these estimates are subject to sampling variability. That is, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained if the survey had included all in-scope businesses. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because information was collected from only a sample of businesses.

14 There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one SE from the figure that would have been obtained if all businesses in the population had been included in the survey, and approximately 19 chances in 20 that the difference will be less than two SEs.

15 Sampling variability can be measured by using the relative standard error (RSE) which is obtained by expressing the SE as a percentage of the estimate to which it refers. The RSE is a useful measure in that it provides an immediate indication of the percentage errors likely to have occurred due to sampling and hence does not require reference to the size of the estimate.

16 The following table shows the RSEs for a selection of the statistics presented in this publication.

RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS, for Table 17 - Key aggregates, Total

|  | 1999-2000 | 2000-01 | 2001-02 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% | \% | \% |
| Number of books sold | 7.6 | 5.9 | 6.8 |
| Income |  |  |  |
| Sales of all books |  |  |  |
| Sales of Australian titles | 6.4 | 4.2 | 6.2 |
| Sales of imported titles | 8.8 | 7.0 | 8.2 |
| Total | 6.7 | 4.8 | 5.8 |
| Sales of other goods | 9.4 | 5.0 | 18.2 |
| Other income | 10.1 | 7.5 | 10.2 |
| Total | 6.6 | 4.7 | 5.7 |
| Average income per business | 8.3 | 6.8 | 12.3 |
| Expenses |  |  |  |
| Wages and salaries | 6.5 | 4.5 | 6.0 |
| Royalties and fees | 8.3 | 5.7 | 6.1 |
| Other expenses | 6.6 | 4.8 | 6.0 |
| Total | 6.6 | 4.7 | 5.9 |
| Average expenses per business | 8.2 | 6.8 | 12.3 |
| Inventories |  |  |  |
| Change in inventories | 24.7 | 17.8 | 23.7 |
| Ratio of inventory to sales of all books | 4.5 | 3.2 | 7.4 |
| Employment |  |  |  |
| Males | 6.8 | 4.4 | 6.7 |
| Females | 5.7 | 4.3 | 6.1 |
| Persons | 5.9 | 4.2 | 6.0 |
| Average employment per business | 7.6 | 6.2 | 11.8 |
| Other key aggregates |  |  |  |
| Ratio of royalties and fees to sales of Australian titles | 5.4 | 3.4 | 3.9 |
| Export sales of books | 16.5 | 8.3 | 15.1 |
| Internet sales of books | 16.4 | 8.5 | 18.4 |
| Operating profit before tax | 10.3 | 10.3 | 15.4 |
| Profit margin | 6.0 | 9.3 | 16.6 |
| Industry value added | 7.0 | 4.5 | 5.5 |
| Average wages and salaries per employee | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.8 |
| Number of businesses | 6.1 | 5.3 | 11.1 |

17 As an example, the estimate of total income for book publishers and other major contributors for 2001-02 is $\$ 1,471.0 \mathrm{~m}$ and the RSE is $5.7 \%$, giving a SE of $\$ 83.8 \mathrm{~m}$. Therefore, there are two chances in three that, if all businesses in the population had been included in the survey, a figure in the range of $\$ 1,387.2 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 1,554.8 \mathrm{~m}$ would have been obtained, and 19 chances in 20 (i.e. a confidence interval of $95 \%$ ) that the figure would have been within the range of $\$ 1,303.4 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 1,638.6 \mathrm{~m}$.

18 Although the table above shows the RSEs for only a selection of the statistics presented in this publication, they have been calculated for all of the statistics and are available on request. Estimates with high RSEs have been marked with asterisks in the tables in which they occur. If an estimate has an RSE between $25 \%$ and $50 \%$, it is marked with one asterisk and should be used with caution. If it has an RSE greater than $50 \%$, it is marked with two asterisks and is considered too unreliable for general use.

19 Errors other than those due to sampling may occur because of deficiencies in the coverage of the collection, imperfections in reporting by respondents or non-response. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling errors and they may occur in any collection, whether it be a census or a sample survey. Every effort is made to reduce non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design and testing of questionnaires, efficient operating procedures and systems, and appropriate methodology.

20 The Book Publishers Survey was previously conducted in respect of 1994, 1995-96, 1997-98, 1999-2000 and 2000-01. As for the 2001-02 survey, businesses included in the earlier surveys were either predominantly involved in book publishing or undertook a significant amount of book publishing activity. However, prior to the 1999-2000 survey, the amount of book publishing activity considered to be significant was not defined. This led to some inconsistencies when determining which businesses should be included. Other inconsistencies in the treatment of businesses not predominantly involved in book publishing meant that non-book publishing activity was included in the results for some of these businesses but not for others. From 1999-2000, changes were introduced both to refine the definition of businesses in scope of the survey, and to reduce the amount of non-book publishing activity included for those not predominantly involved in book publishing. It should be noted that the changes have affected the comparability of some data items with surveys prior to 1999-2000. Data items which relate only to books such as the number and value of books sold, the sales of Australian and imported titles, and the export sales of books should not be affected and therefore can be compared over time using the results from 2001-02 and earlier surveys (see table 18).
21 In the previous issue of this publication it was foreshadowed that changes in the statistical infrastructure supporting the compilation of ABS economic series (described in paragraphs 6-11) could have an impact on the comparability of data between 2001-02 and prior years. It has been determined that any differences in the estimates caused by these changes are not statistically significant for this collection. Consequently, there has been no need to adjust the estimates for the prior years to enable comparison over time.

22 The data for 2000-01 have been revised to include corrections to figures previously reported by businesses to the ABS. These revisions are reflected in the 2000-01 data presented in tables 16, 17 and 18.

23 ABS publications which may be of interest include: Book Publishers, Australia, 2000-2001, cat. no. 1363.0 Book Retailers, Australia, 2000-01, cat. no. 1371.0 Manufacturing Industry, Australia, 2000-2001, cat. no. 8221.0

24 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications and Products (cat. no. 1101.0). The catalogue is available from any ABS office or the ABS web site [http:\\www.abs.gov.au](http:%5C%5Cwww.abs.gov.au). The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the web site which details products to be released in the week ahead.

25 Detailed information from earlier Book Publishers Surveys for 1994, 1995-96 and 1997-98 is contained in a series of publications produced by the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts entitled Cultural Trends in Australia, Australian Book Publishing. Refer to paragraphs 20 to 22 above regarding comparability of data.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES continued

ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

26 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant data available. Inquiries about such data should be made to the contact person noted in the Inquiries box on the Contents page.

27 ABS publications draw extensively on information provided freely by individuals, businesses, governments and other organisations. Their continued cooperation is very much appreciated. Without it, the wide range of statistics published by the ABS would not be available. Information received by the ABS is treated in strict confidence as required by the Census and Statistics Act 1905.

Audio book A book which is made available in the form of a recording of someone reading the text. For the purposes of this publication, audio books are included in the electronic books category.

Australian title A book that has an Australian International Standard Book Number as a result of being either originated (but not necessarily printed) in Australia, or acquired under a separate rights agreement for the Australian market by an Australian-based business.

| Backlist title | A title published prior to the period covered by the survey. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Book publishers | Businesses which had book publishing as their predominant activity. |
| Capital expenditure | Outlays on capital equipment and other capital assets, including all costs capitalised in the account books of a business, e.g. legal fees, real estate transfer costs and assets acquired under finance leases. |
| Casual employees | Employees who are not entitled to paid holidays or paid sick leave days. |
| Closing inventories | Inventories of materials, finished goods and work-in-progress held at the end of the reference period. |
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| Full-time employees | Employees who work 35 hours per week or more. |
| General book | A book not authored specifically for educational use. |
| Hardback | A book with a hard cover. If a book is first published as a hardback, it may later be published in paperback format for the mass market. |
| Industry value added | The value added to the economy by the industry. It is equal to the sales of goods and services plus government subsidies and changes in the levels of trading inventories, minus purchases and other selected expenses. |
| Internet sales | Sales for which the order was placed through the Internet. |
| Mass-market paperback | The conventional form of paperback book. A book published as a mass-market paperback may have been previously published in a different format (e.g. hardback). |
| New title | A title published during the period covered by the survey. |
| Opening inventories | Inventories of materials, finished goods and work-in-progress held at the beginning of the reference period. |

Operating profit before tax

Other major contributors

Part-time employees Permanent employees

Profit margin
Public Lending Right income

Re-exports
Rights

The final consumer
The trade Businesses such as book distributors, book clubs, education and library suppliers, and other retailers which on-sell books to other individuals or organisations.

Total expenses Sum of expense items including wages and salaries, other labour costs, royalties and fees paid, costs of printing, landed costs of books imported, sales and marketing costs, distribution costs, land taxes and land rates, insurance premiums, interest expenses, depreciation and amortisation, bad and doubtful debts, computer software expensed and all other expenses not excluded. Expenses excluded are extraordinary items, export freight charges, excise duty, dividends, income and other direct taxes, costs associated with the transfer of real estate, unrealised gains/losses from revaluation of assets, change in inventories, donations, capital repayments and Goods and Services Tax where this is recoverable as an input tax credit.

Total income Sum of all income items, which includes sales of books, sales of other products, receipts from royalties, sales of rights, government grants and subsidies, Public Lending Right receipts, Copyright Agency Limited receipts and any other sources of income, with the exception of extraordinary items which are excluded.

Trade paperback An alternative format to hardback which has the same dimensions as the equivalent hardback, but with a soft cover. A book which is first published as a trade paperback may later also be published as a conventional (mass-market) paperback

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