

## CAUL Strategic Plan Report to CAUL

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**"Cheap, useful, fairly valid."**

<b>Section</b>	<b>3 – Management for Best Practice</b>
<b>Action</b>	<p>13 Collect and publish statistics on Australasian university library outputs and activities.</p> <p>18 Review the current CAUL statistical measures – presentation format, usefulness, use and users and present a plan and proposal to CAUL.</p>
<b>Responsibility</b>	Statistics Focus Group / Derek Whitehead
<b>Time-line</b>	Ongoing.
<b>Activity since last report</b>	<p>Since the last meeting of CAUL (in Sept 2006)</p> <p>1 The Statistics Focus Group met at the Online Conference on 1 Feb 2007.</p> <p>2 Following development of the statistics website now located at <a href="http://statistics.caul.edu.au">http://statistics.caul.edu.au</a> a program of minor enhancements has been substantially completed by the contractor, CAVAL.</p> <p>3 The 2006 data has been published but could not be finalised until late November, because 2005 DEST population data was unavailable earlier.</p> <p>4 CAVAL has produced a report on the collection of the 2005 data (Mar 2007)</p>
<b>Achievements since last report</b>	See above
<b>Publicity, reports, publications since last report</b>	1 The 2006 CAUL statistics have been made available on the statistics website and in AARL.
<b>Plan for forthcoming activity</b>	<p>1 Data collection for 2006 data will commence shortly. Data will be made available on the site even if data collection is not complete.</p> <p>2 The activity program still includes these items:</p> <p>3 Draft a statement indicating how the deemed list is used in the statistics.</p> <p>4 Trend analysis of CAUL statistical data for the past decade, as commissioned research. A specification for the work will be developed and proposals sought.</p> <p>5 We will aim to collect more complete ULA use data.</p> <p>6 The Datasets Coordinators plan to hold a mid-year seminar or workshop on the collection and use of usage statistics for electronic resources. They conducted a survey on this subject in February.</p> <p>7 Additional measures. The CSFG monitors the need for additional measures and the relevance of existing measures. There was a report at the last meeting.</p> <p>8 A further meeting will be held in conjunction with the planned CEIRC/CAVAL workshop.</p>
<b>Recommendation to CAUL</b>	<b>That this report be accepted.</b>